

## ST. ANDREW'S NETwork

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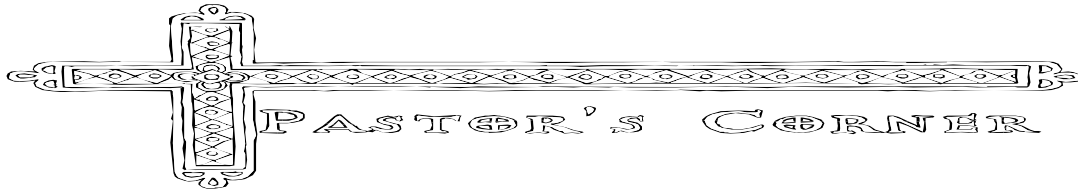
### ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT

*"We are a welcoming family of believers in Christ Our Savior and are committed to Sharing God's unconditional love with all."*

April 2008

#### PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 -12:30 PM  
Father Ted is often in the Office on Saturday from 9AM -12 PM  
Call for an appointment



Dear Beloved Ones:

This has been one of the most difficult Lents in recent history. With the financial markets seemingly paralyzed and almost at the point of melting down, our financial security is now at risk. The economy is not sure whether it wants to slip into recession or jump in to accelerated inflation both of which will hurt all of us. Our leadership is battered and flawed. The shock of Elliott Spitzer's wrong and possibly illegal behavior, followed by the new governor of New York's revelation that both he and his wife have violated their marriage vows leaves me wondering about our current national leadership. It all seems so dark. The violation of trust; greed gone array, and so many innocent people hurt and disappointed it is almost overwhelming, yet as I reflect back on our readings during Lent, the reading from Romans 5:1-11 stays with me. I continue to reflect on its power and what it means to me in today's deeply troubled world.

Four things jump out in Romans 5:1-11

First

"...since **we are justified by faith**, we have peace with God through out Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that **suffering produces endurance**, and **endurance produces character**, and **character produces hope**, and **hope does not disappoint us**, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:1-5

Second

"Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6

Third

"God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Fourth

"While we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son." Romans 5:10

I hold on to this because somewhere in all of it we all fit. At times we have all been ungodly. At times we have all been sinners. And at times we have all opposed God's will.

Despite these shortcomings we all share. Despite the darkness that our misbehaviors create we have a God who loves us so much that all we need to do is put our faith in Jesus who died for our sins, and was raised from the dead by his father so that we might not fear death any more. In Jesus we have been cleansed as have all those who created the darkness around us, and we have been given hope in God's eternal love for us through the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day.

Let us take hold of what God has done for us in Jesus and let us put all of our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior so we might overcome the darkness with His light and love.

May your Easter season be filled with confidence in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. May His life, death and resurrection fill your life with light and disperse any darkness or fear that may surround you. In Jesus we have new life. In Jesus we have God's eternal love. In Jesus we have all hope.

Blessings,



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### **SERVICE HELPERS FOR APRIL 2008**

The Altar Guild for April are Debbie Galbraith, Nancy Karcher and Linda Hoffman.

#### **APRIL 6**

**Chalice:** Harold Herman and Nichol Free

#### **APRIL 13**

Wanda Kloza and Linda Hoffman

**Lector:** Ann and Bill Fasnacht  
**Greeter:** Nancy Werner and Nancy Karcher  
**Acolyte:** Hannah and Davis Richardson  
**LEM:** Wanda Kloza and Amy Pryce  
**Nursery:** The Hawkins and Edna Guido  
**Coffee Hour:** The Davis Family  
**Flowers:**

Cindy and Arnold Gee  
Virgil and Jeanne Cain  
Maggie Morehouse and Ashley Feick  
Linda Hoffman and Craig Hoffman  
The Lowerys and Lisa O'Donnell  
Pearsons and Hoffmans

### APRIL 20

**Chalice:** Arnold and Cynthia Gee  
**Lector:** Ivy Kraker and Virginia Davis  
**Greeter:** Ron and Jean Schlecht  
**Acolyte:** Virginia and William Davis  
**LEM:** Harold Herman and Deanna Stouffer  
**Nursery:** Kristina Faber and Chrissy Senecal  
**Coffee Hour:** Kim Steenstra  
**Flowers:** Bob and Jan Rose

### APRIL 27

Craig Hoffman and Heidi Demasi  
Samantha Davis and Kristina Faber  
Jack and Norma Peters  
Elizabeth Demasi and Kara Bushman  
Lesley Carter and Amy Pryce  
Sysha Surcica and Allison Carey  
  
Cindy Elliott

### MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING, **February 17, 2008**

- I. Father Ted opened the meeting with a prayer, at 11:50. In attendance were Kara Bushman, Heidi Demasi, Bill Fasnacht, Jen Eshleman, Cindy Lou Franke, Nichol Free, Ron Schlecht, Arnold Gee, Deacon Janice Fritz, and Father Ted Babcock.
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Moved by Kara, seconded by Heidi, approved unanimously.
- III. Treasurer's Report by Ron Schlecht:  
Ron thanked the Vestry for the award given him.  
The written report is slightly different as it's getting closer to the format used by the new software. Some new accounts have been added to the Restricted accounts. Fr. Ted's 403b account, and his mileage will be broken out of his salary starting with next month's report. Ron read a letter from M&T Bank explaining how the proceeds of the trust accounts are computed.  
Approval of report: Moved by Bill, seconded by Arnold, approved unanimously.
- IV. Nominating Committee:  
Stella Mears would like to have her name removed from nomination for Diocesan Convention. The elections are two weeks away. Arnold and Heidi volunteered to count ballots. Voters are to vote for no more than four nominees for Vestry. Ballots with more than four Vestry votes will be considered invalid. In case of a fourth-fifth place tie, the tiebreaker will be determined at that time. Fr. Ted has been nominated for the Council of Trustees. Al Douglas needs to turn in his nomination form.
- V. Rector's Report:

Jennifer Morehouse will take over the Christian Education Committee. Robyn Szoke of St. John's Church, Carlisle, will examine our teaching materials. She will be here in August to train the teachers. Bishop Baxter has approved teenage Lay Eucharistic Ministers. They will go through Safe Church training. There is a computer and a copier available in the Parish Life Center for parishioner use.

The new counting procedures are in place. Pauline Underwood and Conrad Pearson have volunteered as counters.

Fr. Ted submitted his vacation schedule for 2008. The Vestry approved use of Personal Time Fr.'s trip to be with his mother at a court case. Fr. Ted will be testifying on behalf of his mother.

The Annual Meeting went well.

VI. Parish Life Committee:

The Lenten Suppers are working well.

VII. Outreach Committee:

The committee is reorganizing and formulating a vision.

VIII. Communications:

Vic Karcher will soon retire from the Parish Newsletter; we need a new volunteer.

Leslie Carter will be leaving her post soon; we'll need a new chair.

IX. New Business

- The Vestry will sponsor the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Baked Potatoes will be the main course.
- Bishop Baxter will lunch with the Vestry on Good Friday, and meet with committee heads on the next day.
- On the following Saturday is our retreat.

X. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Deacon Janice at 1:05. Motion to adjourn was made by Kara, and seconded by Jen. It was approved.

### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING**

St. James, Mansfield, will be hosting the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women on April 26, 2008, with the theme "A Gathering of Women – Celebrating Global Anglicanism and Local Mission". A special Installation Ceremony will be performed by Bishop Nathan Baxter to install Amy Swiernik as ECW President and Roye-Ann Wallace as UTO Coordinator. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist will be at 10 a.m. with the Bishop Nathan Baxter celebrating. St. James' Catering will provide an outstanding lunch, with a guest speaker to follow. Registration forms will be mailed to all ECW presidents and parish priests. Please return registration forms, with \$14.00 fee to Joan Berresford, 145 Wakefield Terrace, Mansfield, PA 16933 by April 10, 2008. Checks may be made out to St. James ECW. For those wishing to come the night before, there has been a block of rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn in Mansfield (570-662-3000) . Reservations must be made by March 25th to obtain the \$84.00 rate. For additional information, please call 570-662-2003 (church office) or 570-662-2219 (Joan Berresford) or email [wberr@epix.net](mailto:wberr@epix.net)

## APRIL LIBRARY NEWS

As a springtime challenge, consider dipping into a group of materials in the library that explore the connections and contradictions between the fields of science and religion. In DVD format (from The Teaching Company folks) we have a set of 30-minute lectures by Johns Hopkins History of Science Professor Lawrence Principe, titled Science and Religion. Topics range from Galileo and Copernicus to geology, Darwin and modern creationism; a helpful booklet with lecture outlines, a glossary, a bibliography, etc. is included. A number of excellent recent books includes John Polkinghorne's Belief in God in an Age of Science, Francis Collins' The Language of God: a Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief, and Ian Barbour's When Science Meets Religion: Enemies, Strangers, or Partners? All three of these authors are themselves distinguished scientists (genetics, nuclear physics, etc.), and each offers a rich, deeply thoughtful exploration of the subject.

**Editor's Note:** Deadline for inputs to the monthly Newsletter are due to Vic Karcher by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. There is a "Newsletter Box" outside the office in the hallway to deposit hard copy items. You may also send your inputs via e-mail to [vickarchersr@comcast.net](mailto:vickarchersr@comcast.net). If you have any questions please see Vic after the Service on Sundays or call 717-352-4699.