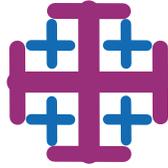


# The Messenger - October 2014

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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

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned our down turn in attendance during the last few years and my deep concern about that issue. A task force has been formed to look at this issue and to seek out creative responses that we might be and do all that the Lord intends for us. Our first meeting will be at 6PM on Thursday Oct 2. Your input, your wisdom, your energy are needed. Is God calling you to be on this task force? If so, just come to the meeting.

Our annual Pulled Pork BBQ is Sat Oct 4. Carol Kiddle and Nanci Wilson are spearheading this event, along with Uncle Wes our potentate of pork. Much help is needed, so please sign up.

We are attempting to plan more youth events for the coming year. There will be a trip on Saturday, Oct 25 for everyone (youth and adults) to Liberty Ridge Farm to enjoy their corn maze and other harvest activities. We had a great time last year, I'm looking forward to going this year, and hope you can come too.

Youth Sunday will be at the 9:45AM Service on November 2. See Carol Kiddle's Church School article below, for more information.

Blessing of the Pets is at 2PM on Oct 5. Whether you have a pet or just love animals, come and enjoy!

Many thanks to Fr James Brisbin who celebrated Eucharist with us on the weekend of Sept 13 / 14. He shared what he is doing with the Burmese refugee community. We have been involved in this ministry for a while and Fr James was able to reinvigorate our efforts in coming alongside St David's Church. These people have many needs, as they arrive with just the clothes on their backs. We have been able to fill a few of these needs but the needs are constant, as new refugees arrive on a regular basis. Donations needed are: good, clean clothing (all ages), household items (pots, pans, dishes, silverware), furniture, disposable diapers (especially size 4 & 5), VCR players and tapes and children's books (as this is a way they learn English). There is also a need for volunteers to transport the people to doctors appointments.

## News from Church School – submitted by Carol Kiddle

We will be having a youth service once a month with the young people doing an anthem, ushering, reading lessons, and doing a skit or puppet show in place of the sermon. Our first one is November 2 at the 9:45 service. We will be looking at how can Christians celebrate Halloween and the more important All Saints Day. Our class this year will not only be looking at the basics of our faith, but preparing some for First Communion. We will also be undertaking some community service projects. Leaf raking and Christmas stockings for an area nursing home are just some of the ideas. If you have small toiletries, word game puzzle books etc., the young people will be collecting them to use to fill the stockings. The day they will be delivered, we will bake cookies to go in the stockings.

On October 25th, we will be going to a corn maze. We did this last year and had a wonderful time. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 AM. Drivers will be needed. See more information on the lounge door.

## 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)

## **From the Wardens: *Thoughts from Marji Edgar:***

It is hard to believe that we are almost into October. Where has this year gone?

Thanks to the Events Committee we have a number of activities scheduled for this month of October. It is a beautiful month and we will have a number of opportunities to be out and about and enjoying the beautiful transition from summer to Fall and then to Winter.

On Saturday, October 4th, we will be offering our Pulled Pork Dinner from 4- 7 .This will be an 'eat in' or 'take out' event. Please review the information on the Lounge door that lists all the different food items needed to make the dinner, as well the jobs that need to be filled. 'Many hands make light work'. If you have questions please contact Carol Kiddle at foneldy2@aol.com or Nanci Wilson at amethyst4292@aol.com.

The Blessing of the Pets will be on Sunday, October 5th at 2PM. Depending on both the weather, this will be held either in the Lounge or in the yard just outside of the Lounge. If you have any questions please contact Anne Vines at topsoprano@aol.com; Marji Edgar at medgar2@aol.com; or Fr Mike. It is always a special occasion so please pray for good weather!

A reminder: Fr James Brisbin visited us on September 13/14 telling us so much about the Burmese Resettlement Ministry. It was an eye opening time for most of us, and helped us see ways that we can participate. Clothes, especially, are needed and can be dropped off at our church so that they can be transported to St. David's and then disbursed to Burmese settlers new to this country.

A thought to pray about: Our numbers on any given weekend seem to be shrinking. What do YOU think we ought to be doing to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ that will make them feel welcome and comfortable? Do you have an idea to share?

**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 9 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

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

Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)

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

## **Dedication of the new benches.....**

On October 12th, following the 9:45 service, we will dedicating the new benches on the front lawn. After the original bench was broken, many commented on how they missed it. We often saw community members just sitting quietly on it and reflecting. Gail Noonan approached me about she and I giving a new one in memory of my Dad. Shortly after, a community member, Pat McPhail commented on how she noticed the bench was gone. Gail told her we were thinking of giving a new one and Pat said she's like to help with the cost. Pat's husband was a member of Beukendaal Fire Department as was my Dad. We then realized how many past and present members of Beukendaal our parish has had over the years and we decided to give the bench in memory of all the deceased members of Beukendaal. We hope to have a truck and current members attending the dedication. We hope to have a small reception following the dedication.

Carol Kiddle

## **ECW (Episcopal Church Women) gatherings**

The September luncheon was attended by only a few ladies - you missed a great dessert. We have higher hopes for October 8th. Father Mike would like us to continue as a social gathering of the ladies of the church but ---. We need to talk a bit about the Nov. bake sale.

Regarding that – you should know that the restaurant supply place on lower Broadway in Schenectady (where we got the 6 inch pie pans ) is no longer in business. Local stores seem to have 5 1/2 inch ones but they are deeper. I will check the Johnstown restaurant supply store on my next trip up there (mid-Oct.).

The downstairs freezer died a violent death, along with everything in it. A new smaller freezer is being purchased by the ECW, to store Sunday morning snacks and short term after dinners storage.

Hoping to see you on Oct. 8 at noon in the lounge, with a sandwich to share or your own lunch.

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

## **Cookie Sale**

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.

## **Take Note – Other Calendar Highlights**

Saturday, October 4 – Pulled Pork Dinner – Serving 4PM to 7PM

Sunday, October 5 – 2:00PM Blessing of the Pets service

Sunday, October 12 – Dedication of the outside bench to all firefighters

Saturday, October 25 – Outing to Liberty Ridge Farm Corn Maze

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints and Youth Service

Saturday, November 8 – Soup Sale

Sunday, November 23 – ECW Bake Sale

Wednesday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, November 29 – St Andrew's Day Celebration

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