

ST. ANDREW'S NETwork

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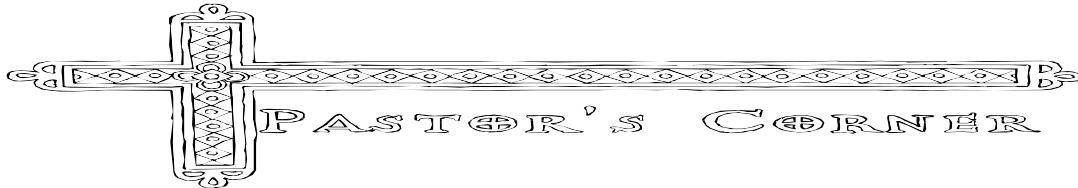
ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

February 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*



To all:

The New Year is well under way and the year that just passed was one filled with achievements and joy. We successfully completed the landscape program and in the process made St. Andrew's more visible to those who seek us. We increased our numbers and used our resources effectively. Most importantly, we have continued our commitment to being an open and embracing community.

We have also had some changes, and as with any change, there is sadness as well as hope in the possibilities of new life. Orderly change is a sign of a vibrant institution, and we have accomplished this in the past year.

Last year Kathy Smith stepped down as head of the Altar Guild. Kathy served as the director for the past three or four rectors; and her devotion and expertise will be missed. Cindy Elliott has agreed to step in to fill that position. As Cindy learns all the "ins and outs" of the Altar Guild, we all need to support her and her able group of volunteers.

Deb Galbraith has completed her term as head of Christian Education. She stepped in to fill a huge hole in leadership during a period of conflict. She navigated the program through a difficult period and set Christian Education on a firm foundation. Jennifer Morehouse has volunteered to lead the program, and she is filled with wonderful ideas that build on Deb's achievements. She will need our support in order to fill the desire of the parish for our youth and our adults. With the growth of the Sunday School program, we need new teachers and continued financial support.

Linda Hoffman has retired as head of Outreach after guiding us to new programs and opening our eyes to what we might do if we work together. The Motorcycle Poker Run, support of our troops, Christmas gift program for the children of WIN, and many other programs were implemented while she headed Outreach. New members, Ed and Marcia Warren, have volunteered to head Outreach. They will attempt to coordinate and focus our outreach efforts in order to enhance our ministry to others. Ed and Marcia headed outreach in their prior parish, so they bring a wealth of experience and ideas to St. Andrews.

Deanna Stouffer has retired as head of the Parish Life committee, which she guided under Patrick Pierce. Under her leadership we have had wonderful events like the Parish Picnic, Lenten Suppers and teaching program, mid-January party to "shake off the winter blues," foyer groups, and so much more. Cindy Stitt has agreed to take over the Parish Life committee, and to sustain the momentum created by Deanna. Cindy's challenge will be to come up with new ways to weave us together as we continue to grow. It is easy to feel like a parish family when there are fewer than 100 members, but St. Andrew's is over 280. Cindy has a challenge ahead of her and will need all of our support.

Mike Stitt has retired as head of buildings and grounds. He and his able group of volunteer have kept our church and its grounds in great shape. They led us through the landscape program and are looking at ways to make St. Andrew's a more accessible church for visitors. Rick Bushman has agreed to take over this immense responsibility.

Finally, I want to extend deep thanks for the parish counters who have quietly served the church for years. Every Sunday they pick up the collection and count it. Some are retiring with the implementation of the new "safe church" system required by the diocese while others are staying on. I want to extend to Bud and Gretchen Kitts and Kathy Smith a deep heart-felt thanks for your faithful service. And to Harold Herman and Lori Horst, who are staying on, thank you for your continued support. Also thanks to the vestry for stepping up and filling in while we implement this new system. We need others to support this critical process for the church. It only takes a couple hours one Sunday every 6-8 weeks.

Kathy, Cindy, Deb, Jennifer, Linda, Ed, Marcia, Deanna, Cindy, Bud, Gretchen, Lori, and Harold and all the others who volunteer their time and talents are the lifeblood of St. Andrew's. Without committed volunteers, St. Andrew's would not be the vibrant, warm, and caring parish that it is today. Thanks to all of you, named and unnamed, for all you do to make St. Andrew's shine!

There are other exciting changes in the works as well. They are all signs of our health and vitality.

As we go into the New Year our challenges to support the needs and growth of the parish will not decrease. Everyone needs to step up and support St. Andrew's so it can continue to be a powerful witness of Christ's love in the world.

We are looking for another great year for St. Andrew's as we reach further into our community to bring others to Christ.

Blessings,



FEBRUARY SERVICE HELPERS:

The altar guild for February are Cindy Elliott, Wanda Kloza and Lisa Woolley.

Feb. 3

Chalice: Marcia Warren and Wanda Kloza
Lectors: Wanda Kloza and Craig Hoffman
Greeters: Jody and Leslie Harpster
Acolytes: Elizabeth Demasi and William Davis
LEM: Harold Herman and Lyn Babcock
Nursery: Crissy Senecal
Coffee Hour: Kathy Pearson and Linda Hoffman
Flowers: Ron and Jean Schlecht

Feb. 17

Chalice: Heidi Demasi and Vic Karcher
Lectors: Lisa Woolley and Larry Shillock
Greeters: Nan and Katelyn Hancock
Acolytes: Elisabeth Davis and Ashley Feick
LEM: Wanda Kloza and Deanna Stouffer
Nursery: Kim Steenstra
Coffee Hour:
Flowers: Lent

Feb. 10

Amy Pryce and Linda Hoffman
John Fritz and Sue Davis
The Davis Family
Hannah and Davis Richardson
Linda and Craig Hoffman
Allison Carey

Lent

Feb. 24

Mike Morehouse and Samantha Davis
George Rae and Elisabeth Davis
Nancy Werner and Nancy Karcher
Maggie Morehouse and Kara Bushman
Lyn Babcock and Harold Herman
Irene and Tim Hawkins

Lent

ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATION PLANS ADVANCE

Easter 2008 is an especially meaningful time for St Andrew's. As most know, on Easter Sunday 1908 the first service was celebrated in our church building. For our 100th Easter as a community of worship there is much to be thankful for and much to celebrate and Easter 2008 promises to be a most joyous and meaningful time for the St Andrew's family. On Good Friday we will be joined in worship and preparation by Bishop Nathan Baxter. On Holy Saturday Bishop Baxter will again join us to celebrate the Easter Vigil. This service

will be the official commemoration of our 100th anniversary and will also include the dedication of our 100th anniversary chalice. Look for more to come about the chalice in future announcements. Following the Easter Vigil, which will be held at 4:00 PM, we will join together for fellowship and food at Premier Events in Shippensburg. On Easter Sunday we will have our normal two services at 8 and 10. As we proceed through Lent we will provide more information about our centennial weekend but please make your plans for a special time of celebration of 100 years of worship our Lord in this special place.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has received a trio of books by Garry Wills, noted historian and general “public intellectual,” probably best-known for his 1993 Pulitzer Prize-winning book on Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, Lincoln at Gettysburg. More recently Wills has turned to an exploration of his own Christian beliefs. A deeply spiritual Catholic layperson, Wills’ specific credentials for discussing religious matters are that he originally studied for the priesthood and is also a skilled Greek scholar, able to provide his own translations of New Testament writings. In 2006 he published two short books for the general reader – What Jesus Meant and What Paul Meant – which have received much favorable notice, based as they are on his wide reading of a cross-section of modern scholarship and his own fresh translations. Anglicans will note that his strongest influences appear to be the English bishop, N.T. Wright, and the Lutheran theologian, Krister Stendahl; he is deeply critical of the present Pope.

The other book is the brand new Head and Heart: American Christianities, in which Wills returns to his role as historian, and writes (again for the general reader) about “the key movements and personalities that have transformed America’s religious landscape” and continue to be active. The book provides a rich context for the present, helping the reader to a deeper understanding of what is happening today before our eyes.

CHALICE BEARER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

February

- 3 Chalice – Marcia Warren/Wanda Kloza
Acolytes – Elizabeth Demasi/William Davis

- 10 Chalice – Amy Pryce/Linda Hoffman
Acolytes – Hannah Richardson/Davis Richardson

- 17 Chalice – Heidi Demasi/Vic Karcher
Acolytes – Elizabeth Davis/Ashley Feick

- 24 Chalice – Mike Morehouse/Samantha Davis
Acolytes – Maggie Morehouse/Kara Bushman

March

- 2 Chalice – Wanda Kloza/Nicol Free
Acolytes – Brett Erickson/ Brandon Erickson

- 9 Chalice – Harold Herman/Craig Hoffman
Acolytes - Hannah Richardson/Davis Richardson
- 16 Chalice – Amy Pryce/Heidi Demasi
Acolytes – Samantha Davis/Virginia Davis
- 22 Great Vigil of Easter
Chalice – Craig Hoffman/Linda Hoffman
Acolytes – Virginia Davis/William Davis
- 23 Easter
Chalice - Marcia Warren/Vic Karcher
Acolytes – Kara Bushman/Elizabeth Demasi
- 30 Chalice – Samantha Davis/Mike Morehouse
Acolytes – Brett Erickson/Brandon Erickson

PACKAGES FOR THE TROOPS

We are still collecting items to send to our troops overseas. These items will be shipped on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please do not donate any more books. We have been told that they do have libraries and that they have plenty of books. Also, no aerosol cans (with the exception of shave gels) as these can be explosive items onboard the planes flying the stuff overseas. Also, nothing that contains alcohol.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The supper will be held Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm in the PLC. Anyone who wants to plan a Mardi Gras celebration is welcome to do so.

HELP WANTED

It's time to begin work on this year's Poker Run & Classic Car Show. A large part of last year's success was the drawing of prizes. However to give we must first get! I have need of volunteers to solicit gifts from merchants and service providers. There is a list of people who gave last year to get us started. We also need to expand our horizons and go to other merchants especially in the Shippensburg area. I, who do not like to ask for donations, had absolutely no trouble last year as soon as I mentioned W.I.N. Contact Jean Schlect at 352-7242 if you would be interested in serving on this committee. I would like to have a meeting on February 9th following the planning meeting. It should be short and to the point.

ATTENTION KNITTERS

It's cold outside but our knitting can keep us warm. Please continue knitting your shawls, bootees, hats, etc. Leave them in the basket in the room on the second floor of the PLC or give them to me. I have collected four shawls and plan to distribute them soon. I'll be in contact with the knitters soon to establish a day/time for a meeting.

Jean Schlect

THE WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

This group will meet on February 8th 6:00 PM at Sharon Gilbert's house for a Comedy Night. Snow place will be at Stella Mear's house. Of course in addition to laughing and fellowship we will have refreshments. There will be a sign up sheet in the PLC. Come, enjoy, and meet your St. Andrew's Sisters in a relaxed atmosphere. For further information see Sharon or Jean.

KING'S KETTLE

For February, please bring CANNED CHICKEN and/or CANNED SOUP and/or TOOTHBRUSHES to help the needy of Shippensburg. These winter months are especially hard on those who are trying to make ends meet, so please bring as much as you can to help out. We will take the items to King's Kettle Food Pantry on the last Sunday of the month. Place the items in the sacristy. See Irene or Tim Hawkins with questions (532-8094). Thanks!

Additionally, FEBRUARY 3rd is "Souper" Bowl of Caring day - we will collect \$1 (or more!) from every person as they leave the church in big soup pots. We spend lots of money on chips, dip, etc. for the Football Super Bowl, so let's earn a little for those who need Soup!!! 100% of the donations will go to Project SHARE in Carlisle to help the needy in this greater area. Talk to Irene or Tim Hawkins with questions.

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK GROUP

There is definitely a renewed interest in the spiritual aspect of life with the realization that therein lies much of what we long for but are unable to name. Now we have the book, The Language of God, written by Francis Collins, a world-renowned geneticist, to help us put a name on that longing.

In the beginning we are on a journey with the author who travels from agnosticism to atheism and finally becoming a believer in the transcendent God, a God who is outside of nature, space and time.

On the morning that the Human Genome Project, of which Francis Collins is the head, was made known to the world, President Clinton said, *"Today we are learning the language of which God created life. We are gaining evermore awe for the complexity, the beauty and the wonder of God's most divine and sacred gift."*

Save the date, February 19th, and join us in our discussion of the book, The Language of God, which paints to a new way of finding the truth even in the beginning. (Genesis 1:1)