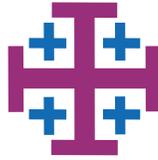


The Messenger - May 2017

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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

We have formed a spiritual life / evangelism committee, which has met 3 times during the past few months. The purpose of this committee is not to come up with more activities but to seek to discern where the Lord is leading us as a parish. We have been called to go deep in our relationship with the Lord, both personally and as a community. We have also been set apart to proclaim the love of the Lord, through word and deed, in Scotia and the surrounding area. What would the Lord have us be and do?

It has become quite clear to this small group that we are called to be a praying parish. Doing comes easy for us, while praying is a great challenge. Yet we are called to pray because it is only in the quiet of prayer that we can discern the Lord's voice. I ask you all to join in to pray and to listen that we might hear our Lord anew and respond in enthusiasm to His leadings.

Please note what is going on in the life of the parish in the month of May. The men will be making a special breakfast for Mothers Day, Sunday May 14, come and join the fellowship. There will be a parish picnic after the 9:45am service on Sunday May 21. Our Veterans will be honored at all services on Memorial Day weekend and there will be a special brunch Sunday May 28 after both services.

Ascension Day is Thursday, May 25. We will begin with a light dinner at 6pm, followed by Eucharist at 7pm, and then dessert. We will again be celebrating together with Christ Church Schenectady, and this year have also invited St Paul's Schenectady to join us. Ascension Day is one of the major feasts of the Church. I strongly urge everyone to experience the blessing of this celebration.

Men's Ministry - May 2017 Submitted by Steve George

The Men's Ministry meets nearly every Sunday night from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the lounge.

We discuss many different topics which includes what God is doing in our lives both currently and in the past; acquiring a better understanding of the Bible; the hot topics of what's going on in the Christian and Anglican worlds.

Currently, we are reading the book entitled "Radical" by David Platt. The book describes how today's society and modern churches are manipulating the Gospels to fit cultural preferences. This book goes on to show what Jesus really said and invites you to believe and obey what you have heard. Then use this knowledge to make churches grow with a renewed interest in the Gospels.

We will be meeting during the summer, so please pay us a visit when time allows.

And there has been a time or two when a member is home bound or in the hospital, this group will gather and conduct a home or hospital visit, just a great opportunity for us to show our respect and love for one another.

Contact Steve George if you would like more information. (381-4444 or svgeor1@gmail.com)

From the Wardens: thoughts from Simone Rockwell

Spring is finally here, Lent is over, and nature is starting to come to life. This is a good time to do some "spiritual" spring cleaning and awakenings. What can we do to reawaken or improve our relationship with our Creator?

The month of April began with Fr. Mike participating in the Welcome Home Initiative which included women. Two of our parishioners participated and received specially made quilts. Thanks to Fr. Mike for his contribution to this very worthy venture. Thanks to Todd Lavery for chairing the Chili Sale and to all those delicious contributions. (We even had "moose" chili!) The Holy Week services were wonderful and many thanks to those who participated in the rites. The Seder dinner, provided by the Daughters of the King, was very successful. According to all reports, everyone had a good time. Thanks to my fellow "cooks" Betsy Baxter & Lynne Bansavage who survived the ten hour day, and the daughters who helped with financial contributions, as well as setting up. Thanks also to those who stayed and helped with cleaning up.

May has several fun events coming up. On Sunday, May 14th, Steve George and Wes Lavery will be preparing a Mother's Day Brunch which will be served after both services. On May 21st, we will be having our year-end picnic. All contributions will be appreciated. On May 28th, Phyllis Sleeper and Vicki Ramotar, will be chairing a special Memorial Day social hour for our veterans. Also, don't forget there will be an Ascension Day service on Thurs., May 25th @ 7:00 pm.

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 – Sunday, May 11 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

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

Kevin McCarthy (399-2524; kmccart343@gmail.com)

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

The Episcopal Churchwomen of St. Andrew's

Just a reminder that our lunch and chat gatherings are up and running again now that Spring is here! They are always the second Wednesday of the month at noon in the lounge. You may bring a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer. Drinks and desserts are provided on a rotating basis. May date is the 10th. Come join us!
Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

Church School News – submitted by Carol Kiddle

Pre-K to grade 4 - We had a great Lent with the children making pretzels, coloring eggs, and learning about the events of Lent and Easter. The children sang beautifully on Easter and enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to Janet Gerbino and Jeri Vincent for working with them on the music and to Alice Moses for filling the eggs. We welcomed a new friend, Garrett, to our class. He is a delight and brightens up the 9:45 service.

VBS- July 27-29th Theme is Christmas in July. We will have Christmas Dinner on Thursday at 6:00 PM. The parish is invited. The children will be hanging stockings which will be filled over night. We will start Friday with a session and are looking into driving to Lake Placid in the afternoon and "camping" in a church basement over night so we can go to Santa's Workshop bright and early on Saturday. We hope to stop for dinner on the way home Saturday night. Will update everyone as plans come together.

How can you help? Help prepare the dinner, come up with some craft ideas, supply some items to fill the stockings, be the music leader, and donate money to help defray the expenses.

Please see Carol Kiddle to volunteer. (377-7234 or foneldy2@aol.com)

May Services and Events / plus

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

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day brunch – after both services

Sunday, May 21 – Spring Parish Picnic – after later service; about 11:30am

Thursday, May 25 – 7:00PM Ascension Day Service (preceded by dinner at 6pm)

Sunday, May 28 – brunch to honor our Veterans – after both services

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

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

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

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 – Luke

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

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