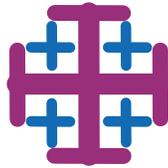


# The Messenger - November 2013

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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

We are all very busy and don't need another thing "to do." However, there are a few activities planned for the coming month designed to help us all relax and find some rest in the Lord.

On Sunday November 3, there will be a trip to the Cathedral of All Saints for Choral Evensong. If you have never been to our Cathedral, it is an extraordinarily beautiful place and the music of the men's and boys' choir is angelic. This might be especially impressive for young children. We plan to leave the church at 2:00PM. The organ recital begins at 2:30 and Evensong begins at 3:00PM. We plan to go out for an early dinner afterwards.

November 30 is the Feast of St Andrew and we are planning a family celebration on this day. The festivities will begin at 3:30PM, when we will meet to make Advent wreaths. At 5:00PM there will be Eucharist in celebration of our patronal feast with a pot luck dinner to follow and a time for fellowship. This whole day is designed to be family friendly and I hope you can attend. Then on Sunday December 1, we will celebrate First Advent at both services.

Usually we have our Stewardship campaign in the autumn. This year we are going to try something different. Our Stewardship campaign will be in January at a time that is a little less frantic. If you would like to help with this campaign, please let me know.

## Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - Sundays at 11:00AM

Confirmation classes (13 yrs and up) - Sundays at 11:00AM

Confirmation is on the calendar for Saturday November 9 at 11:00AM

at St Peter's Church; 107 State Street; Albany

Adult Bible Studies:

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

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

Wednesday morning Bible Study - 9:30AM - Exodus

Wednesday evening Bible Study - 6:45PM - Gospel of Luke (preceded by 5:30PM Eucharist)

## News from Miss Carol's class:

We have six in the class this year. We are studying the sacraments. We've made bread and cookies and the children have really enjoyed the cooking. We've talked about Halloween from a Christian's standpoint. We will be starting to plan lessons and carol for Advent. I'll be starting to sign-up for parts. Let me know what your child would like to be. I have at least one student who is interested in making his first communion. After talking with Father Mike, we'll be doing it at the family service on Christmas Eve. Let me know if your son or daughter would like to make their first communion that night.

## **From the Wardens**

*Thoughts from Marji Edgar*

The Vestry noted all the work that has been done by Janet Godfrey and her crew who have been painting the trim on the Rectory. A special 'thank you' goes out to all of them.

Also discussed was the need at St. Andrew's for the development of a family ministry where activities would be for families as a whole rather than activities for either children or adults. There will be more discussion to follow up on this idea.

Also discussed was the upcoming St. Andrew's Day dinner which will be celebrated on November 30th after the Saturday evening service. Watch your bulletin for more information on this activity, and save the date.

Another date to put on your calendar: We will be raking leaves all around the property starting at 9 AM on Saturday, November 16th. Please bring your rake and energy. The church will provide coffee and something to snack on. Thanks for your help!

**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 November, 14 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Callie Allard (cell – 926-9569; callielucretia@yahoo.com)

Marji Edgar (370-1725; medgar2@aol.com)

Vestry members for 2013 – Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, Kathy Cioppa, Chris Crouse, Steve George, Rhonda Krutz, Wes Lavery, Simone Rockwell, Jeri Vincent

## **ECW – St. Elizabeth's Guild United**

Changes coming – After consulting with Fr. Mike regarding our purpose at St. Andrew's, the ECW is to become a social organization for the women of the church. We were never supposed to be a money- raising organization and that developed back when the pie projects and chowder sales were done by the women of the church. At that time, we began to pay for some of the church expenses ie: the wine, stamps for home prayers, baptismal candles. It should be noted that very few Episcopal churches have an ECW anymore.

Going forward we will have only two fund raisers per year ( pre-Thanksgiving and pre – Easter bake sales). We will instead be putting our efforts toward helping the Events Committee with their projects. Hopefully fewer events will yield more money for them and less duplication of efforts. For the time being we will be spending down the balance in our account, paying for the usual things until it is reduced to a sustainable level. Our fund raisers will be for clergy gifts at Christmas ( we are the only organization that does this) and extra money will be given to the church.

This was agreed to by those present at the October meeting and the Executive Committee of the ECW. We will not have formal meetings but our monthly lunches will continue when we can discuss any issues which arise.

There will be NO sale in December from now on and we are giving our support to the "Cookie Sale Plus" by the Events Comm. This sale is open to the public. (See Vicki Ramotar or Carol Kiddle.)

BAKE SALE – Our annual Pre-Thanksgiving bake sale will be held Sunday, Nov. 24th between and after services as usual. ( If you have items you had made to sell in Dec. we will put those out this one last time.) We will need bakers and buyers as always and look forward to your support.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – we will continue as long as there is interest. It is set for Wednesday, December 4th at noon at the TURF Tavern on Mohawk Ave. We do not have enough attendees to have the buffet. Therefore we will be ordering in advance from a special menu which Gail will have. Menu choices and money must be in to Gail by no later than November 24th. All ladies are invited and we hope many will be able to join us. As usual we will take a collection for the Scotia Relief ( to which we add \$ to make \$100 donation). Call Joan Acker or Gail with any questions.

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*, Co- Pres.

## **From the Office:**

**Altar flower schedule** is up (on the office door) for 2014. With the closing of Pedrick's Florist, the arrangement for vase delivery and pick up has changed. You will need to contact the office or Gail will contact you at least two weeks prior to the Sunday you are signed up for flowers. See Gail for clarification.

**From the Events Committee:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Pulled Pork Dinner! What a great time and meal. As well, thanks to all of our book-donators, sellers and buyers. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Our next big event at St. Andrew's is the Soup Sale. There are flyers in the lounge to take to your friends and to post in your work place or other frequented business as able. This is always a fun day for all involved and we hope to see you there!

**Soup Sale**



Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

12 – 3 pm

4<sup>th</sup> annual!

In the lounge at St. Andrew's Church.

1 pint for 3.50 ..... 2 for 6.00

At prices like this you can stock up for the winter!

This is a take-out sale.

And..... Please sign up to help!

**Leaf- Raking Party!**

Fun for everyone!

Raking, blowing, refreshments.....

Woo Hoo!!

Saturday 11/16/13                      9 - 11 am

*Please sign up on the lounge door to let us know that you will be there to help.*

*Also, if you have rakes, blowers, tarps, it will help us to know what we have to work with.*

*Thanks!*



**Cookie Sale**



Save December 14th from 1-5 for our second annual cookie sale. Cookies will be \$5.00 a pound. We need large quantities and lots of bakers. If candy is your thing, we can always use fudge. We made \$500.00 last year and hope, with more publicity, to do even better this year. For more information, see Carol or Nancy.

## **Take Note - Calendar Highlights**

Please check the calendar for services and events  
and watch the Sunday bulletin for additions to the schedule.

Sunday Nov 3 at 2AM in the morning – Daylight savings time ends. Please remember to set your clocks  
back on Saturday before heading to bed

Sunday, Nov 3 – Choral Evensong at Cathedral of All Saints; S Swan St; Albany  
carpool at 2:00PM; organ recital at 2:30PM; Service at 3:00PM; Dinner after

Saturday, Nov 9 – 11AM Confirmation at St Peter's Church; lower State St; Albany

Saturday, Nov 9 – 12noon to 3PM Soup Sale fundraiser

Saturday, Nov 16 – Leaf Raking day – All welcome!!!

Sunday, Nov 24 – ECW Bake Sale – after both services

Wednesday, Nov 27 – 7:00PM Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, Nov 30 – St Andrew's Day – 3:30PM Wreath making; 5:00PM Eucharist; 6:10PM dinner

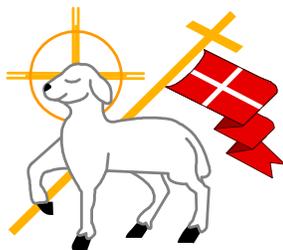
Saturday, Dec 7 – inside Church cleaning day

Saturday, Dec 14 – Cookie Sale fundraiser

Tuesday, Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 5:00PM and 9:30PM

Wednesday, Dec 25 – Christmas Day Service at 10:00AM

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