

ST. ANDREW'S NETWORK
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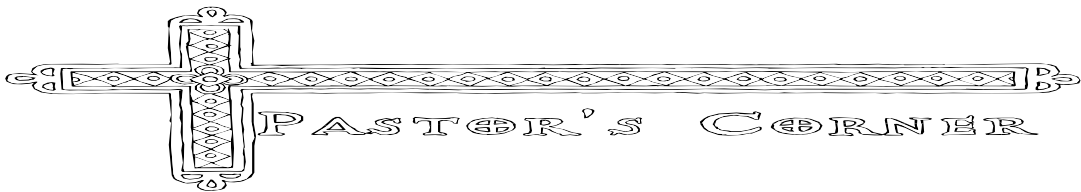
ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

January 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



PASTER'S CORNER

To all,

Christmas has truly begun. The celebration of Christmas Day initiates the twelve days of Christmas. For many of us just surviving the period up to and through December 25th is an ordeal. It is a stressful time with all the "have to do's" and "should do's." Sadly the peace and joy that Christmas can bring with the coming of our Lord and Savior is lost in the frenetic shopping and the pressures of the holiday season.

We kick off the Christmas tide season with Lessons and Carols the first Sunday after Christmas. It is a time to sit and listen and be bathed in beautiful music that reminds us of the coming of our Lord and Savior and what his coming can mean to us, if we listen. Jesus coming should comfort us. As we journey to Easter we will re-live portions of Jesus' life through our weekly scripture into the beginning of Lent. This period beginning with the Epiphany on January 6th reminds us who Jesus is, that God has been made manifest to us in baby Jesus. The scripture for the Epiphany is about the wise men coming to find Jesus and Herod's attempt to find Jesus for very different reasons. It is through the wise men that Jesus is first identified to the outside world as the Messiah, as the long awaited King of Israel. And yet it is through Herod we learn of Jesus' fragileness. That he is fully human. We learn in another reading that Jesus' family had to flee to Egypt to keep Jesus from Herod's murderous henchmen.

The second Sunday of Epiphany is about Jesus' baptism when he is identified by the Holy Spirit as God's beloved son. From there the story goes through Jesus calling his first disciples and into other stories that reveal who Jesus is and why he has come. Just reading the scripture for the period of the Epiphany is exhausting as it rushes through much of Jesus' life.

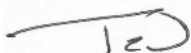
All of this leads up to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Lent will be upon us in less than six weeks. It all happens too fast.

With that forewarning, take some time and slow down through the twelve days of Christmas. Rest in the reality that your savior has come and wants to bring you joy and peace in this crazy fast moving world. The winter has also set in. We are surrounded by cold and darkness. Let Jesus' light shine into your lives and bring you some warmth this winter. Take time to read and reflect on what Jesus has come to do. Reflect on your response to the gift of Jesus and prepare yourselves to respond to Jesus' call to you.

How will you serve Jesus in this coming year? Yes, a new year has come. Jesus has wiped away all of your past and future sin. Life has begun anew. Now what are you going to do? Are you going to accept God's gift and transform yourself, or will you slide back into the old ways; ways that lead you into darkness and cold?

God's love and care is inviting and warm. Come this season...this New Year and shed the old tired ways that exhaust you and embrace God's warmth.

Blessings,



CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE PUBLISHED THROUGH LENT 2008

Choir rehearsals: Wednesday, Jan 2nd and 9th at 7:30 P.M.

Sunday rehearsals on January 13th, 20th and 27th following 10:00 A.M. Service.

Beginning in February and continuing through Lent, Choir will rehearse Sunday at 11:30A.M. following the 10:00 A.M. Service.

Choir Party will be on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 at the Richardsons home. Pot Luck dinner sign-up sheet for dishes to be displayed soon.

THANKS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you, thank you to everyone who put a gift under the WIN Christmas Tree. You made a child smile.

Special hugs from St. Andrew's Outreach Committee

MINUTES OF ST. ANDREWS CHURCH VESTRY MEETING
NOVEMBER 2007

Attending:

Rick Bushman, Becky Dempsey, Jennifer Eshleman, Kara Bushman, Bill Fasnacht, Heidi Demasi, Larry Shillock, Ron Schlecht, Arnold Gee, Fr. Ted Babcock.

Father Ted opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:20.

As the meeting took place after a pot luck meal, one-on-ones were waived to save time.

Larry Shillock moved the minutes of the last meeting be approved; the motion was seconded by Becky Dempsey; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Heidi Demasi, seconded by Jennifer Eshleman; approved.

- Rector's Report: Approved as written.
- Senior Warden's Report: The senior warden was not present.
- Junior Warden's Report: To improve the security of the building at times when only the secretary is in, a doorbell with a speaker and real time camera will be installed.
- Deacon's Report: The deacon was not present.
- Stewardship Committee Report: Not enough pledge cards were returned to get a clear idea of the church's operating budget for the next year.
- Christian Education Committee Report: The tenure of the current Head of Christian Education will soon be up; a replacement is needed.
- Finance Committee Report: New procedures for counting are here; counter selection criteria still need to be written, and training in the new procedures needs to be carried out. Also, it has been noted that the collection plate for the 8:00 service sits unattended in the rear of the church until the 10:00 service. Account information can be stolen from checks. Perhaps we could get a heavy, slotted drop box.
- Worship Committee: No report.
- Building and Grounds Committee: As per Junior Warden's report.
- Parish Life Committee: This committee will meet in three days.
- Outreach Committee: This committee has fallen apart, although other groups in St. Andrew's are doing outreach work.

New Business for November

1. The gutter over the North side ramp washes over in a rain; the downspout needs to be cleaned out. This will prevent icing of the ramp in cold weather.
2. The proposed budget: This board will meet on December 16th, to discuss the budget. In the meantime, we hope to get email updates on pledges received.
3. This board appreciates the efforts of treasurer Ron Schlecht in demystifying the budget and the budget process.

New Business for December

1. Contributions to groups not under the umbrella of St. Andrew's (a registered Not For Profit organization), are not tax deductible. Contributors may not know this. However, the fight to bring the groups under the auspices of St. Andrew's is very likely not worth the effort.
2. How will we organize and coordinate our Outreach programs?

SERVICE HELPERS FOR JANUARY 2008

The Altar Guild for January is:

Jan. 6

Chalice: Craig and Linda Hoffman
Lectors: Cindy Elliott and Hannah Richardson
Greeters: Bud and Gretchen Kitts
Acolytes: Hannah and Davis Richardson
Nursery: Jean Schlecht
LEM: Linda and Craig Hoffman
Coffee Hour: Cindy Elliott and Kristina Faber
Flowers:

Jan. 20

Chalice: Vic Karcher and Mike Morehouse
Lectors: Kara Bushman and Kristina Faber
Greeters: Al and Phyllis Douglas
Acolytes: Maggie Morehouse and Virginia Davis
Nursery: Jennifer and Doug Eshleman
LEM: Lyn Babcock and Harold Herman
Coffee Hour: Cynthia Gee and Kathy Smith
Flowers:

Jan. 13

Arnold and Cynthia Gee
Samantha Davis and Joan Applegate
Debbie Galbraith and Cindy Elliott
Elisabeth and Samantha Davis
Angie and Doug Lowery
Deanna Stouffer and Wanda Kloza

Jan. 27

Harold Herman and Nichol Free
Nichol Free and Tim Hawkins
Stella Mears and Frank Kraker
Brett and Brandon Erickson
Kim Steenstra
Deanna Stouffer and Lesley Carter

CHALICE ADMINISTRATOR AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE JANUARY THROUGH MAY 2008

January

- 6 Chalice – Craig Hoffman/Linda Hoffman
Acolytes – Hannah Richardson/Davis Richardson
- 13 Chalice – Arnold Gee/Cynthia Gee
Acolytes – Elizabeth Davis/Samantha Davis
- 20 Chalice – Vic Karcher/Mike Morehouse
Acolytes – Maggie Morehouse/Virginia Davis
- 27 Chalice – Harold Herman/Nicol Free
Acolytes – Brett Erickson/ Brandon Erickson

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

KINGS KETTLE NEEDS

Please bring Macaroni and Cheese and toothpaste items for the Kings Kettle Food Pantry for the month of January. The people of Shippensburg need our help, especially in the colder months. Keep up the donations and place items in the basket in the sacristy. Contact Tim or Irene Hawkins with questions. Thanks!



ST. ANDREW'S PARISHIONER WINS QUILT DRAWING

Kim Steenstra, a member of the parish, was the lucky winner of the beautiful hand appliquéd quilt made by the Monday quilters group. A total of 866 tickets were sold- which means \$866 for outreach projects, as everything, including the tickets, is donated by the women's group. Now the quilters are busy making lap robes for the VA hospitals in Pennsylvania. By Christmas we have completed a dozen, and many more in progress. Quilters meet every Monday afternoon in the second floor of the PLC. Everyone is invited- no special talent required!! We have added a very talented quilter to our group- Mary Bell- who saw us at the Corn Festival and joins us. Stop in whenever you can and see what's happening.