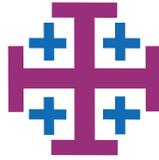


# The Messenger - September 2017

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Parish Mission Statement:

*As members of St Andrew's Church Episcopal, 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

I hope that the end of summer finds you refreshed and a lot less frazzled. Life here at St Andrew's has gone on pretty much as usual during the summer, with some extra fun things added in. There will be 2 new initiatives starting in the next few weeks. The sermons series on the Lord's Prayer was very well received and it has been suggested we begin a new series, this time on the Nicene Creed. This will begin the weekend of September 9 / 10. We will also start a newcomers class on October 1, after the 9:45AM service. This class will also be offered during the week, time to be determined. This is not only for people new to the parish and to the Episcopal Church but is also meant to serve as a refresher course on our life and beliefs as Christians. Emphasis will be put on answering any and all questions that many of us walk around with concerning our faith.

Church School will begin September 17. Because of the increase in the number of younger children now attending Church School, there will be two classes this year. What a blessing that is! Choir begins on the same day and I encourage those who can sing and those who love to sing to be a part of this. Music enhances worship and new voices are needed.

Children's sermons will continue during the traditional sermon time, any time children are present in church, with adult sermons after communion. We will also set aside a few minutes after the sermon to answer any questions that may arise.

I am terribly excited as I look to the coming year to see where and how God will lead us in our relationship with Him and our ministry in His Name.

## The Episcopal Churchwomen of St. Andrew's

As summer draws to a close we hope for more ladies at our monthly lunch and social hours on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the lounge. Sept. 13th is the next date. Please remember all women are invited and all you need is a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer. Desserts, chips and beverages are provided on a volunteer basis. We hope to see you there.  
Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

## **From the Wardens: thoughts from Simone Rockwell**

Well summer is over and beautiful September is here with all the glory of fall in the northeast – the changing of the leaves and brisk afternoons. (In addition, the apple crop is supposed to be fantastic this year!) But can we take some time when saying our prayers to ask God to stop the hate and anger that is causing so much pain, cruelty and death around the world. God is our only hope.

Looking back into July, many thanks to those who participated in helping with the SICM Summer lunch program in Collins Park. The Sunday night men's group went to the Amsterdam Mohawk's baseball game on the 10<sup>th</sup> and again on the 25<sup>th</sup> when Clark Farnsworth was honored for his military service. Those who went to the ski show again this year had great weather and a good time. Many thanks again to Carol Kiddle for an extremely successful Vacation Bible School. Everyone enjoyed celebrating Christmas in July. Thanks also to those who helped with the meals on Thursday and Friday night. We also need to thank Harlan Barney again for his help in doing work around the church.

September gets us back in gear with our parish "Welcome Back" picnic on Sunday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at about 11:15 am. On Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Fall Church school and choir rehearsals will resume. In October on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 pm we will have our annual Blessing of the Pets—all "kinds" welcome. We are all looking forward on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to the Pulled Pork dinner. Wes never lets us down with his fantastic pork! Help will be needed in the kitchen and dining room on the day of the event. Sign up sheets are on the lounge door. On October 14<sup>th</sup> there is the Diocesan Bible Symposium at the Cathedral. The next day, on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, the Daughters of the King will have their admittance ceremony for Christy Oakes and Gale McCarthy at the 9:45 service. There will be a celebration at the social hour.

Lastly, on October 28/29<sup>th</sup> we will be observing All Saint's Day. God Bless!

**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, September 14 at 6:45PM in the lounge.**

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Vestry members for 2017 – Deb Battista, Agnes Bukhala, Christine Bissonette,  
Karen Jarosz, Todd Lavery, JoAnn Smith, Jeri Vincent

## **St. Andrew's Choir**

*"Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord"*



Those who wish to sing, always find a song.

The Choir will resume Sunday, September 17th at the 9:45 service. Anyone who loves to sing and praise the Lord through music is always welcome to participate in the choir. This is a very important ministry for the worship of the Lord through music. The rehearsals take place immediately after the service on Sundays. Interested in joining the choir? Contact Janet Gerbino, choir director - jtgerbino@gmail.com or (518) 879-1800 Or just come to choir rehearsal.

## **September Services and Events / plus**

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

Sun, Sept 10 – Parish “Welcome Back” Picnic – following the 9:45AM Service  
picnic will start around 11:15AM

Sun, Sept 17 – Fall Church School and Choir rehearsal resumes

Sun, Oct 1 - 2PM Blessing of the Pets

Sat, Oct 7 - Pulled Pork Dinner serving 4pm to 7pm

Sat, Oct 14 - Diocesan Bible Symposium at the Cathedral

Fri, Oct 20 through Sun, Oct 22 - Cursillo Women's weekend

Sat Oct 28 and Sunday Oct 29 - All Saints' Day observed

## **Weekday Eucharist Service schedule -**

Saturdays at 5:00PM

Sundays at 8:00AM & 9:45AM

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

## **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 – Acts of the Apostles

Wednesday evening Bible Study – 6:45PM – Galatians and then Ephesians

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