

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."

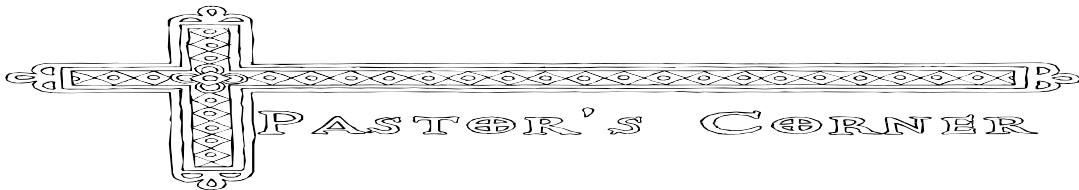
September 2008

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



"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper." Psalm 1:3

The theme given to us by the Christian Education committee is one that we might think of adopting as a parish theme for the next year. Each of us has been given life by God to fulfill God's desires. Beyond just doing what we need to do to manage our every day lives, we are expected to listen and hear what God is calling us to. Then each of us has an obligation to commit and complete what we have been created to do. It is only when we do the work of God that we truly bear fruit for ourselves, for our families and for the world.

As in the verse selected by the Christian Education committee, we are the trees that have been planted by the waters of life. They are the waters that yield new life. And if we partake of these waters then we will bear fruit for all. We will not wither under the stress of the everyday world and its demands. We will prosper and yield much because it is God's work we are doing.

Our challenge individually and collectively is to figure out how God is calling us, and to overcome our hesitation to drink of the water of life offered by God. The waters are the waters of faith, and they will embolden us to go into the world and do what God desires. These waters will re-vitalize us as we seek to live out the vision, the hope and the dreams God has for us and for St. Andrew's.

A visioning committee has been formed with Steve Franke acting as chair. The goal of this committee is to work with the parish and develop a vision, a big and bold vision for St. Andrew's. The committee has been challenged to look into the future and decide what kind of educational programs we will need to attract new parishioners and to strengthen our presence in Shippensburg. They will look at our desire to serve our community, locally, domestically and internationally. They will determine what it will take to support our Outreach mission. They will look at our worship service needs as we move to four services and determine what we need to support them. They will identify other possible services that will be important to securing the future of St. Andrew's. They will seek to identify other programs we might need to continue to attract people of all ages to St. Andrew's. In short, they will look to see what programs we need to offer, and then they will determine if our facilities can support those programs, and if they can't what might the facility look like that would support these desired programs. They will then determine what our staffing, volunteer and paid, needs will be. Finally they will look at the finances required to sustain this effort. They are looking to see what St. Andrew's requires to secure its future for the next 20-50 years. It is a big effort, and we need to pray for Steve and his committee. We also need to support them as they seek the information required to look into the future.

We want to plant trees that yield fruit for the seasons to come; we want to bear fruit for our children; and we want to bring other unknown people to St. Andrews.

This year let us focus on our future and secure the future of St. Andrew's.

Blessings,

Father Ted

SEPTEMBER SERVICE HELPERS

The Altar Guild for September is Debbie Galbraith, Nancy Karcher and Linda Hoffman.

	SEPT 7	SEPT 14
Chalice:	Samantha and Will Davis	Mike Morehouse and Heidi
Demasi		
Lectors:	Lisa Woolley and Larry Shillock	Virginia Davis and Joan
Applegate		
Greeters:	The Davis Family	Nan and Katelyn Hancock
Acolytes:	Will Davis and Davis Richardson	Maggie Morehouse and
Elizabeth		Demasi
Nursery:	Kim Steenstr and The Hawkins	Elizabeth Demasi and Chrissy Senecal
LEM:		
Flowers:	The Kitts	The Davis Family
Coffee Hour:		The Davis Family
Counters:	Harold Herman and Cindy Lou Franke	Bill Fasnacht and Nan Hancock

SEPT 21

Chalice: Craig and Linda Hoffman
Warren
Lectors: Kara Bushman and Kristina Faber
Greeters: Nancy Werner and Nancy Karcher
Acolytes: Sabrina Hazelwood and Margaret Demasi
Nursery: Samantha Davis and Sysha Surcica
LEM:
Flowers: The Babcocks
Coffee Hour:

SEPT 28

Harold Herman and Marcia
Nichol Free and Tim Hawkins
The Cains
Brett and Brandon Erickson
Edna Guido and The Lowerys

Annual Parish Picnic

Please mark your calendars for September 21, 2008 - annual parish picnic following the 10:00 a.m. service. This year it will be held at the Shippensburg Township Park on Airport Road. Please check the PLC for sign-up sheets and driving directions to the park. For information, please feel free to contact Cindy Stitt after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and anytime during the weekend.

Christian Education Update

Come and experience Christian education at St. Andrew's!

Classes for children and youth begin Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 9:00am

The Adult class begins Sunday, September 14, 2008 at 9am in the PLC.

Nursery (for babies through children age 5 during the 10 am service)

"Seasons of the Spirit" consists of lessons and music for young children to nurture their minds to a wakefulness of God's love for them. Volunteer parents and other parishioners staff the nursery.

"Godly Play" (for children age 3 to 11)

Godly Play is a Montessori-based, intentionally spiritual and creative program developed by Jerome Berryman, an episcopal priest. The curriculum encourages children to experience and be with God (which they do naturally, anyway) through hands-on lessons, demonstrations of Bible stories, creative expressions through art, and teaching a reverential approach to God.

Junior Forum (6th to 8th grade)

"My Faith, My Life" is a program written for middle schoolers to expand and strengthen their understanding of and relationship with God. It enables each young person to explore their God-given talents as well as the tenets of the Christian faith and the episcopal tradition. This program is designed to help young emerging adults prepare to make an adult decision in Confirmation.

Youth Forum (9th to 12th grade)

The "Discovery Video Series" will be used. It is a thought-provoking video series developed for high schoolers and young adults. It encourages challenges to the faith as well in depth, thought provoking discussions about the core of the Christian faith. It consists of a 15-minute video clip each class, followed by guided discussion and open conversation. Its goal is to prepare these young adults for church leadership.

Adult

"Living the Questions" is an adult education video series that incorporates video clips of various religious leaders of our time and encourages open discussion about a variety of Christian subjects. It promotes an understanding of God's word, and helps participants to continue their faith journey and accept the challenges of church leadership. **This class will begin Sunday, September 14, 2008.**

In order to develop our Sunday school facilities for the new programs we will be using; we will need some new supplies! Please see the "Tree of Life" display in the PLC and pick a fruit off the tree of an item that you can contribute to our Sunday school program. Some of the items that we still need are:

Used couches/comfortable chairs
Used coffee tables (2)

Baskets-especially large, flat ones
other items list on display board

Please contact Jennifer Morehouse at moredmd@comcast.net with any questions.

Bridge Anyone!!!

Hi, my name is Teena D'Annibale and I am new to St. Andrew's but I believe you all could help me fulfill a lifelong dream...to compete in the same Olympics as my son. My son, Christian, throws javelin for Ship University, and it is a summer Olympic sport. Someday he would love to be good enough to go to the Olympics.

As for me, well, I just found out that despite being 100 pounds overweight, afflicted with chronic bronchitis, a bad knee, a cancer survivor, and almost 50 years old I, too, could go to the Olympics! I was watching CNN and found out that Bridge, the card game, is an Olympic sport and I want to learn how to play. I eventually will need a "coach" and a "trainer" to get me in shape for the strenuous rigor of an Olympic level sport. But first things first, I need to learn how to play.

So, if you know how to play bridge and are patient enough to teach some newbies please email me at teenadann@yahoo.com and I will start the ball rolling.

From the Hoffmans

Craig and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, and cards since our accident on July 12th. We were able to come to church August 24th, and Father Ted's greeting "Welcome Home" just said it all. Seeing our "family" was great medicine.

Note from the Editor

All items for the October newsletter should be emailed to llhoffma2@comcast.net by September 20th. For the time being, Arnold Gee who not only lives closer but also is more mobile will handle all "leg work". Thanks Arnold.