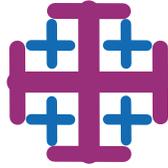


The Messenger - September 2013

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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 worshiping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike

Summer is just about over, as our lives return to their "normal" rhythm. I hope that all of you had a refreshing summer and have been able to kick back and relax just a bit.

One of our big focuses this year will be on our youth. For some inexplicable reason, the number of children at Church or in Church School has dwindled. We are seeking out ways to capture the imaginations of our young people, as we bring them into the full life of the Church. With that in mind, there will be a meeting of Church School teachers and other interested adults on Tuesday, Sept 10 at 7:00PM. We have a responsibility, you and I, to make sure our children are raised in the faith. It is imperative that we do everything possible to this end.

Faith is not only for the young. Young and old, we are called to grow in our relationship with the Lord. Studying the Bible on our own is a great way to start but we need the support of our Christian brothers and sisters to better understand and live into our faith. There are a number of offerings each week, Bible Studies, prayer times, etc, designed with faith development in mind. Which reach out to you? Which ones will help you to grow? Do you have a need we are not meeting? If so, please contact me and we will attempt to meet your needs.

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - will resume classes on Sunday September 15

Confirmation classes (13 yrs and up) - Sundays at 11:00AM

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 - 5:30PM - Paul's letter to the Ephesians

2013 Bible Symposium

Join Dr. Allan P. Ross, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Beeson Divinity School and author of many books including, "Holiness to the Lord," the featured speaker at this year's Bible Symposium. Dr. Ross will spend time leading a talk entitled "Leviticus, the Gospel of Moses, how God prepared for the Gospel of Christ in the symbols and rituals of Israel."

The conference will be held at the Cathedral of All Saints, South Swan Street, Albany, on Saturday September 28. Sign in between 8:30 and 9:30AM; conference begins promptly at 9:30AM and will conclude by 2:30PM. The day includes coffee and danish in the morning and lunch at noon.

Cost is \$20 - register on line at www.thecathedralofallsaints.org or through the link from the Diocesan website at www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org

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 September 12 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

Music Ministry

"Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"
"God made music so that we sing and pray twice"

Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 8th following the 9:45 service.

Anyone interested in joining the choir
see Janet Gerbino, Organist/Choir director
(phone: 372-2129; email: jtgerbino@yahoo.com)

For the children and adults:

Musicians wanted!

We need instrumentalists of all types (flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone, violin, etc)
for the upcoming church year. All are welcome.

Please see Janet Gerbino for more information and to sign up.

*Praise the Lord with the harp; play to Him upon the psaltery and lyre.
Sing for Him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.* Psalm 33:2,3

SUNDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP

Submitted by Steve George

Sunday nights, from 7:00 to 8:15, in the lounge, many mighty men from the community gather together to share stories, read and learn more about the Bible, learn about the history of the Christian church, celebrate birthdays and offer prayers to family, friends and neighbors. Also, we have special events such as a trip to a local restaurant or a trip to a place of interest. The group is open to men of the community.

Currently, we are reading "The Story", an entertaining fictionalized version of the Bible. We will be completing the book by the end of the year and then move on another topic of interest to the group. One trip that is being planned is a visit to West Point to view the museum and campus, and possibly the cadet review.

Please join us for Sunday nights or any of the special trips. We would love to have you.

RETURNABLE BOTTLES for SOUTHERN SUDAN

St. Andrew's collects returnable bottles and donates the funds from the bottle deposits to an organization that purchases medicines for the medical clinics in Southern Sudan. The Vestry has approved establishing an account at the bottle return store on Saratoga Road where people can drop off their bottles and inform the associate that the funds are to go to St. Andrew's church. We are in the process of setting up this account and will inform the parish when this has been completed. Meanwhile, please continue to bring your bottles to church. Or you can return the bottles yourself and turn in the bottle deposit funds to St. Andrew's marked Medicine for Southern Sudan.

ECW – ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD UNITED

Now that our nice summer lunches are over, it is time to start thinking about our fall projects. Just thinking for now, but they are scheduled for Nov. and Dec. They will both be bake sales but if people have things they have made, we will be glad to include them. The Dec. bake sale will be one Sunday only and not our traditional Advent Sales.

The next gathering will be Sept. 11th at noon in the lounge after the Wed. service. Remember, all you need to bring is a sandwich to share (or your own lunch if you prefer), drinks and desserts are provided. We take turns bringing dessert and chips. All women of the parish are invited and we hope to see YOU there.

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

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 September 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!

A Wine & Cheese Mingle

for friends whose nests are empty.

Please join us if your kids have left the nest, and you are feeling a loss.
Come and whine in a supportive setting with other parents who have been through it!

And.... Please join us if you are missing ANYone in your life, for any reason.

And... if you just want to come!

Saturday, September 21st,

6 pm (*following the 5:00 service*)

Pulled Pork Dinner Saturday, October 5, 2013 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Menu includes:

- pulled bbq pork
- dinner roll
- applesauce
- coleslaw
- baked beans
- cookie

tickets:

adult: \$9.00
senior: \$8.00
child(under 12) \$6.00

your help is needed to make
this a success
donation / volunteer sign up
is on the lounge door
or call the parish office

Take Note - Calendar Highlights

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

Sunday, Sept 8 – 11:00AM Choir rehearsal resumes

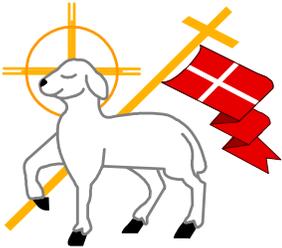
Sunday, Sept 15 – 11:00AM Church School starts

Saturday, Sept 21 – 6:00PM Wine and Cheese Mingle

Saturday, Sept 28 – 9:00AM to 2:30PM Bible Symposium at Cathedral

Saturday, Oct 5 – 4PM to 7PM Pulled Pork BBQ

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