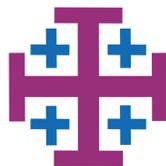


The Messenger - November 2016

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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 worshipping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike:

“Blessed to be a blessing”

This is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign, but more importantly, it describes who we are and what we are called to be. We are children of God through Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, and God loves us passionately in good times and in times that are not so good. Our God has given to us lavishly and He would have us give back lavishly, investing our time and talent and treasure in His Name.

Our campaign this year has a lot of surprises, many of which will happen during our worship services. One special event will be a movie night beginning at 6:30pm on Saturday November 12. We will show the movie “Pay It Forward.” Pizza and drinks will be provided, as well as popcorn during the movie.

Many thanks to the Stewardship committee, Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, and Kevin McCarthy, whose enthusiasm, creative ideas, and hard work have made this a fun and meaningful venture.

We will celebrate St Andrews day at the 5:00pm service on Saturday November 26. There will be a special Liturgy and a pot luck dinner to follow. One of the things we do well here is fellowship around food and I invite us all to participate as we celebrate who we are as St Andrew's Church.

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 – Hebrews

Adopt-A- Family information from Carol Kiddle

The last several years, we've purchased gift cards and given them to needy families so they can shop for their Thanksgiving and Christmas needs and this has worked out well. The families enjoyed shopping and we knew they got what they needed. I'd like to suggest we do this again. Grocery store, Walmart, and Target are good choices. I will collect and distribute the cards. If you know of a family or two we can help, let me know. My email will start receiving requests and if we have no families, I deal with their social worker to be sure the need is legitimate.

From the Wardens: *thoughts by Simone Rockwell*

November is here and with it finally come our elections. Please pray that God will inspire whoever is elected to do what is best for His people and our country.

The month of October began with our Pulled Pork dinner. Many thanks again to Wes Lavery, and to Betsy Baxter and Vicki Ramotar in the kitchen, and to all who donated and worked to make it a success. Good Job! The Blessing of the Pets was a lot of fun and thanks to Mabel Huggins for chairing it. We also had a group who enjoyed going to the Adirondack Museum. Those who went to the Liberty Ridge Corn Maze, according to Fr. Mike, also had a great time. Thanks to Betsy Baxter and Vicki Ramotar for chairing the Soup Sale and to all our "soup chefs" who donated. It is always an appreciated event!

November begins with our Stewardship campaign. Many thanks to Christine Bissonette, Debbie Battista and Kevin McCarthy for all their hard work. The committee has scheduled a skit, testimonials, a pizza/movie night, food drive and breakfast. Please see information and signup sheets on lounge door. With fall comes leaves and as a result we will have our annual "leaf raking party" on Nov 19. On Nov. 20, the ECW will have their fall bake sale. Get some goodies for Thanksgiving! The month ends with our St. Andrew's Day dinner on Sat., November 26th. Watch lounge door for signup sheet.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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, November 17 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)
Marji Edgar (370-1725)

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

Pulled Pork Thank you from the Events Committee

"A very warm and sincere thank you to all who donated food and their time for our Pulled Pork Dinner held on 10/1. We had a great turnout and the dinner was a total success. We couldn't have done it without you!!!"
Blessings, Betsy & Vicki

A Note from Carol Kiddle

First, I apologize for the mistake in last month's newsletter saying I was chair of the pulled pork dinner. I was attending the New York State Volunteer Ambulance four day conference. Vicki, Wes, and Betsy did an amazing job and I wanted to be sure credit is given to this amazing team.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

Our October lunchtime gathering was well attended (I think they heard about the great dessert!) and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Next chance for a yummy dessert and good time with friends is November 9th at noon in the lounge. All you need is a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer and a smile. We'd love to see you there.

BAKE SALE – November 20th (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). Please! We need bakers and buyers and a few helpers. Because we had a sizeable anonymous donation this year we have been able to maintain our ministry as in the past. However we need a good sale to be able to do so in the future and you have always come through for us. We feel very blessed for all your support. For those who may not know or remember, our ministry includes buying the wine for the church, baptismal candles, stamps for the home prayers for shut-ins, and Christmas gifts for our clergy.

Blessings to all, Joan Acker

From the Events Committee:

Vicki & I have decided it's time to "pass the torch" – we've been running & working the Events Committee for over 10 years and believe that we need "new blood" with new ideas. We're moving to an effective and motivating method of scheduling events to encourage more parishioners – like you – to easily "take charge" of an event for St. Andrew's with fail proof confidence.

1. See the List below of Events for the year 2017 to com.
2. Choose an Event that resonates with your talents
3. Sign up

Every event has a history, one that we can turn over to help you get started. But you are the Chair and can certainly be creative.

St. Andrew's Events 2017

The following events will need chairs and work groups. Dates will be determined by January. Sign up on the lounge door!

Pancake Dinner	Blessing of the Pets
Chili Cook Off	Fire Fighters Prayers and Breakfast
Mothers Day Breakfast	Veterans Day prayers and breakfast
End of year picnic	Soup Sale
Memorial Day prayers and breakfast	Leaf Raking
Chicken Barbeque	St. Andrews Day Dinner
Fathers Day breakfast	Cleaning the church
VBS – 7/21-7/23/16	Cookie Sale
Welcome back picnic	New Year's Eve Pot luck
Pork Pull	

Vicki and I are here for any questions or concerns. We thank you for your help in making all our past events successful, as we couldn't have done it without you! Blessings, Betsy

News from Church School from "Miss Carol"

My class has 8 students who are interested and learning a lot. We're currently working on a unit on Moses. The burning bush and the plagues (complete with rubber snakes and frogs) was enjoyed by all. Jack Allen especially loved the salt and egg experiment! We welcome Caleb as a new member to our class. In November the class will be sharing a song and some information about Moses with the 9:45 service.

We've talked about Halloween from the Christian perspective. We decorated pumpkins with one side done in traditional fashion and one side with Christian symbols and a pumpkin prayer. On Sunday, the 23rd we went to the pumpkin patch at Liberty Ridge. A great time was had by all- old and young!

We look forward to Advent and the wonderful learning that goes on. Speaking of Advent, the theme for 2017 VBS is going to be Christmas in July. As craft items and little stocking stuffers go on sale, please think about picking some up to donate to VBS. We average between 20 and 25 participants.

Holiday Cookie Sale from Carol Kiddle

December is just around the corner. We will again have our cookie sale. As we no longer have our chocolate fest, I'd like to make this a sweet fest! Pies, cakes, candy, and small gifts will be appreciated as well as cookies. The last two cookie sales were a great success and I hope to make this even bigger and better this year! As you start your holiday baking, you can start and freeze items so they are ready. Any suggestions and help will be appreciated.

November Services and Events and on into December

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

November - Stewardship month - "Blessed to be a blessing" - see poster in newsletter for info

Wed, Nov 2 - 10:00am Welcome Home Initiative closing service

at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich

Sat, Nov 12 - 6:30PM Pizza and Movie "Pay It Forward"

Sun, Nov 13 - Stewardship Breakfast and Cake

Sat, Nov 19 - 9am Fall Leaf Raking Party

Sun, Nov 20 - ECW Fall Bake Sale - after both services

Wed, Nov 23 - 5:30PM Thanksgiving Day Service

Sat, Nov 26 - St Andrew's Day Celebration - 5:00PM Eucharist

followed by Pot Luck Supper

Sat, Dec 10 - Cookie Sale

Christmas Eve Sat, Dec 24 5:00PM and 9:00PM

Christmas Day Sun, Dec 25 10:00AM

Weekly Eucharist Service schedule -

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Sundays at 8:00AM and 9:45AM

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

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