

The Messenger - June 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 worshiping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike:

You will receive this newsletter at the beginning of a whole new season in the Church year. The white of Easter is replaced with the green of that time after Pentecost. It can seem as if this is a time with little identity. All that excitement beginning at first Advent and ending with Trinity Sunday seems to be replaced by hum drum, but it is not. The season after Pentecost is truly the season of the Holy Spirit. The Roman Church calls this Ordinary Time but it is anything but ordinary, for what appears to be ordinary is filled with the power and the presence of God - a presence that is not always dramatic but is oh so real. Let us open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts that we may see the working of the Holy Spirit among us. Even more, let us invited the Holy Spirit to fill us anew and to challenge and empower us to be and to do in Christ's Name that which He has intended.

Many thanks to:

Gail Noonan and her quilting group in Florida for the lovely quilts that are gracing the walls of our downstairs.

Harlan Barney and Pete Jendzeizyk for hanging the quilts

Karen Jarosz for her wonderful baking skills, especially for the cake she made to honor Mother Ellen's graduation and receiving her Doctoral degree.

Landscaping Committee for the start of work in sprucing up the church yard.

Torre Bissell for his powerful witness and challenging words in speaking of practical evangelism.

Dcn Ray and Gail for holding down the fort while Mthr Ellen and I were in Ambridge.

Pete Jendzeizyk for repairing the lawn mowers

Steve and Gail George for mowing the lawns on May 21

with help from Callie Allard and Karen Jarosz.

Betsy Baxter and Carol Kiddle for coordinating our spring picnic.

Carol Kiddle and Jeri Vincent for a very successful year of Church School.

Steve George and Dcn Ray for coordinating the Mother's Day special coffee hours.

for all who are helping to prosper our prayer shawl ministry.

the many many people who serve St Andrew's each and every day.

We will be serving at the summer lunch program site at Collins Park for two weeks this year – June 27 to July 1 and July 25 to 29. Three people are needed each day – hours of 11am to 12:45pm. Sign up sheets are on the lounge door. This is always fun.

Please note - we need your help to make our Chicken Bar-B-Q a success. Please sign up on the door of the lounge or call the office.

Just a reminder: Convention is June 10 to 12 at Camp of the Woods, Speculator. Albany's Conventions are not just about business, they are revival meetings at their core. This year's theme is "Abide in Christ - Bear Fruit - Glorify God." Registration by June 1 - on the Diocesan Website – www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School Class – Sunday at 11:00AM

Adult Bible Studies –

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

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

Wednesday morning Bible Study – 9:30AM – Ephesians

Wednesday evening Bible Study – 6:45PM – Mark

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

The June Memorial Service and indoor picnic for the ladies of the church will be held on June 8th this year. The service will begin at 11 AM and the picnic will follow in the lounge. We hope many of you will be able to attend.

Altar Guild – We are pleased to announce that the damaged cruet has been repaired and professionally shined. Of course now the other cruet doesn't look as shiny next to it. Deacon Ray was kind enough to have it done at Mayfair Jewelers and the ECW will pay for it. Thank you Ray.

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

From the Wardens: *thoughts by Simone Rockwell*

The month of June brings proms, school endings, graduations, diocesan convention, and celebrating Dads. Relax and enjoy your family and the gifts that God has given us. Also, keep in your prayers the members of our parish that have passed in the past several months: Walt Overstreet and Dick Sullivan. They will be missed.

In the month of May, we received several quilt hangings for the Undercroft. Many thanks to Gail Noonan and her Florida Quilting group for their generosity and to Pete Jendzezyk and Harlan Barney for their assistance in hanging them. Thanks again to Pete J. for the much needed repair of our lawn mower. The landscaping committee is busy with planning and doing the necessary work to get things going. Thanks to Steve George and the men who contributed to the success of the Mother's Day brunch. It was greatly appreciated! Many thanks to Deacon Howard Smith for the dinner provided by Christ's Church, Sch'dy after the Ascension Day service. A good time was had by all! Matt Zawesza gave a very moving presentation on "John's Passion" the weekend of May 21st. Also, thanks to everyone who contributed food for the parish picnic on that Sunday, as well as to those parishioners who helped to set up and stayed to clean up afterward. What would we do without you! Instead of the usual May vestry meeting, we had a presentation by Torre Bissell on Evangelism which was open to the parish as well. It was well attended and very inspirational.

We will be starting the month of June with our Chicken BBQ and Book Sale on Sat., June 4th. Carol Kiddle will be chairman of the BBQ and Lynne Bansavage will chair the Book Sale. Proceeds from the Book Sale will be put aside for the Landscaping Committee. The following weekend is the Diocesan Convention. On Sunday, June 19th we will be celebrating Father's Day with a brunch provided by the women of the parish.

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, June 9 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

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, Rick Rapp, JoAnn Smith, Jeri Vincent

Vacation Bible School - 2016

This year "VBS" will be Thursday, July 21-Saturday July 23. Lots of exciting things are planned. Adult and Junior Counselors are needed for all three days. If you can't help, but would like to donate to help defray expenses, please give your donation to Carol Kiddle or leave it in the parish office.

The theme this year is Water in the Bible and in our lives. We will look at events in the Bible where water played a big part - including but not limited to creation, the flood, the parting of the Red Sea, Jonah and the whale, and Jesus walking on water. We will also look at water in Baptism.

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 and a visit to the new Via Port aquarium.
We may also visit the Mabee Farm along the river and look at Erie Canal locks.
Everyone is asked to bring a bag lunch and beverage.

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 Jun 11; 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.

From the Events Committee:

Don't Forget - Our **Chicken Barbeque with a Book Sale on the side is 6/4/16**. Please check the Lounge Door to sign up to lend a helping hand and for any Food Donations! A lot of work, but ALWAYS a Fun Time.

6/19/16 – A light Brunch to be held between the 8AM and 9:45AM Services for all the Fathers in our Parish.

If you have questions on either, please see either Betsy Baxter or Carol Kiddle.

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

Sat June 4 - Chicken Barbeque and Used Book Sale - 3pm to 7pm Sign up sheets are on the lounge door to help.

We will make potato salad on Friday, the 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Prices for the Chicken BBQ are \$10 adult, \$9 senior, and \$6 child.

Fri June 10 to Sun June 12 - Diocesan Convention (and Retreat) at Camp of the Woods, Speculator

Sun June 19 - Father's Day Breakfast - after Services (prepared by women of parish)

Serve Lunch at Collins Park - three people needed each day - sign up sheet on lounge door

Mon to Fri, June 27 to July 1; 11am to 12:45pm

Mon to Fri, July 25 to 29; 11am to 12:45pm

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

Weekly Eucharist Service schedule -

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Sundays at 8:00AM and 9:45AM

Wednesdays at 11:00AM (in the lounge)

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