

# NET WORK

## the parish newsletter of St. Andrew=s Episcopal Church

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### From the Rector's Desk



#### **DEALING WITH INTINCTION THE PEACE HANDSHAKING AND THE FLU AT ST. ANDREW'S**

Dear Friends,

This is reprint of a bulletin insert. It is being placed in the newsletter in order to maximize this information to the people of St. Andrew's.

Sometime ago, St. Andrew's created the "Disaster Committee." The purpose of this committee was to be part of VOAD. VOAD is the acronym for Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters. As part of VOAD we, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other organizations would respond to local or regional disasters. Typically, St. Andrew's would serve as respite center for Memorial Hospital. In disasters, hospitals can be overwhelmed with family and friends. This means that hallways and other spaces could become clogged. St. Andrew's would be a lounge supplying coffee and comforting words. Also, we might be a "Sandwich Center" and would prepare meals for those working at disaster sites. Thus, we are engaged with community organizations in assisting those in need.

As part of his practice to avert the spread of germs, the Rector has used a hand sanitizer since his arrival in 2005. He is now instructing all clergy and eucharistic assistants to use the wall mounted hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of the sacraments and at times deemed necessary throughout the service. For example, when one rubs one's eyes or nose. Thus, we are engaged in developing practices to keep people healthy and to avoid potential health problems.

In 2008, through interactions with community organizations, and our own concerns regarding health issues, we installed seven hand sanitizers. These are located by the Lord's Table, inside the kitchen, outside the kitchen door, by the water fountain, in the Christian education wing, in the nursery, and the in undercroft. We are pleased how these hand sanitizers are being used. In the future, we may add more locations.

In 2009, in response to a resolution adopted by the 2008 Diocesan Convention, we undertook an extensive analysis of building and human resources. The resolution asked all churches to complete a Disaster Preparation Plan. We were the second church in the diocese to complete this requirement!

When we began to evaluate these projects and consider some other projects, it seemed appropriate and logical to change the name and overall focus of the "Disaster Committee" to "Health and Safety Committee."

Some months ago, this Committee then undertook some proactive actions and began to develop a plan with the Rector to address the potential Swine Flu threat. Again, we were among the first churches in the Diocese to address this important issue.

The Health and Safety Committee looked at Holy Communion and felt that we needed a measured approach. Instead of stating that we were moving to intinction, they suggested that people be made aware of the growing potential of Swine Flu, and the possibility of adopting mandatory intinction.

Intinction is the historical and acceptable practice of dipping the wafer in the wine. There are several forms of intinction. In the Roman model, the priest takes the wafer from the ciborium (the cup that holds the wafers) or paten (the host plate), dips it in the wine and places

it directly on the communicant's tongue. In other churches, communicants are given the wafer and they dip it in the wine. Other churches have the eucharistic assistants dip the wafer and hand it over to the communicant to place in their own mouth. At St Andrew's we will give the wafer to the communicants who will then dip their own wafer.

If you chose to intinct, it would be helpful to stand to receive the sacraments. If one kneels the eucharistic assistant must bend over in order to have the intinction cup at a level at which you can see the wine. If you stand, the eucharistic assistant does not need to bend over, and over and over!

At this time, we will offer two chalices at both Sunday services. One chalice will be the common cup, while the other will be for intinction. As an alternative it is acceptable to receive only bread "to make one's communion." Sometimes individuals take the chalice and touch it to their foreheads, and as such, "reverence the cup." We encourage everyone to continue to come to the Lord's Table for the sacraments or blessing. Therefore, the current options are:

- Receive both Sacraments  
with the Common Cup, or
- Receive both Sacraments with Intinction, or
- Receive Bread and Reverence the Cup, or
- Receive Bread, or
- Receive a Blessing.

Part of the richness of the Anglican Communion is the Common Cup. However, in times of duress, common sense is more important than a common cup. At St. Andrew's, given the sanitized hands of the clergy and eucharistic assistants, we will continue to distribute the Bread as per our custom. At the approach of the eucharistic assistant, you may elect to use the Common Cup or Intinct. And, as noted, if we move to Intinction, everyone will dip their own wafer in the wine. We are asking parents to dip the wafers of the younger children.

Naturally, we hope the projections of the Swine Flu do not materialize. However, we believe we owe it to our people to be proactive. We are not being alarmists. We are being practical and pragmatic. We want people to feel that their church offers them a safe environment. We want people to realize that prior, proper planning leads to positive outcomes.

The Rector, the Health and Safety Committee, and Vestry (our governing board) are addressing this potential health concern. At its September meeting, the Vestry made the decision to expand our preparations. Effectively immediately, upon a decision of the Vestry, and in keeping with a proactive response, we will stop handshaking at the Peace, and handshaking at the door. Personally, I find this sad. I find the greeting at the peace a powerful image. However, this must be placed aside for a few months. Again, common sense must take priority. If we can help people think about these issues in church, we are fulfilling good stewardship. In turn, we might be helping people rethink hand washing practices, how to greet neighbors and other responses to the flu etc.

Clearly, we ask people who have the Flu or think they are getting the Flu to be thoughtful and to stay home. Sadly, people can be carriers before they become sick. As noted in previous Newsletters, we have Flu Preparation sheets available at the office. This is another effort of providing good stewardship.

Naturally, once the World Health Organization, and the Centers of Disease Control state that the Swine Flu threat is over, or never materialized, we will resume our traditional practices of the Common Cup, the Sharing of the Peace, and Handshaking at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Given the need to make this news of

- voluntary intinction,
- the possible decision to have everyone intinct,
- the temporary move away  
from greeting at the Peace  
and handshaking,

this information sheet will be placed in the bulletin on a semi-regular schedule, and re-printed in the newsletter.

The Vestry, the Health and Safety Committee, and I, believe we are blending pastoral care, thoughtful sacramental and liturgical practices, along with competent health and safety issues in a thoughtful and measured manner. We are not acting shrilly or presenting "the sky is falling" scenario; instead, we are acting responsibly with the best interests of our people in mind.

In the name of Jesus, I remain your servant.

David +

## *Scripture Reading for October*

October 4	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 11	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 18	Job 38:1-7, 34-41	Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 25	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

August 2	8:00 a.m. - 35	10:00 a.m. - 55	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
August 9	8:00 a.m. - 38	10:00 a.m. - 74	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
August 16	8:00 a.m. - 29	10:00 a.m. - 89	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
August 23	8:00 a.m. - 31	10:00 a.m. - 86	10 a.m. - Wed. - 13
August 30	8:00 a.m. - 43	10:00 a.m. - 86	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
September 6	8:00 a.m. - 37	10:00 a.m. - 67	10 a.m. - Wed. - 15
September 13	8:00 a.m. - 31	10:30 a.m. - 121	10 a.m. - Wed. - 13

### NEW X WORK

a newsletter by and for the St. Andrew's  
community

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### NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline

each week is **Wednesday** 8 a.m.

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### Deadlines for the NET X WORK

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**October 12<sup>th</sup> for November newsletter**

November 9<sup>th</sup> for December newsletter  
December 14<sup>th</sup> for January 2010 newsletter  
January 11<sup>th</sup> for February newsletter

**Please mark your calendars.**

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## **BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR ELEANOR DIEHL**

Please help in wishing Eleanor a happy 104<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is our eldest parishioner and she resides at The Broadmore assisted living. Eleanor's birthday is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her address is Broadmore Assisted Living, 2405 Knobhill Road, York, PA 17403-4782. Eleanor will be happy to receive many birthday wishes.

**Join us in our work to help feed the hungry by  
participating in the  
York CROP WALK  
Sunday, October 11, 2009  
Beginning at the  
Sovereign Bank Stadium**

Contact Mary Jane Watt. Watch the bulletin for more details. This is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Crop Walk in York. We are the longest continuous walk in the U.S. 25% of all funds raised are kept in York County to feed the hungry. Because of the economic recession, the needs are great. Watch your bulletins for more information or contact Mary Jane Watt. Please give some prayerful consideration to walking or sponsoring a walker.

OCTOBER:

### **Candle Safety**

Home Safety Council Asks Families to Light and Delight Safely by Practicing Proper Candle Safety  
Candles can provide a warm and festive atmosphere - but they can also be a fire hazard if left unattended or placed near anything flammable. The Home Safety Council encourages families to enjoy holiday candles while always keeping fire safety in mind:

Make sure an adult is in the room and paying attention whenever you light a candle. Blow out all candles before going to sleep or leaving the room.

Do not permit children to keep or use candles or incense in their rooms. Candles should only be used when a sober adult is present and awake.

Never use lighted candles on or near a Christmas tree or other evergreens.

Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including other decorations and wrapping paper.

Always use stable, nonflammable candle holders with a hurricane glass to protect the open flame.

Place candles where they will not be knocked down or blown over and out of reach of pets and young children.

If you have children in your home, store candles, matches and lighters out of their sight and reach in a locked cabinet.

## CHURCH COMMITTEES

In this newsletter we have a fairly complete and current listing of our committees. As with any organization, there will be additions, and other changes. However, we are asking everyone who belongs to a committee to please take this opportunity to mark their calendar for 2009 and 2010. By creating a master calendar we are trying to manage our resources in an effective and efficient manner. I thank you-*David*

**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D. Baxter,  
Bishop of Central Pennsylvania**

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***Diocesan Mission Statement***

We are partners in Christ with the love of God  
on our lips and in our lives.

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**Diocesan Web Site - [www.diocesepa.org](http://www.diocesepa.org)**

***St. Andrew=s Mission Statement***

It is our purpose to serve  
Christ and his people  
through faithful worship,  
study, ministry, and mission,  
so as to reflect  
God=s love for all.

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**St. Andrew's Web Site -  
[www.standrewsyork.org](http://www.standrewsyork.org)**

## ECW Notes & News

### ECW News

We're having a Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Date: **October 17<sup>th</sup>** Time: 5:30

Menu: Pork & Sauerkraut  
Hot Dogs (and buns)  
Mashed Potatoes  
Applesauce  
Homemade desserts

Price: Adult (age 13 +) \$8.00 per person  
or \$15.00 couple  
Ages 6-12 \$ 5.00 Ages 5 and under *free*

Tickets on sale following services.

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Coming Events:

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - UTO Fall Ingathering  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Wine & Cheese  
Party

Party

## PARISH MILESTONES

***Change of Address,  
Phone No., E-mail Address***

### ***Death***

George Edwards Whittles  
February 1, 1922 to September 2, 2009

## October Birthdays

02 - Eleanor Diehl  
03 - Daniel Rooney  
03 - Nancy Rowley  
04 - Kimberly Michael  
04 - Matthew Hoefft  
05 - Danielle Cox  
05 - Donald Peiffer  
06 - Alyce Peiffer  
07 - Blake McBride  
07 - Alma Rooney  
07 - Elizabeth Stambaugh  
08 - Kelly Ann Saxmann  
09 - Thomas Ishler  
10 - Alexandra Jennings  
10 - Robby Marston  
12 - Zachary Cauchon  
12 - Doug Alling  
12 - Walter Dallas  
13 - Meagan Chiepoor  
13 - John Barrett  
13 - Ashleigh Mackin  
14 - Michael Rutter  
15 - Judy Mueller  
17 - Joseph Murphy  
18 - Doris Schroll  
18 - Rocco Arcieri  
18 - Ginger Leigh  
19 - Judith Alwine  
19 - Savannah Garrett  
20 - Lisa Gandy  
21 - Al Bitzer  
22 - Lauren Dunkel  
24 - Jessica Saxmann  
26 - Richard Baker  
26 - Elizabeth Noel  
27 - Sara Repman  
31 - Eric Mueller

If your birthday is not listed,  
please call Neita.

## October Anniversaries

09 - Phillip & Raquel Jeanmenne  
15 - Walter & Joan Dallas  
18 - Joseph & Barbara Murphy  
19 - Robert & Angela Deroche  
20 - Eric & Elizabeth Stambaugh  
24 - Jan & Teresa Clarke  
24 - Rick & Diane Folkenroth  
31 - James & Wanita Clark

If your anniversary is not listed,  
please call Neita.

### ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. David J. Robson, *Rector*  
The Rev. Frederic G. Stevenson,  
*Pastoral Associate*  
The Rev. Charlene Leigh-Koser,  
*Pastoral Assistant*  
The Rev. Carol B. Snell, *Deacon*  
Susan B. Stiller,  
*Interim Organist/Choir Director*  
Alma Rooney,  
*Christian Education Director*  
Magali Blount, *Nursery Attendent*  
Neita Houseal, *Parish Secretary*  
Granger Reid, *Sexton*  
Nancy Bush, *Senior Warden*  
Philip Blaker, *Junior Warden*  
Andy Krebs, *Treasurer*  
Al Hassett, *Financial Secretary*

#### Vestry Members

Philip Blaker  
Leigh Dalton  
Ralph Dixon, Jr.  
Ron Fimiani  
Alyce Peiffer  
Dan Rooney  
Harry Snell, III  
Tom Watt  
Paul Weber

## THANK YOU

To Our St. Andrew's Family,

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for the generous gift from the chicken dinner, as well as all the cards, love, prayers and support that everyone has shown to us during Mark's illness. We are truly blessed in God's love and grace through each and everyone one of you, since the day we stumbled through the front doors of this church one Sunday two and a half years ago. Your kindness, generosity, love, prayers and support have given us hope that the transplant will work and Mark's battle with the beast called Cancer will soon be over for ever. Your support has made our journey truly a remarkable one, to see God's love at work in each one of you. We are truly blessed to have found such a wonderful family. We sincerely express our heartfelt thanks for everything.

In God's Love,

Mark and Dixie Heller

## HAPPY AUTUMN

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff—including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. This was passed on to me from another pumpkin. Now, it is your turn to pass it to a pumpkin. I liked this enough to send it to all the pumpkins in my patch. Happy Fall!

*Submitted by  
Ivan Campbell*

## Christian One Liners

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

*submitted by Christie Bracher*

## THANK YOU

September 4, 2009

Dear St. Andrew's members,

Thank you for your continued support of Our Daily Bread with your donation of \$104.50. We are able to provide a meal for each \$1.60 we receive. September 4<sup>th</sup> we served 86 meals for breakfast and 223 meals for lunch. Additional meals were taken home after lunch was served. We have been extremely busy this summer. Some days we are serving 150% to 175% from the same time last summer. Many new people are coming on a daily basis. Some have lost jobs, some are without pay because they have been working for the state, and many others just can't make ends meet over the summer with their children home from school.

We greatly appreciate your generosity, as together we continue to help those in need in York County. Together we will make a life a bit easier for those in need.

The Soup Kitchen Staff  
Paula Koch – Business Manager

Blessed are they who understand  
my faltering step and shaking hand,  
Blessed, who know my ears today  
must strain to catch the things they say,  
Blessed are they who seem to know  
my eyes are dim and my mind is slow,  
Blessed are they who looked away,  
I spilled my tea on the cloth that day!  
Blessed are they who, with cheery smile,  
stopped to chat for a little while,  
Blessed are they who know the way  
to bring back memories of yesterday,  
Blessed are they who never say,  
"You've told that story twice today!"  
Blessed are they who make it known  
that I'm loved, respected and not alone,  
And blessed are they who will ease the days  
of my journey home, in loving ways.

## FLOPS BIRTHDAY

Hail! Hail! To our dear, dear Flop,  
We think you have almost reached the top.  
You can now see north, south, east and west.  
And we wish you all the best.

From all your friends of St. Andrew's  
We send you greetings from the pews.  
With God's Peace and Blessings in a plenty  
So your heart is never empty.

Your mind goes back a long, long way  
You've made it so we're here to stay.  
With oyster fry ups you built our church  
And never left us in the lurch.

So on this very special day  
We thank you, thank you in every way.  
So we hope you rest content  
And know your efforts are well spent.

*Harry Cooper sent this to Flop in his birthday card.*

## REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

### Home Address, Phone, and/or E-mail Address Changes

Please call the office or e-mail Neita at [neita@standrewsyork.org](mailto:neita@standrewsyork.org) when you move, change e-mail address or phone numbers. We like to have our records as accurate as possible.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR ADULTS

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 7 until 11 p.m.

Great Hall – No Charge  
Bring refreshments to share.  
Costume Judging  
Sign up at rear of church.