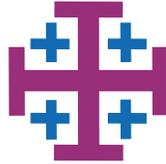


The Messenger - July/August 2016

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Parish Mission Statement:

As members of St Andrew's Episcopal Church, our mission is to:

GROW spiritually, rooted in Scripture and Sacraments,

BRING the love of Jesus Christ into the local and wider community

WELCOME all into the healing and worshipping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike:

Burn out – If there is one phrase that captures the condition of the average American, it is in fact burn out. We are the busiest people the world has ever seen. We need to ask ourselves, especially during the summer when things become a little more relaxed, how much of the activity in our lives is necessary and beneficial.

It is summer and we are invited to kick back just a little bit and find real rest. True rest is found in communing with the Lord. *Come unto me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)* This is Jesus' invitation to you and to me who are so acquainted with the realities of burn out. "Waste" some time with the Lord during these summer months and allow yourself to be refreshed.

Vacation Bible School will start at 6PM Thurs, July 21 with a dinner and some activities. The whole parish is invited to this dinner (sign up on the lounge door.) Children and volunteers will meet from 10AM to 2PM on Fri July 22 for lessons and crafts. Special activities are being planned for Saturday July 23.

Our annual trip to Jumping Jacks for the Water Ski Show will be Tuesday Aug 2, show starts at 7PM. For those who would like to go earlier for dinner, we will carpool from Church at 5:15. Remember to bring a chair.

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School Classes – will resume on September 18

Adult Bible Studies – continue through the summer!

Sunday morning Bible Study – 11:00AM – Sunday Lectionary readings

Sunday evening Men's Study group – 7:00PM (occasionally at 5:30PM for dinner out)

Wednesday morning Bible Study – 9:30AM – Luke

Wednesday evening Bible Study – 6:45PM – Mark

From the Office - reminder

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please let the office know. Due to confidentiality laws, hospitals are not able to notify Churches if one of their members is ill.

Also let us know about extended illnesses, so Fr Mike can visit at your home.

From the Wardens: *thoughts by Simone Rockwell*

Hope you are all enjoying the first half of summer! In the month of June we began with the Diocesan Convention. Those who attended said it was a “good one” and they not only enjoyed themselves but were spiritually enriched. Many thanks to Carol Kiddle (who chaired the kitchen) and Steve George (who chaired the firepit) for the Chicken BBQ. It went very smoothly and was profitable as well. All our wonderful volunteers also need a word of thanks as they worked very hard and long. At the same time, the Book Sale (chaired by Lynne Bansavage) was also successful. The Women’s picnic, organized as usual by Joan Acker, was a lot of fun and the food was great! We celebrated Father’s Day with a Social Hour breakfast. Thanks to the ladies for their donations!

The month of July includes members of the parish volunteering to help with the Lunch program at Collins Park. Many thanks to those who signed up to help. July wouldn’t be the same without our Vacation Bible School program headed by Carol Kiddle who does a terrific job! An outing is planned to Jumping Jacks for dinner and the ski show for Tuesday Aug 2. Father Mike will also be scheduling some trips to some baseball games as well as the possibility of some hiking trips. Watch your bulletin for dates. Enjoy the rest of summer! We’ll be back in September. God Bless.

Please note – For monthly Vestry minutes and Finance reports, see copies posted on the Vestry bulletin board. As a member of the Parish, you are always welcome to visit Vestry meetings.

Next meeting – Thursday, September 8 at 6:45PM in the lounge. (No meeting in August, unless needed)

Contact your Wardens: Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)

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Vestry members for 2016 – Deb Battista, Agnes Bukhala, Christine Bissonette, Karen Jarosz, Todd Lavery, Kevin McCarthy, JoAnn Smith, Jeri Vincent

Chicken BBQ / Used Book Sale thank you *from Carol Kiddle*

Thanks to all who made the Chicken Bar-B-Q and book sale a success. Between the two, we made over \$1,000.00. About \$100.00 of it will go to the property beautification project. Special thanks to the brave souls who spent hours in the heat cooking the chicken.

Landscaping Committee - Parish Maintenance Dates *from Christine Bissonette*

Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. The Landscaping Committee would appreciate it if you could add the following dates to your calendar: Sat Jul 9; Sat Aug 13

On these days we will perform upkeep tasks such as pruning, weeding, swearing, dandelion & crabgrass removal, rubbish pickup, etc. Each day will start at 9 am and last about an hour. We hope to see you there.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

Summer - We will have the regular lunches on the second Wed. of July & Aug. (July 13th and August 10th). We hope many of you will be able to join us even if just to chat. You can bring a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer – beverages, chips and dessert are provided.

About 20 ladies came to the indoor picnic June 8th following the memorial service for those ladies who have passed on. This year we had a new caterer – Ruggiero's in Socha Plaza. They were very accommodating and everyone seemed satisfied with what we had ordered. Everyone also seemed to enjoy themselves which is the whole idea. Due to a generous donation from a former parishioner, it was free – what's not to like about that? Our thanks for that and to all who came.

Happy Summer and blessings to all. *Joan Acker*

Church School – Middle/High School class – from Jeri Vincent

Greetings from the MS/HS Sunday School! We have nothing specific planned for the summer. I am taking a hiatus from lesson plans. ☺

However if the kids show up and want to hang out and chat I'm happy to do that. Please note: I will be out of town on Sunday 7/24 & 7/31 - we'll be on our annual pilgrimage to the sea. Happy summer everyone!



“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.”

I would personally like to thank all of the choir members for singing in the choir this year! We will be back again in September.

If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Gail in the office or Janet Gerbino (jtgerbino@gmail.com) or just come to choir rehearsal. We rehearse Sundays following the 9:45 service until approximately noon. All voices are needed.

“He who sings, prays twice”

“With a voice of singing, prepare ye this and let it be heard”

Vacation Bible School - 2016 from Carol Kiddle

VBS- July 21 to July 23. Sign up sheets are on the lounge door. Please sign so I know how many to plan for. Donations are needed to help defray the cost of food, trips, crafts, and prizes for our mini-carnival. Like to help? A few adult counselors are still needed. See Carol Kiddle for more information.

Thursday July 21st- 6:00 PM- Dinner and first session. We will be done by 8:00 PM

Friday July 22nd - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM- snack and lunch provided.
Lessons, crafts, and games are part of a fun filled day.

Saturday July 23rd- Fishing, or Via Port aquarium
or the Mabee Farm or Erie Canal locks.
Everyone is asked to bring a bag lunch and beverage.

July / August Events

Any updates and addition will be listed in the Saturday/Sunday bulletin.

Thurs to Sat, July 21 to 23 - Vacation Bible School (VBS) see article above

Mon to Fri, July 25 to 29; 11am to 12:45pm - Serve Lunch at Collins Park

Tues, Aug 2 - Ski show at Jumping Jack's outing - show starts at 7:00PM
Carpool at 5:15PM for those who wish to buy dinner prior

Weekly Eucharist Service schedule -

Saturdays at 5:00PM - Service will be in the lounge for the summer

Sundays at 8:00AM and 9:45AM

Wednesdays at 11:00AM (in the lounge)

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