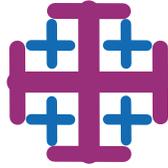


The Messenger - October 2013

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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

During the coming year, we at St Andrew's will be focusing on families and children. To that end, we are scheduling a meeting for those who are interested in this new ministry possibility for 7:00PM on Tuesday October 8. We are already planning monthly children's sermons and a host of other educational and fun activities. For instance, on Saturday, October 26, all families are encouraged to come to a Corn Maze outing. There will be more information on this and other activities as the weeks progress.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study has started a new book and one you may be very interested in, especially if you have not done any Bible study before. Our study for the foreseeable future will focus on the Gospel of Luke. I encourage all to be in attendance to experience the message from this powerful witness to Jesus' saving love. We are beginning with the Christmas story. What a blessing it is to encounter the power of the incarnation in Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a place to begin, I believe you will enjoy Luke a great deal.

Just a reminder that our Pulled Pork BBQ and Used Book Sale is Saturday October 5 and you are needed if this is going to be a success. Invite a friend to come partake of Uncle Wes' tasty pulled pork.

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 the Cathedral of All Saints; South Swan 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)

Returnable Bottles for South Sudan

St. Andrew's collects returnable bottles (don't forget water bottles are now returnable) and donates the funds from the bottle deposits to CMSIreland (Church Missionary Society Ireland) - earmarked for Clinic Medicine in South Sudan. There are no administrative expenses for CMSIreland, it is totally funded by the Anglican Church of Ireland, so 100% of the money we donate goes directly to purchase medicines for the medical clinics in South Sudan.

Now not only can you drop your bottles in the collection container here at St Andrew's (just outside Gail's office door) but an account has now been established at the "Creating Change Redemption Center" store on Saratoga Road, across from Price Chopper. Just drop off your bottles and inform the associate that the funds are to go to St. Andrew's Church, Scotia. (Redemption Center hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9AM to 6PM; Sat 9AM to 5PM; and Sun 11AM to 5PM.) And for a third option, you can return the bottles to a store yourself and turn in the bottle deposit funds to St. Andrew's marked Medicine for South Sudan.

Thank you for your support of this important outreach.

From the Wardens

Please continue to consider the questions presented at the Diocesan Parish Leadership Conference - Feb 2013

- A) When in the past month have you felt a passion for Jesus in your life?
- B) How may you nurture your passion or increase your passion for Jesus?
- C) Where do we see passion for Jesus in our parish?
- D) What can we do in our parish to increase our passion for Jesus?

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 October, 10 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

Our next luncheon and meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th at noon in the lounge. Remember, all you need is a sandwich to share (or your own lunch if you prefer). We hope to have a good turnout as we will be planning for our Nov. and Dec. bake sales (plus?).

Planners - 2 year day planners are available for \$1 each from Joan Acker. We had a credit we had to take in merchandise and this is what I thought we might be able to sell. I realize that most folks younger than seniors have smart phones and don't need write in planners but I 'd ask anyone who knows someone who might use one to consider buying one from us for them. (They are still for sale for \$2.99 and \$ 3.99 in places so a buck is a great deal. I have sold half already.)

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

submitted by Alice Mose

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been meeting over the summer. We are still meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. If there is a better time or day that more people would be available please let me know. I have several shawls ready but I know the need is great. Please join us for instructions, food and conversation. Feel free to call if you have questions. (372-2065)

From the Office (from Gail)

Newsletters are being emailed to all members of the Parish for whom I have an email address. If you have not received the October Newsletter via email but would like to, please email your address to the office (standrewscotia@yahoo.com) You can either continue to receive or discontinue receiving a paper copy – just let me know, if you haven't already. Also let me know if I mistakenly gave you a paper copy this time – still perfecting the system. Thanks!

Altar flower schedule is up (on the office door) for 2014. Flowers are donated in memory of a loved one; in Thanksgiving; or in celebration of an event – like anniversary or birthday. Gail will contact you a couple weeks prior to the weekend (flowers are on for both the Saturday and Sunday Services) you are signed up for to get details. If you have any questions, see Gail.

EVANGALISM REVISITED 4

Submitted by Deb Battista

Everlasting God, whose will is that all should come to you through your Son, Jesus Christ? Inspire our witness to Him that all may know the power of forgiveness and hope of His resurrection who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen (Book of Common Prayer - page 816)

Christ has commissioned every one of us, before our birth to spread His Word to all around us. "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. It is a gift from God (we can't do this by ourselves). For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God has prepared in advance for us to do.

The bible also tells us to thank Him in all things. Renewing your commission from Christ to spread the Word of the gospel. Each one of us gets to know God by engaging in prayer and immersing ourselves in Scripture, forming an active, living relationship with Him. Reinforcing the Holy Spirit in us in corporate worship with others and sharing how God works in our lives

In Ephesians 4:12 we are told "to prepare God's People for works and services so that the body of Christ, can be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, becoming mature, attaining the whole measure of Christ

The dictionary definition of Evangelism is a religious movement dedicated to actively spreading the tenets of the gospel. Various Christian publications see it as the teaching the gospel to and with others to actively spread the good news of Jesus Christ. They agree that successful evangelism has these elements; Christians must be actively and consistently praying, be immersed and inward digesting scripture and be reinforcing the Holy Spirit in them by corporate worship.

Christians participating in Evangelism requires personal acceptance of risk, input of necessary time and energy, joy and complete dependence on the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Evangelism is seen as an active, living, consistent activity that requires prayer and commitment to its completion. It is the follow up to the casual encounter; it is an activity that is in consistent fellowship with others. It can be done outside a church community, but more importantly the foundation must be forged inside the Christian community. Evangelism is not something that is done one time and left to chance nor is it a goal of out reach on it's own. It is something that is part of our Christian walk and is nurtured first in church communities and then taken to outside our church communities

So were does that leave us in our choice to accept God's commission to spread His Word to all around us? You decide.

Take Note - Calendar Highlights

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

Saturday, Oct 5 – 4PM to 7PM Pulled Pork BBQ
2PM to 5PM Used Book Sale

Tuesday, Oct 8 – 7PM Family Ministry interest meeting (new ministry)

Saturday, Oct 26 – Family activity – Corn Maze outing

Sunday, Oct 27 – All Saints Day Services

Saturday, Nov 9 – 11AM Confirmation at Cathedral of All Saints

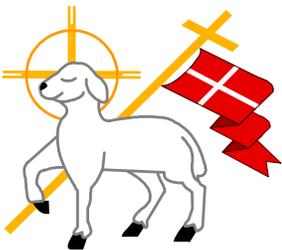
Saturday, Nov 9 – 12noon to 3PM Soup Sale

Saturday, Nov 16 – Leaf Raking day

Sunday, Nov 24 – ECW Bake Sale

Saturday, Nov 30 – St Andrew's Day dinner

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