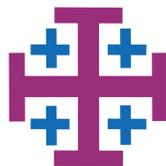


The Messenger - October 2016

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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:

For a number of years now, I have been involved in a special Christian ministry for those dealing with trauma brought about by war. This is called the Welcome Home Initiative. I have been greatly touched by just how deeply God is able to heal the most terrible memories and set captives free. Both men and women are invited, as are spouses for they share in the trauma. Although most of our candidates have come after service in Iraq and Afghanistan, there are many from Vietnam, Korea, and even World War 2.

This year's Welcome Home Initiative will be held from Monday October 31 to Wednesday November 2. Do you know anyone who can benefit from this ministry? Will you pray for both candidates and team during these days that these deep wounds be healed? I invite you all to participate in the closing that usually begins about 10:30am on the final day. Here you will have a chance to truly "welcome home" many who have never felt any welcome.

On Monday October 10, there will be a special trip to the Adirondack museum. We will meet at the Church parking lot at 8am. All are invited. See the Men's Ministry article for more info.

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

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

A small but lively group was present at the Sept. luncheon and social hour. Our next gathering will be on OCT. 12th at noon in the lounge following the Wed. Eucharist (at 11 AM).

Please keep in mind our semi-annual BAKE SALE which will be on Nov. 20th after both services. When it cools off a bit and we can use the ovens again, many items can be baked and frozen. It is our only fund raiser each year now so it is important if we are to continue our ministry as in the past. Thanks.
blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

From the Wardens: *thoughts by Simone Rockwell*

Fall in the Northeast has arrived. The leaves are changing color, pumpkins, bales of hay, cool crisp air--how lucky we are to have such a Creator!!

September began with our welcome back picnic on Sunday, September 11. Thank you to Betsy Baxter and Steve George and to everyone who contributed food. A good time was had by all! The following Sunday, Church school and choir resumed. Thanks in advance to Carol Kiddle, Jeri Vincent and Janet Gerbino for all the hard work they do. On Saturday, September 24 we had the opportunity to attend a Bible symposium at the Cathedral.

We begin October on Saturday the 1st with the pulled pork dinner. Many thanks to Carol Kiddle and Wes Lavery who chair the event. Also thanks to everyone contributing both donations and labor. On Sunday, October 2nd, we will have the Blessing of the Pets. We pet owners love this event! A visit to Liberty Corn Maze will be scheduled sometime in October. Watch bulletin for details. On Monday October 10, we will be having an outing at the Adirondack Museum. Check bulletin for information on time and cost. On Sunday, October 16, we will be having a coffee hour for firefighters at 9 AM. Thanks to Phyllis Sleeper and Vicky Ramotar for their contribution for this event. Don't forget the soup sale on Saturday October 29. It is always a successful and "tasty" event!!

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, October 13 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)
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Vestry members for 2016 – Deb Battista, Agnes Bukhala, Christine Bissonette, Karen Jarosz, Todd Lavery, Kevin McCarthy, JoAnn Smith, Jeri Vincent

Men's Ministry – Submitted by Steve George

The Men's Ministry Group is sponsoring a trip to the Adirondack Museum located in Blue Mountain Lake. The trip will be Monday, October 10th and is open to parishioners and family and friends of parishioners. The plan is to meet at church at 8:00 AM to find out the number of people going and who's interested in driving and leave by 8:15.

The admission cost is \$ 18.00 per person for adults 61 and younger and \$ 16.00 per person for those 62 and older. If one goes on the Adirondack Museum website (adkmuseum.org), you will find a \$ 2.00 coupon off the admission price.

The museum is open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and has a small café where food and drinks may be purchased. This is the last day the museum will be open for the 2016 season.

Soup Sale From the Events Committee:

Mark your Calendar for our annual Soup Sale – October 29 – Noon till 2PM.

You supply your favorite soup and we supply the containers.

Additional information to follow in the weekly Bulletin.

Any questions, please see Betsy Baxter or Vicki Ramotar.

September Services and Events and on into November

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

Sat Oct 1 - 4pm to 7pm Pulled Pork Dinner

Sun Oct 2 - 2pm Blessing of the Pets - on front lawn

Mon Oct 10 - Outing to Adirondack Museum - meet at church at 8AM

Sun Oct 16 - Coffee hours to honor fire fighters - after both services

Sat Oct 29 and Sun Oct 30 - All Saints Day celebration

Sat Oct 29 - 12noon to 2pm Soup Sale

Sat Nov 19 - 9am Fall Leaf Raking Party

Sun Nov 20 - ECW Bake Sale

Wed Nov 23 - 5:30PM Thanksgiving Day Service

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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