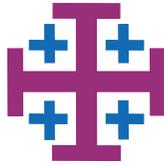


The Messenger - September 2015

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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:

This summer has been an eventful one at St Andrew's. Just a few weeks ago, we said good-bye to Mtr Jackie and Tom Dowling. Mtr Jackie has served here with distinction for the last five years. Tom has been a valued member of our congregation for over four years and has served on the Vestry. They will both be greatly missed and our prayers go with them as God leads them in a whole new direction in Watertown, New York.

Things are getting back to normal with the end of summer. We have a great need this year for a new Church School teacher for the middle grades (grades 2 to 6). Is God calling you to share your faith with the younger members of the parish? See me if you have any questions.

Related to youth, there is a wonderful Bible Study for Junior and Senior High School being held at St Anne's Church in Amsterdam. This Bible Study occurs twice a month on a Monday evening and I believe it would be to the benefit of our youth to be involved as much as possible. I understand that the youth that do participate find it wonderful, exciting, and informative. There will be needs for rides and adult participants, if this is going to be successful. More on this after Labor Day.

On Saturday, September 19, and Sunday, September 20, Matt and Tina Zawisza will be here to dramatically portray the Parables of Jesus. God has always used the arts - music, drama, etc - to portray the Gospel message. Matt has been gifted in this area. I invite all to be there to witness this powerful moment.

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School & Confirmation Class - Sunday 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 - Job

Wednesday evening Bible Study - 6:45PM - Isaiah

Confirmation Class

Hi there,

Confirmation class will resume on Sunday 9/20. If you are over age 12 and wish to be confirmed, please join us! Adults, who may want to be confirmed or just know more about the Episcopal Church, are welcome to join us.

If you are between the ages of 10 and 12, you are free to join us as well, although you will be confirmed later. Please see me with questions! Blessings, Jeri Vincent

From the Wardens: thoughts from Simone

It's hard to believe, but summer is almost over! We now have the opportunity to enjoy fall in the northeast -- a gift which God has blessed us with: comfortable, cool, crisp weather and a season of breathtakingly beautiful foliage. But it's a time for getting back into routines for work and our daily lives. Maybe we should take some extra time to have a routine for spending time with God and thanking Him for the many gifts He has given us.

Special thanks to Todd Lavery for the work he did in the Ladies restroom in the Undercroft. It is sincerely appreciated! In July, we had Vacation Bible School which was very well attended and regarded as extremely successful. Many thanks to Carol Kiddle and her helpers who do such a great job! Some of the parish attended several baseball games in July and August to see the Tri-City Alley Cats and the Amsterdam Mohawks. In August, some had a good time having dinner at Jumping Jacks and attending the Ski Show. Also in August, we had the sad news that Mother Jackie and Tom would be leaving us. Tom has a new job in Watertown. We wish them well and we will miss them. We had a farewell potluck dinner for them on August 19th which was very well attended and which gave us an opportunity to say goodbye. Thanks to everyone who contributed the food and who helped cleanup.

In September, don't forget the Parish picnic on Sunday the 13th. We also will be having the "Living Gospel Experience – Parables" at services on Sept. 19 / 20 (Matt & Tina Zawesza).

Happy Apple Picking!!

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 10 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

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

Marji Edgar (370-1725; medgar2@aol.com)

Vestry members for 2015 – Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, Chris Crouse,

Steve George, Karen Jarosz, Claudette Mayer, Jeri Vincent

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

Our summer lunches have been sparsely attended and we are hoping that the fall season will allow more ladies to attend. The September lunch will be Wednesday, Sept. 9th at noon in the lounge. All you need is a sandwich to share or your own lunch if you prefer – beverages and dessert are provided. Hope you can join us.

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*

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.

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.

Address for Mtr Jackie and Tom Dowling – 207 Wealtha Ave; Apt 618B; Watertown, 13601
They will be in the apartment until their house in Scotia sells

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 20th 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@yahoo.com

Upcoming in September and into October

see calendars for full schedule of services and events

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, Church School, and Choir rehearsal

Sunday, Sept 13 - "Welcome Back" picnic - after later service or approx 11:30am

Saturday, Sept 19, & Sunday, Sept 20 - Living Gospel Ministry - Parables (sermon at all services)

Sunday, Sept 20 - Confirmation class resumes (choir - see above)

Saturday, Sept 26 - Diocesan Bible Symposium at Cathedral of All Saints, S Swan St, Albany

Saturday, Oct 3 - Pulled Pork Dinner

Sunday, Oct 4 - Blessing of the Pets (2PM on front lawn)

Other events will be listed in the Saturday/Sunday bulletin. Watch for additions

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