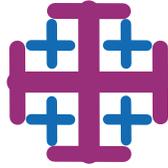


The Messenger - June 2014

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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 worshiping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike

As most of you already know, Deacon Mary Carol Hart, who has been here her whole life and who has served here as a Deacon since being ordained in 2006, has been reassigned to St Ann's Church in Amsterdam. Watching Deacon Mary Carol grow in her ministry has been a privilege for all of us. She leaves here as a top-notch Deacon. I look forward to her blossoming more as she joins her husband, Deacon Alan Hart, and Father Neil Longe, the Rector of St Ann's. There will be a going away party – more details to follow. We will certainly miss her greatly, but our prayers go with her as she starts this new chapter in her ministry.

Before we say good-bye to Deacon Mary Carol, we will say hello to Deacon Ray Rockwell. Deacon Ray was ordained on Saturday May 31 at the Cathedral. He is scheduled to return to the parish the weekend of June 21 and 22. We look forward to the beginning of this new chapter in his ministry among us.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 17, 18, 19. This year's theme is the Parables of Jesus. This is open to children outside the parish also, please think of who you can invite. Carol Kiddle and her staff always do a wonderful job.

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - resumes in September

Adult Bible Studies:

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

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

Wednesday morning Bible Study - 9:30AM - Gospel of Matthew

Wednesday evening Bible Study - 6:45PM - Essential Jesus (preceded by 5:30PM Eucharist)

Church School Notes: Help Wanted!

If you love working with young people, we have a ministry for you!! We are seeking a church school teacher for the elementary school level class for the 2014-15 church school year. Training and supplies will be provided! Following the development of a class plan for the year, the expected time commitment for a church school teacher is approximately 1 hour per week prior to the class, and then the class itself. There are occasional church school teacher meetings. No prior teaching experience is needed, and teaching Sunday School is a blessing to both the teacher and the students! Please contact Father Mike if interested or if you have questions.

Caring Cooks

Thank you to all those who serve others via this ministry. This month we were able to help two St. Andrew's families in need. We are always open to St Andrew's members who would like to cook for other parishioners during times of need. Contact Vick Ramotar with questions or to sign up to help. Vramotar@aol.com

Events Committee

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month to plan for upcoming events of the parish. The calendar of the year is set but we have details to hash out every month. Join us. Contact Vicki Ramotar (399-1043; vramotar@aol.com) or Betsy Baxter (399-5948; ehb51@yahoo.com) with questions.

From the Wardens: *Thoughts from Marji Edgar:*

Looking back briefly to May our Mother' Day brunch and recognition was a great success. As always the flowers for each Mom, put together by the Church School classes, and the scrumptious breakfast prepared by Steve George and Tom Dowling set the tone for a very special day. This was followed by the Parish Picnic on the 18th, another successful gathering.

The Vestry decided to forego the Chicken Barbecue as there was just not enough people available to get it all together this year. It will be re-visited next year when things are not quite so busy.

There has been some discussion concerning the use of the Nursery. At present there seems to be very little use of that space, and there has been some discussion of turning it into another Sunday School classroom and no longer using the Undercroft for a class. Further discussion and evaluation will follow before a decision is made. A committee of several Vestry members is in place.

Carol Kiddle is busily getting plans in order for Vacation Bible School. It will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 17, 18, 19. More information is in Carol's article.

Our Father's Day celebration will be on June 15th with breakfast being served from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. The later (9:45AM) Service will start at 10:00AM to allow time for all to eat.

Vicki Ramotar and her mom, Phyllis Sleeper, worked together to have a special recognition of our men and women who have served their (our) country in the Armed Forces on Sunday, May 25th, the day before Memorial Day. A light breakfast was served as well as each veteran received a red flower to be worn to set these people out. Special thanks to Vicki and Phyllis.

One last item for this month: It is with both pride and sadness that we say good-bye to Deacon Mary Carol who is going to be joining her husband, Deacon Alan at St. Ann's Church in Amsterdam. It will be very nice for them to be serving together but we will sorely miss Deacon Mary Carol, as she has been a part of St. Andrew's since she was a child. Her last day will be July 6th. More information will be forthcoming as we prepare to let her move on.

Soon-to-be Deacon, Ray Rockwell, is scheduled to become a member of our staff, and we are very glad to welcome him.

Please note – For monthly Vestry minutes and Finance reports, see copies posted on the bulletin board outside the office. As a member of the Parish, you are always welcome to visit Vestry meetings. Next meeting – Thursday, June 12 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Marji Edgar (370-1725; medgar2@aol.com)

Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)

Vestry members for 2014 – Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, Chris Crouse, Steve George, Karen Jarosz, Rhonda Krutz, Wes Lavery, Claudette Mayer, Jeri Vincent

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) gatherings

Memorial Service & Indoor Picnic – On Wed., June 11th there will be our annual Memorial service for the departed ladies of the church at 11 AM in the church. It will be followed by a catered indoor "picnic" for all the ladies who would care to come. It is free to all – and we love "free"! All we ask is that you call Gail in the office or Joan at 377-9466 so that we will have enough food for all. Hope to see you there.

Special thanks to Phyllis Sleeper and Vicki Ramotar for the lapel carnations for our military personnel and for the delicious breakfast served in their honor between the services on May 25th. It was a meaningful and thoughtful thing to do to honor their service. If anyone else was involved, whom I do not know about, thanks to them also.

Have a great summer and - Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

Contact information for VBS cover article --

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Vacation Bible School - 2014

Our theme this year is the Parables of Jesus. We will look at five of the Parables through stories, crafts, songs, and games. Friends and family are welcome to join us. Want to help? We can use teens and adults to help. We are also looking for scholarships for several participants who can't afford the trip. The cost of admission is \$19.95. If you'd like to sponsor a child, see Carol Kiddle, Nancy Wilson, or drop our donation off in the office. There are sign-up sheets on the lounge door for each days events. We sign-ups so we know how many to plan for,

July 17th- 6:00 PM Kick-off and dinner. All members of the parish are welcome to attend the dinner.

July 18th- 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Stories, crafts, songs, and cooking! Lunch and snacks are provided.

July 19th- 9:00 AM- Leave for the Magic Forest in Lake George. Please bring a bagged lunch and beverage. We will need a few adults to help drive.

Let's make this our best VBS ever. Any questions, please see Carol or Nancy. Thank you in advance for your support.

Take Note - Calendar Highlights

Please check the calendar and watch the Sunday bulletin for additions to the schedule, especially Holy Week services and events.

Friday to Sunday, June 6 to 8 - Diocesan Convention at Camp of the Woods, Speculator
register at Diocesan website - www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org

Wednesday, June 11 - 12noon - Women's Luncheon in the lounge
preceded by 11AM Eucharist Memorial Service

Sunday, June 15 - 9AM to 10AM - Father's Day Brunch (Eucharist Services will be at 8AM & 10AM)

Special copier note – *The copier is in need of a new drum which is now ordered but won't be installed until sometime next week. Please excuse the streaks in this month's copies of the newsletter. It was either live with the streaks or have a very late newsletter.*

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