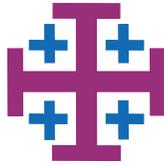


# The Messenger - June 2015

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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 upon us and my prayer is that all of us will kick back just a little and relax. As we do, let us never forget that the source of our rest is the Lord Himself. May this be a season of spending more time with the Lord who loves us so dearly. Jesus said "Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Let us respond with a whole hearted yes to this wonderful invitation – through prayer, worship, bible study, fellowship, etc.

Our chicken BBQ is Saturday June 13 and you are needed to help make this a success. Sign ups are on the lounge door or contact Carol Kiddle, who has graciously volunteered to chair this event (377-7234; foneldy2@aol.com.)

We are beginning a new program called The Daniel Plan, in the near future. Often we view our faith as dealing only with our spiritual selves but having nothing to do with other areas of our life. The fact is the Lord loves the whole of us - body, mind, spirit. Our faith has much to say about things like how are we to eat and exercise, for instance. The fact is we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and being holistically healthy is very important. You will receive much more information on this program in the coming weeks and I hope this can be a benefit to some if not all of us.

## Christian Education offerings for all

Church School - 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 - Letters of John

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

## Summer Service Music - aka Favorite Hymns



We are again taking requests for your favorite hymns to sing during the summer months at the 9:45AM service. If you have favorites you would like to see on the schedule, fill out a form available in church. Please note: Hymns must be from our Blue or Green Hymnal (and hymn numbers are appreciated, if you know them) Please submit your request as soon as possible to Janet Gerbino (jtgerbino@gmail.com) or the parish office.

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

Memorial Service and Women's THANK YOU PICNIC - Wed. JUNE 10. This indoor catered picnic is free to all women of the parish and begins at noon. The service is at 11 AM and is in memory of all the women of the church who have passed away. It is not necessary to attend the service to attend the picnic. We would love to see you there!

Blessings to all, *Joan Acker*, Pres.

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

Summer is finally here! It's time to thank God for the beauty of the land he has provided. Time for gardening, mowing lawns, smelling flowers, picnics and trips to the lake or to the beach. It's also a good time to sit quietly in the great outdoors and have a conversation with Jesus and get to know him a little better.

May was a very eventful month. Thanks to Tom Dowling for organizing and putting on a great Mother's Day breakfast. Our Parish picnic was a good time with plenty of food and great weather. Thanks to all that supplied the food. We also had an Ascension Day service with Christ Church in Sch'dy. Attendance was very good and a good time was held at the reception following. Thanks again to all who contributed the snacks. Our Memorial weekend prayer and breakfast went very well with thanks to Phyllis Sleeper and Vicki Ramotar. Our undercroft repair is coming along. We are waiting for the ladies room to be completed and at that time the kitchen will be cleaned and floors waxed.

We held our Parish Stewardship campaign right after Easter. The Psalm that was the sermon focus was Psalm 116:10,11,12 -- "How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me. I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people." We thank all who have filled out pledge forms. If you haven't had a chance to and would still like to pledge, there are forms still available.

The month of June begins with our Diocesan Convention Fri., June 5 to Sun., June 7. June is also time for our Father's Day breakfast. Watch for signup sheet. We will be having our Chicken BBQ on Sat., June 13<sup>th</sup> and Carol Kiddle is chairman of the event with assistance from the men chefs! Sign up sheets for the BBQ are already on the lounge doors. God bless you all.

**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)

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

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.



“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** – We are still in need of ushers, especially for the 9:45AM Sunday Service. Mentoring available. If you think you might be interested in helping once a month, please see Gail.

**Office Computer** – Many thank yous to Larry Mose for obtaining and setting up the “new” office desktop computer. It is much appreciated.

**From the Events Committee:**

**Upcoming in June -**

Fri to Sun, 6/5 thru 6/7/15 - Convention

Sat, 6/13/15 - Chicken Barbeque - sign up sheets on Lounge Doors

Sun, 6/21/15 - Father's Day Breakfast between Services (women to cook)

Events Committee meetings held every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 5:30PM - All welcome to attend.

**St. Andrew's Annual Chicken BAR-B-Q**

**Saturday, June 13, 2013** 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00

Seniors: \$9.00

Kids under 12: \$6.00

Dinner tickets will be available at the door

Menu includes:

1/2 chicken (1/4 for kids dinner)

dinner roll

potato salad

coleslaw

brownie



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