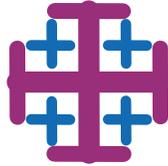


The Messenger - November 2014

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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 worshipping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike

During this year, we are going to look to the future. How does Jesus want us to grow in our relationship with Him? Where would He have us serve concretely in the community around us. To this end, a special futures committee has been established – to pray and to carefully discern Christ's leading.

You will notice a few changes. First of all, there is time at the end of the prayers of the people for us to carefully and quietly pray for our parish. Each Sunday we will take a few minutes to listen to the Lord. If you hear the Lord speaking, moving you in a certain way, please share it by writing it on the poster on the lounge door. Already, a number of people have responded.

Also, we plan to streamline the announcements given verbally every Sunday. Often we repeat the same stuff, week in and week out, about what is going on in the parish. All information is the bulletin for you to read and take home. Announcement time will be set aside for people to witness to the Lord's presence in their lives for small and not so small miracles to be shared, insights to be celebrated, and needs to be communicated. Where is Christ moving in your life? What is your walk with the Lord like? Witnessing in such a way is vital in building up our Christian community.

We are in dire need new liturgical ministers – acolytes, greeters, ushers, readers, chalice bearers, choir members. Is God calling you to a more active ministry within the worship services? If so, training is available.

It is important to read Vicki Ramotar's letter this month, as she brings up an issue that needs to be addressed and that is fragrances at Church Services and Parish events. Fact is, many in our world today find themselves severely allergic to perfumes, aftershaves, etc. and we need to be sensitive to those who suffer. Thank you Vicki for bringing this to our attention.

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - Sundays at 11:00AM

Adult Bible Studies: Sunday morning Bible Study - 11:00AM - Lectionary readings & Essential Jesus

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

Wednesday morning Bible Study - 9:30AM - Paul's letter to the Romans

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

The Men's Group – submitted by Steve George

Christian men are invited to attend The St. Andrew's Men Group meeting who get together most Sunday nights from 7:00 to 8:00. We have fellowship, prayer, Bible study and read Christian books. And, yes, we do have a good time telling stories and teasing one another about their favorite football team. Come give us a try.

From the Wardens: *Thoughts from Marji Edgar:*

I almost missed the opportunity to share some thoughts with you again this month as it was Simone's turn to write for the November Newsletter. But as you know we are all praying for Simone's speedy recovery. She has been in the hospital for some major surgery and is now at Sunnyview for physical therapy for the next several weeks. Please keep her in your prayers, as she has been through a lot.

Special thanks are in order for Steve George, Pete Jendzeizyk, Larry Mose, and Todd Lavery and his crew as well as the Scotia Fire Department for all they did to help us with the furnace and the flooding over this past weekend. It is going to take a while to get everything dry again, as well as the necessary work done on the furnace and the downstairs.

Continuing on the things that are getting done: Steve and Harlan have worked hard to get the new sidewalk installed, and it is a huge improvement. In addition, two benches were donated by Beukendaal Fire Department installed and blessed in the yard. They are in honor of the fire fighters. Looking back, October also saw the Blessing of the Pets as well as the Pulled Pork dinner.

And looking ahead there is a Soup Sale on Saturday, November 8th -12 Noon to 3PM as well as a Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 26th at 5:30PM. Looking into December: there will be a St. Andrew's Day Service on Saturday December 6th at 5:00PM followed by a Parish Covered Dish Supper.

Hope you all will have a peaceful November and December.

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 13 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

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

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

A Big Improvement to the St. Andrew's Property submitted by Steve George

St. Andrew's made a big improvement to the property during this past summer by replacing the deteriorating sidewalk along Sacandaga Road. Another part of the sidewalk replacement project was removing the asphalt concrete walkway leading to the Third Street entrance and replacing it with a concrete sidewalk. The Third Street entrance sidewalk is now wider and has a drain built into the sidewalk to help remove the snow and ice melt coming off the roof. The wider sidewalk will allow parishioners to walk farther away from the building when ice is hanging and falling from the roof to avoid any possible injury. This project was completed by Coppola and Sons.

Many thanks go to an anonymous donor for their generous donation to have this work completed. It will certainly help for safer sidewalks during the winter season.

Cookie Sale submitted by Carol Kiddle

Not too early to start thinking about what type of cookies you can make for our Cookie sale in December. The fancier the better. Last year, fudge was a big seller as well. Since it is the holidays, the decorated cookies, Russian tea cakes, cut-out cookies etc. will help us make a great profit. Any questions see Nanci Wilson or Carol Kiddle, event co-chair.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) gatherings

Again the attendance at the Oct. luncheon was smaller than usual but we are hoping for a bigger group in Nov. We meet Nov. 12th at noon in the lounge. All you need is a sandwich to share (or your own lunch if you prefer) and a smile! Beverages and desserts are provided. Please join us.

BAKE SALE – Our fall bake sale will be the Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 23rd) in the lounge between and after services. Help needed - We hope many of you will help us by baking and buying items for this event. We are able to continue buying wine, baptismal candles and stamps for the home prayers and give clergy gifts at Christmas as a result of your support of this project. We have recently been able to replace the freezer.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – This year we will be doing things differently. We had difficulty getting the minimum number necessary to have a buffet as in the past. Therefore we will be going to the San Souci (on Mohawk Ave.) at noon on Wednesday, December 10th. We can order from the menu and will receive individual checks. All we ask is that you let Gail (374-8391) or Joan (377-9466) know if you plan to be there so we can give the restaurant a number to expect. Questions? Call one of us. We will also be taking a collection to benefit the Scotia Relief Fund as we have done in the past.

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

A Special Letter from Vicki

Dear St Andrew's family:

I am writing to ask you to consider something. Lately, I have seen friends from our own parish have extremely concerning reactions to perfumes, after-shaves, colognes, and other scents that are worn to church services and events. I know that everyone likes to look and smell their best, but consider that these scents that are not natural "people smells" are harming people whom we love, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. I would love to see everyone be able to enjoy participating fully in services, without worrying about having a severe allergic reaction. Many small businesses and doctors' offices now have signs requesting that people do not wear scents on their premises, due to reactions such as these. Four months ago I gave away all of my perfumes, body sprays, and so on. I'm not suggesting that you be as extreme as me, but I just want you to know that I love my friends here at St Andrew's to the extent that I don't want them ever to be sick because of something I am wearing and I'm sure we would all benefit from these efforts.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely, Vicki Ramotar

Take Note – Other Calendar Highlights

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints and Youth Service

Saturday, November 8 – Soup Sale - 12noon to 3PM

Sunday, November 23 – ECW Bake Sale – after both services

Wednesday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Service – 5:30PM

Saturday, December 6 – St Andrew's Day Celebration 5PM Service followed by Covered Dish Supper

Wednesday, December 10 – 12noon Women's Christmas luncheon at SanSouci

Saturday, December 13 – Cookie Sale

Christmas Services – Wednesday December 24 – Services at 5:00PM and 9:00PM

Thursday, December 25 – Service at 10:00AM

Note from the Office –

Coming soon on the office door – Altar flower schedule for 2015. See Gail for more information.

Soup Sale



Take Out Soup Sale
Saturday, November 8th, 2014

12- 3:00 pm

2 pints for \$6.00

Many types of home-made soup!

Please sign up to donate soup,
or to volunteer at the soup sale! Thanks!

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