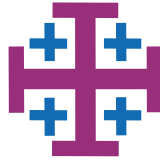


# The Messenger - June 2017

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Parish Mission Statement:

*As members of St Andrew's Church Episcopal, 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

As Christians, we are people with a mission. This mission is to witness to the saving love of God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. Evangelism is essential to what it means to be a Christian. Who we are, how we live and what we speak need to reflect the saving power of our Lord.

The Evangelism / Spiritual Life Committee has met on three occasions. We have discerned that St Andrew's needs to begin our mission anew with prayer. Prayer is the core of our spiritual life and of evangelism. Without prayer, how are we to know the wisdom of God? Without prayer, we are powerless to do God's work. We need to all be about praying, seeking our Lord's face, seeking our Lord's will, seeking our Lord's power.

We are to begin a new emphasis on evangelism by doing a very simple exercise. Each of us is being asked to discern three people in our lives, who have great needs (for example healing, broken relationships) and who have little or no expressed faith. Actually in the world as we know it, this is not a difficult challenge. These three names will be offered up on the weekend of June 17 and 18, during the offertory at Holy Eucharist. More importantly, we will each be tasked with praying for these three people every day and checking in with them to see how they are doing. We also might tell these people that we are praying for them, specifically for the need that they have. With time, we may see a deeper relationship establish and miracles happen. This may open the doors to inviting them to church and a sharing of our own faith story. I ask you to start praying that the Lord will share with you those whom you need to be praying.

Please make sure to carefully read the Simone's Warden's article and Carol's Church School article, as they contain important info on upcoming events. Also watch the Sunday bulletin as we add fun summer events.

## The Episcopal Churchwomen of St. Andrew's

Our lunch gatherings are up and running again and about 10 of us meet, eat, and solve the world's problems (we wish) on the second Wednesday of each month. We really have a good time - please join us if you can.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14th - We will be having our annual Memorial Service at 11 AM for the women of the church who are no longer with us. This will be followed by a catered "picnic" (free) in the lounge as a thank you for the present women of the church who do so much all during the year. Ladies please come if you can - this is to celebrate YOU.

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

## **From the Wardens: thoughts from Simone Rockwell**

Graduations, BBQs, yard maintenance, spring cleaning! These are the tasks that occupy our minds at this time of year. Spending a few minutes a day talking to God may help to put all the tasks of our busy life in perspective and make our lives a little easier!

The month of May was a busy month. We had a lovely brunch on Mother's Day thanks to Steve George and Wes & Neil Lavery. This was followed on the 21st by our Church picnic. Good food and friends made it a fun day. Thanks to Gail for organizing and Steve for manning the grill. Also that day, thanks to Carol Kiddle for making it a memorable occasion for the kids. They got awards and goodies and seemed to be having a great time! Later that week we had an Ascension Day service with Christ Church & St. Paul's Church from Schenectady. Deacon Howard from Christ Church provided dinner before the service, along with Father Mike. Thanks to parish members who provided dessert for after the service. On Sunday we also had a Memorial Day brunch for our Veterans thanks to Phyllis Sleeper and Vicki Ramotar. Fr. Mike honored our Veterans also at the Saturday evening service. Honoring our veterans is a good thing! Thanks to Pete Jendzezyk for getting our lawn mower in good shape and Harlan Barney for all the repairs, etc. that he does. What would we do without them?

June begins with our Diocesan Convention the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have never attended, it is a great experience. Unfortunately, our Chicken BBQ had to be cancelled due to not enough manpower for the grill. We are looking into the possibility of having the BBQ done by Brooks next year. We will keep you posted. The ECW is having their women's luncheon on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Great fun for the ladies of the parish. Thanks to Joan Acker for all the work she does! On Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have brunch for the Dads. Ladies, please sign up to donate or help.

Coming up in July we will be looking for volunteers to help at the lunch in Collins Park for the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up when that list goes up on the lounge door. We will also be having Vacation Bible School, thanks to Carol Kiddle, on July 27-29.

**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 6 at 6:45PM in the lounge.**

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

## **Church School News – submitted by Carol Kiddle**

**Pre-K to grade 4** - My class will have summer church school most Sundays. I will email my students to let them know if we are having it each week. We will be working on learning the Lord's Prayer. If we have it learned by the end of summer, we will celebrate with an ice cream outing. We welcomed two more members to our class, Anna and Jordyn. We love to welcome new friends!

**VBS- July 27-29th Theme is Christmas in July.** Our plans are coming together for Christmas in July. Father has found a parish that will let us camp in their parish hall on Friday night and a generous member of the parish has offered to pay all of the children's admission to Santa's workshop. The schedule is July 27- Christmas Dinner and opening session at 6:00 PM on July 27th. The parish is invited. Friday the 28th will be a session from 9-12 and lunch. We will leave for up north about 2:00. We will camp over night and have pizza for dinner and some activities. Saturday morning we will have a light breakfast and pack some bag lunches and head to Santa's Workshop. We will leave for home about 3:00 PM with a possible stop for dinner. Sign-up sheets will go up in late June. How can you help? Come to dinner on the 27th and bring a dish to share. Donate small items to fill Christmas stockings or crafts, and give a donation to help defray expenses. Let's make it the best VBS ever! Any questions, see Carol Kiddle. (377-7234 or foneldy2@aol.com)

## **June Services and Events / plus**

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

Friday June 9 to Sunday Jun 11 – Diocesan Convention at Camp of the Woods, Speculator

Wednesday, June 14 – 11am – Memorial Service for Women of the Parish

12noon Women's Spring "Picnic" - lounge

Monday July 10 to Friday July 14 – SICM lunch program at Collins Park

serve lunch to children – about 3 people each day will be needed

watch lounge door for sign-up sheet

Thursday July 27 to Saturday July 29 – VBS (Vacation Bible School)

## **Weekday Eucharist Service schedule -**

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Sundays at 8:00AM & 9:45AM

Wednesdays at 11:00AM & 5:30PM (both Services in the lounge)

## **Christian Education offerings for all**

Church School Classes – 11:00AM on Sundays (see Miss Carol for dates)

Adult Bible Studies – 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 – Acts of the Apostles

Wednesday evening Bible Study – 6:45PM – death and resurrection narratives

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