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The Network



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is an inclusive community...

Affirming God's Grace · Open and growing in heart, mind and spirit · Called to love and serve all in Jesus' Name.

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Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my deepest gratitude for your magnificent gift of new vestments made by Lorrie Graham. The red stole and chasuble that you presented to me on Pentecost was magnificent. Your generosity is breathtaking. I will enjoy going with Lorrie to pick out the materials for the other two sets! After church I emailed a friend and said that when I wore them I felt clothed with love and prayer. It doesn't get any better than that for any of us! I thank you from the fullness of my heart. While I was visiting my parents in Arizona it came to me that we should have a "Blessing Party" for the vestments. When they are finished we'll gather and bless all of them together and offer thanks to God for our shared ministry. I'll bring the sparkling cider! I hadn't thought about it until Justin mentioned it, but I have spent half of my ordained ministry at St. Andrew's. Time has flown and I am so grateful that I am your priest. God is so very good!

Bishop Love should be visiting us some time during the coming year, but I don't have a date yet. Sunday, September 20th, we will have a meeting about confirmation classes (time TBA). The bishop has lowered the age to 13. My plan is to offer Confirmation classes 3 Sundays a month following the second service. The 4th Sunday of the month we will have a Children's Eucharist in Children's Chapel. A Confirmation retreat will be held the weekend of Sept. 25-27 at the Spiritual Life Center. I expect all junior high and high school aged confirmands to attend this retreat, so please put it on your calendar now. I also expect each confirmand to participate in some parish ministry during the year for a minimum of eight hours. This can be anything from being an acolyte, an usher, or lector. It might also involve singing in the choir, working at the Shop, helping in the nursery or serving at the community dinner. I would like for us to attend the overnight event at St. John the Divine cathedral in New York City. There will also be a second retreat closer to the time of Confirmation. I will soon be sending you a copy of the Bishop's letter regarding Confirmation so you will know what his expectations are. Information on adult Confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church will be forthcoming. Please see the rector if you are interested.

Finally, thank you to everyone who pledged. Details about our Stewardship campaign can be found in this issue of the Network.

Faithfully,

Mary+

Annual Raquette Lake Island Service

Sunday, August 2, 3 p.m.



Every Sunday through September 6

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 9:30 am

Fellowship at 10:30 am

Every Tuesday, through August 25

Evening Prayer 6:30 pm

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd was built by William West Durant in 1880 on St. Hubert's Isle, Raquette Lake, NY. Along with St. William's Roman Catholic Church (1890) on Long Point, it was built to serve the owners, guests and employees of the Great Camps, Sagamore, Pine Knot, Uncas and Kill Kare, constructed by Durant. The first treasurer of the summer chapel was John Boyd Thacher, future mayor of Albany (1886-88, 1896-97). The warden was William West Durant. In 1959 the Rev. Ralph M. Carmichael, former rector of St. Andrew's, revived the annual services which had been discontinued during WWII.

The church is open to the public the first Sunday of August annually at 3:00 pm, with free transportation from the Raquette Lake Village dock beginning at 2:00 pm. Visitors are also invited to come by canoe, guide boat and rowboat as they did more than a century ago. For more information please call 315-354-4267 or e-mail: annualservice@sthubertsisle.com

Stewardship: Extending God's Love

Our 2009 Stewardship Program, EXTENDING GOD'S LOVE: A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING came to a wonderful end on the Feast of Pentecost. Pledge Cards were presented at the Offertory at both services and blessed as signs and symbols of our commitments to give of ourselves for the extension of God's work among us. The Festival Brunch held after the 10:30 Service was well attended. A special thanks to Mara Elliott and Sandra Shapard for organizing and preparing the brunch and to others for helping set up and decorate Carmichael Hall. As of this writing we have 77 pledges. If you have not yet made your pledge, you can still do so by calling the Church Office or filling out a yellow pledge card found at the Church. As always we are grateful for your support both in time, talent and finances to the continuing ministry and mission of St. Andrew's Church.

Secrets of the Sacristy

We continue our series in this issue with a few other items that are used in our worship - Holy Oils and Holy Water.

In the Old Testament olive oil is mentioned as a dietary element (I Kings 17), mixed with aromatics (Esther 2, Song of Songs 1, 4) and used in the purification of healed lepers by anointing (Leviticus 14.) The early Church used oil for exorcism, baptism and healing. At the Great Vigil of Easter the newly baptised were anointed with the "chrism" oil. Anointing of the sick has been included in the American Book of Common Prayer since the 1928 Prayer Book and the use of holy oils at Baptism was restored in the current, 1979, Prayer Book. In many Dioceses, including Albany, the Bishop blesses new oils at a Chrism Mass held during Holy Week. These oils are then distributed to each parish for use at Healing Services, Baptisms and Anointing of the Sick. At St. Andrew's we anoint with holy oil for healing on the first Sunday of each month and at Tuesday evening Holy Eucharists throughout much of the year.

Water has always been a powerful symbol in the Judeo-Christian experience. Throughout the Scriptures water is used as a symbol of both washing and cleansing. The early church saw these as metaphors of the baptismal water. They used water for both sacramental and ceremonial purposes. Public buildings in Rome were sprinkled with water as part of their consecration for Christian worship. In pre-reformation England palms were sprinkled with water before the Procession on Palm Sunday and the Paschal Candle was sprinkled on Easter Eve. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer encouraged the use of holy water as well as ashes on Ash Wednesday and to this day many churches still provide holy water for use by the congregation. Many churches were built with water stoups (basins) located near the door so that parishioners could take holy water as a reminder of their baptism. At St. Andrew's we have two small bowls, one on a table at the Madison Avenue entrance of the church and one in the baptismal font next to the North Main Avenue entrance, where we may take some water and make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.

A Plan for St. Andrew's

The Planning Group has completed its work and at its June meeting presented the Vestry with A Plan for St. Andrew's, which lays out both systemic and aesthetic improvements that St. Andrew's should consider undertaking over the next four years in order to maintain our beautiful sanctuary, our parish house, and our Rectory. The plan also includes recommendations about how to fund this work, which will include a combination of special fund raising initiatives, capital funds from our endowment, special financing considerations and grant seeking. The Planning Group looks forward to having parish-wide meetings so that everyone will have a chance to understand the opportunities and challenges of our facilities. An electronic copy of the Plan is available from Paula Sippel (paulaksippel at aol dot com) for the asking. Stay tuned for information about a Forum on the Plan.

Scheduling Meeting - Parish and Ministry leaders will meet Saturday July 11th at 9 a.m. to plan the schedule for Fall and Advent 2009. Please mark your calendar for this important meeting. If you cannot attend, please send any schedule requests you may have to the Parish office well in advance of the meeting.



Hat Sunday

The Kentucky Derby in May, Ascot in June - St. Andrew's in August? There are some times and places where a hat is simply a required part of a fashionable outfit. Hat Sunday at St. Andrew's is definitely one! Sunday August 16th we'll celebrate the joys of a well turned out pate. Put on your best bonnet and come prepared to show it off. Prizes will be awarded for the most fashionable, most original and "best in show" hats for children and adults. Hats will be available for the millenarily challenged.

Shop Notes

About your donations.... Unsold clothing continues to find its way to Jezreel International Ministries through the good offices of clients and staff of the Living Resources Corp. Nancy Looby delivers bedding appropriate for pets to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society; and Pren Carnell will sort and deliver unsold shoes to the annual Shoes for the Shoeless Campaign for the people of Appalachia this Fall.

We are sharing donations on a trial basis with the Shop at St. John's, Troy where the needs are many and our own Sandy Tatem is deacon. We hope this is a beginning for partnership in Outreach.

Considerations of product liability and/or obsolescence have prompted the following new policy: The Shop at St. Andrew's cannot accept: Electronics, Baby Gear, Toys except books, games, puzzles and stuffed toys.

About you..... Our Shop is a principal community ministry and fund-raiser for our parish and is only as strong as the team of helpers who keep it running. Please consider how your might join us. Call Wendy Brandow (767-0716) or email Lisa Walker (e.walker3@verizon.net) for details.

Focus on Schools

Again this year, families who use the FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry, of which St. Andrew's is an affiliate, will be needing school supplies so that their children may begin school in September fully prepared for success. Our donations reduce the need for families to use scarce food money for school needs. Many of us are much better equipped to visit dollar stores, or find "buy one, get one free" offers and other special sales, than are our inner-city neighbors. Watch for detailed shopping lists in Sunday bulletins over the summer and posted at Church. Place your gifts in the alms baskets in the nave from now until August 30th. Cash donations are also welcome. Make cheques out to FOCUS, mark them "School Supplies," and drop them in the collection plate - they will be forwarded to the Food Pantry.

Serving in July:

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Altar Guild				
8:00 a.m.	Wendy Brandow	Harriett DeGraff	Lynn Nally	Rich Angelo
9:30 a.m.	Lou Wells Justin Taranto	Peg Sanders Lorrie Graham	Mary Gregg Luann Trout	Carole Yates Art Yates
Chalice				
8:00 a.m.	Jack Cunningham	Austin Woodward	Lynn Nally	Milton Mosall
9:30 a.m.	Mike Fahey Justin Taranto	Edge Bagg Paula Sippel	Lorrie Graham Mike Fahey	Rich Angelo Suzanne Roberson
Lectors				
8:00 a.m.	Jack Cunningham	Carol Piombino	Lynn Nally	Carol Piombino
9:30 a.m.	Mike Fahey	Will White David Wood	Mike Fahey Steve Iannacone	Dottie Johnson Roland LaScala
Acolytes				
9:30 a.m.	Nathaniel Edgar Sean Klim	Will White Caroline Gregg	Kierra Moore Nathaniel Edgar	Sean Klim Will White
Oblationers				
9:30 a.m.	Nubbemeyer Family	D'Alessandro Family	Wells Family	Cameron Family
Ushers				
9:30 a.m.	Inga Nubbemeyer Mary Nubbemeyer	Karen Blizinski Norm Davis	Lou Wells Tom Pritchard	Harriett DeGraff Doug O'Connor
Greeters				
9:30 a.m.	Norm Davis Karen Blizinski	Tom Pritchard Peg Sanders	Karyn Richards Chris Lillpopp	Justin Taranto Tom Rosenberger
Nursery				
9:30 a.m.				
Flower Guild				
	Norma Pettit Claudia Landau	Mary Gregg	Ethel Falls Lorrie Graham	Rob & Chris ⁵ Lillpopp

Serving in August:

	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
Altar Guild					
8:00 a.m.	Wendy Brandow	Wendy Brandow	Harriett DeGraff	Lynn Nally	Luann Trout
9:30 a.m.	Lou Wells Suzanne Roberson	Lorrie Graham	Peg Sanders Justin Taranto	Carole Yates Art Yates	Suzanne Roberson
Chalice					
8:00 a.m.	Jack Cunningham	Austin Woodward	Milton Mosall	Lynn Nally	Austin Woodward
9:30 a.m.	Mike Fahey Lorrie Graham	Jeff Hugaard Claudia Landau	Mary Scott Mike Fahey	Mike Fahey Suzanne Roberson	Jeff Hugaard Mike Fahey
Lectors					
8:00 a.m.	Jack Cunningham	Carol Piombino	Carol Piombino	Lynn Nally	Lynn Nally
9:30 a.m.					
Acolytes					
9:30 a.m.					
Oblationers					
9:30 a.m.	Bowen-Moore Family	Nubbemeyer Family	Wood Family	Hedberg Family	D'Alessandro Family
Ushers					
9:30 a.m.	Chris Lillpopp Ranee Bowen	Paula Sippel Len Sippel	David Wood Ian St. George	Fred Tolman Bill Hedberg Nicole Hedberg	Carole Yates Art Yates
Greeters					
9:30 a.m.	Harriett DeGraff Sandra Shapard	Eric Bersch Chris Lillpopp	Deb & Mike Misenhimer	Norma Pettit Tom Pritchard	
Nursery					
9:30 a.m.					
Flower Guild					
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Our Church Family

Please pray for:

Requests for prayers: Terri, Addie, Matt, Robert, Gretchen, Patricia, Mamie, Ian, Elisabeth, Edward, Hap, Jeff, Jeff, Mike, Bar, Josey, Carl, Bob, Nick, Ruth, Bill, Allen, Ralph

Military, Police, Fire Personnel: Jed, Tim, Thomas, Eric, Taylor, Mike, Jay, Jeff

Preparing for Marriage: Allison & Brett, Mike & Ames, Claudia & John

Preparing for Ordination: Celeste, Ken

Expectant Mothers: Ruth, Katie, Monique

Seeking Employment: Carol, Lorrie, Sean, Ken, John, Stephen, Terence, Mark

Birthdays:

Oliva LaScala	July 2
Maggie Wood	July 4
Sumahri Stewart	July 8
Lachlan St. George	July 11
Jessica Fuller	July 12
Robert O'Connor	
John Choppa	July 14
Sarah Edgar	
Cathy Parker	
Ed Horning	July 15
Lou Wells	
Robert Whitaker	July 21
Molly White	
Samantha Lillpopp	July 23
Justin Taranto	
Tom Pritchard	July 28

Birthdays:

Alicia D'Alessandro	Aug 1
Ralph Panelli	Aug 4
Carole Yates	
Tom Rosenberger	Aug 5
Allan McNeil	Aug 8
Kayle McNeil	
Ethel Gildea	Aug 9
Inga Nubbemeyer	Aug 13
Sandra Shapard	Aug 14
Claudia Landau	Aug 20
Austin Woodward	
Steven Elliott	Aug 26
John Hawn	Aug 30



Congratulations graduates!

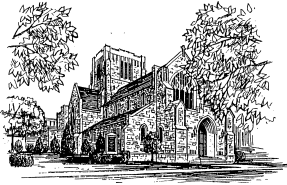
Andrew Gregg
Molly White

(Do you have any news you want to share?
489-4747.)

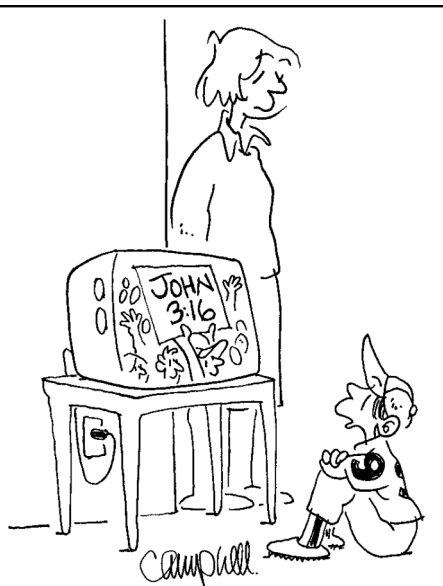
Wedding Anniversaries:

Robert & Janet Whitaker	July 13	Norris & Raquel Ackert	Aug 5
Stephen & Jessica Fuller	July 18	David & Elisa McNeil	Aug 14
James & Elizabeth Edgar	July 20	Steven & Krista McMillen	Aug 21
Ted & Dorothy Jane Porpeggia	July 30	Stephen & Martha Iannacone	Aug 30

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"I AM studying my Bible verses."

Pie Sunday

Roll that dough - crimp that crust - it's time for PIE SUNDAY!! Sunday July 12 after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist the bakers of St. Andrew's will once again be sharing tempting triangles of pie goodness. It's easy to join the fun - bring in your favorite pie and your appetite. We'll keep tasting pies until the plates are clean!

