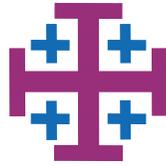


# The Messenger - July/August 2015

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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:

Summer is here and we can kick back and relax, just a little bit. There are vacations in the planning, bbqs, and just lazing in the sun. However, we are invited to find our truest relaxation, our truest peace, in the Lord Jesus. Take time this summer to relax with the Lord and His people. Remembering the words of the Lord: *Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.* (Matthew 11:28)

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Thursday July 16 to Saturday July 18. All parishioners are invited to the opening dinner on that Thursday at 6PM. This year's theme is *Jesus' Miracles*. See Carol Kiddle's article for more information.

As I am writing this, Bishops and Deputies of the many Dioceses of the Episcopal Church are converging on Salt Lake City, Utah for the Tri-annual National Convention. The Church is going to be dealing with a number of difficult questions at this convention among which are same sex marriage and the meaning of gender. The Church is at a crossroads and we need to be listening to the Lord, if we are going to remain in His will at these difficult times. Please pray for the Church, our Bishop and our Deputies.

Watch the bulletin for events and outings during the summer.

## Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - will resume in September - Look for information in the September Newsletter.

Adult Bible Studies - continue through the summer!

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 - starting a new book of the Bible soon

Wednesday evening Bible Study - 6:45PM - Thessalonians (preceded by 5:30PM Eucharist)

## Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

We were pleased to have about 20 ladies attend our Thank You luncheon. The food was good and everyone seemed to have a good time. We are truly grateful all you do during the year.

Our monthly lunches will continue during the summer on July 8th and August 12th (always the second Wednesday of the month). All you have to bring is a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer. Beverages, dessert and chips are provided. We'd love to have you join us for food and conversation.

Enjoy your summer and many blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

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

June brought us some very sad news. The senseless killing of nine people having Bible study in a church in Charleston, S.C. At the same time, this tragedy brought to light the power of love of God and forgiveness. July and August give us an opportunity to quietly think about how strong our faith is and are there people to whom we need to forgive.

The Undercroft repair is still in progress. As soon as the ladies room is completed we can finish the floors, clean the kitchen and get the items out of storage.

The month of June started with our Diocesan Convention. The 16 people who attended felt very positive about the event.

Many thanks to Carol Kiddle for volunteering to be chairman of the Chicken BBQ. She worked very hard as did the male chefs who manned the BBQ for the chicken. It was a very well attended and successful event.

We also need to thank Claudette Mayer for being chairman of the Father's Day social hour. Thanks also to everyone who contributed the food.

From Monday, June 29 to Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be helping with the Summer Lunch program in Collins Park. There are sign-up sheets on the lounge door for volunteers to prepare food and serve food.

Vacation Bible School, with a theme of "Miracles of Jesus," will be held from Thursday, July 16 to Saturday, July 18. Thanks again to Carol Kiddle for the great job she does every summer.

Mother Jackie and Tom Dowling will be spearheading participation in the "Daniel Plan" which is designed for healthy living and weight loss. The key elements are Faith, Focus, Fitness, Food and Family.

Keep an eye out in the bulletin for other events and outings that get added this summer. God Bless and have a great July & August!

**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, June 11 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)

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Vestry members for 2015 – Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, Chris Crouse, Tom Dowling, Steve George, Karen Jarosz, Claudette Mayer, Jeri Vincent

## **A Time to Share – Our Parish "Directory"**

Our bulletin board is progressing nicely. If you haven't had your picture taken yet, see Tom Dowling or Christine Bissonette. You may also send a "selfie" to TomDowling1950@gmail.com or text to 935-0577.

## **A big thank you-** from Carol Kiddle

Thank you to all who helped with the chicken Bar-B-Q. There are too many to list and I'd run the risk of missing someone. The food was excellent. I even had a man stop me in the store to say how good it was and to ask where we got the chicken. Although it was labor intensive, the potato salad seemed to be a big hit. I will be putting together a full report and should have the profit after the paper goods are factored in. Special thanks to the pit crew- it's a hot and dirty job and they make it look easy. Some of our outside diners commented that they liked eating outside on such a beautiful day.

## Vacation Bible School – from Carol Kiddle

VBS starts on Thursday Night, July 16th with dinner and our first session. Dinner is open to the entire parish.

Friday July 17th will be from 10-3 with crafts, games, stories, and food. Lunch and snacks are provided. The theme is the Miracles of Jesus.

Saturday July 18th is a "mystery trip". We will meet in the parking lot at 9:00 AM. All parish families are invited. Please bring a bag lunch. We should be back about 4:30.

Sign-up sheets will be on the lounge doors. Children, grand children, nieces and nephews, and neighbor children are welcome to attend. I have had a few donations from members of the parish. We try to keep the trip free for all the children and it's not too late to donate. Other than "campers", we can use teens as Junior counselors and adults are welcome to help. Let's make this the best VBS ever.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry – from Alice Mose

Everyone is welcome to join us to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the lounge. Lessons given. I can start you out on a small project. Let me know if you need needles and/or yarn to start.



“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.”

The choir has ended this year with a rousing rendition of “Hallelujah Chorus”. I would personally like to thank all of the choir members for singing in the choir this year! We will be back again in September.

If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Gail in the office or Janet Gerbino (jtgerbino@gmail.com) or just come to choir rehearsal. We rehearse Sundays following the 9:45 service until approximately noon. All voices are needed.

“He who sings, prays twice”  
“With a voice of singing, prepare ye this and let it be heard”

## From the Office – from Gail

**Ushers for Services** – Still looking for people to help usher, especially for the 9:45AM Sunday Service. Mentoring available. If you are interested in helping once a month, please see Gail.

**If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please let the office know.** Due to confidentiality laws, hospitals are not able to notify Churches if one of their members is ill.

**Altar Flowers** – the schedule for 2015, for donating flowers for the weekend services in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, is on the door to Gail's office. There are still some weekends available, if you would like to sign up or see Gail for more information.

**Upcoming in July and August** – see calendars for services and scheduled events  
not a lot extra is planned for July and August to give us time to recharge our batteries.

Please help with the Summer Lunch program - June 29 to July 2 - Information is on the lounge door.  
Thursday July 16 to Saturday July 18 - Vacation Bible School (aka VBS) See Carol's article.  
Other events will be listed in the Saturday/Sunday bulletin. Watch for additions

**Saturday Service**

**5:00PM Holy Eucharist – Rite 2**

**Sunday Services**

**8:00AM Holy Eucharist – Rite 1**

**9:45AM Holy Eucharist – Rite 2**

**11:00AM Adult Bible Study**

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