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From the Rector's Desk



Dear friends,

In 1983, I became the Rector of Kitley-North Augusta, a wonderful rural parish of five

churches spread over several hundred square miles. While ministering to those wonderful people, I was a member of Kitley Fire Department (helmet # 46). I learned much as a firefighter. For example, I quickly learned that preparation for a fire or situation began the moment we left our last call. On the trip back to the station all trucks and support vehicles were gassed up. Next, all used hoses were removed for inspection and new hoses were placed in the truck bed. In others words, by the time we finished cleaning the trucks and equipment we were ready for the next time pagers sounded and said, "XJK-920, Kitley Base, we have a report of a fire at . . ." Clearly, the maxim "prior proper planning prevents poor performance" applied to the fire department. This maxim should apply to much of our lives. One facet commonly overlooked by many is the creation of a "Last Will and Testament."

It is estimated that between 60 and 70% of Americans do not have a Will! When questioned, the most frequent response for the lack of a Will is, "It is too expensive." In fact, the cost of not having a Will can be far more expensive! Here are a few examples. Image you are a family with children under 18. Sadly, you and your partner have a common demise. In this situation, it is the courts, not relatives, who decide where your children will live. Your estate pays for the court costs. Likewise, image you are a younger couple with no children, but own a home. If you have no Wills, who will receive the benefit of this asset? There are numerous other situations that suggest it is prudent and wise to plan and write a Will. In writing a Will that clearly spells your desires, you are making a

declaration to your family of your intentions. A Will helps surviving family members avoid making difficult decisions. Also, people sometimes make the comment that they would like to help the church, but do not have the funds. In writing a Will, many find that they are able to assist the church in a manner they could not financially afford in life. Many find that after they have provided for family needs, they have additional assets that can assist the church. This is not a solicitation. This is a simple statement that notes that much evidence indicates that endowment income enables churches to undertake ministry that normally would not be funded. Likewise, as one of our bulletin closing states, "The budget supports our ministry. Your endowment supports our future."

While it is prudent for many to write a Will, it is also wise for many to make funeral plans. As with the creation of a Will, making funeral plans again relieves families from making difficult decisions. When making funeral plans, it is wise to leave the funeral director a copy of your funeral service. Sometimes families are placed in the position of trying to guess if their parent or loved one would like Rite I or Rite II; and, would they prefer the Funeral Office, or the Funeral Office with Holy Communion. In addition, what scripture or music seems most fitting and descriptive of their parent! Again, prior proper planning helps family and friends make appropriate decisions.

In recent months, much news about Swine Flu has circulated throughout the world. Some dismiss this issue as "sensationalistic news," while others are deeply worried. Some believe that we are on the edge of a pandemic outbreak, while others are dismissive. Some say that it will mutate and fade away, while others suggest that it may mutate and become more virulent than many anticipate. While we can hope that this flu does not become

pandemic, the situation warrants that we should all undertake some preparation. We will set a date for this event following my attendance, and Alyce Peiffers' at the Fourth Annual York-Adams Pandemic Flu Conference. At the Conference we will receive the most current information available.

In keeping with the theme of planning ahead, it is with joy to note that many education plans are afoot for this fall. On September 13, we will hold the registration for the children and youth. At the **10:30 AM** service we will **Commission our Christian Education Leaders** and the **J2A Pilgrims** will provide the Sunday message telling us of their religious (and other) experiences of their trip to Seattle. On **Sunday, September 20**, we will resume "**Bible and Bagels**," at **9:00 AM**, with our discussion of "The Shack." We will pick up where we ended our dialogue last June – page 92. Our **Education for Ministry** class and **Lectionary Scholars** also return this fall. On **Monday, September 14**, at **7:00 PM**, we will host a night called, **Four E's – An Evening Exploring the Episcopal Experience**. As previously announced, other adult forum learning opportunities will take place this fall. Likewise, those interested in Confirmation should contact me as soon as possible.

Finally, in order to help you plan, we will hold the third, **Blessing of the Animals** at **10:00 AM** on **Sunday, October 4th**. At **10:40AM** will hold Morning Prayer.

Indeed, we have much planning taking place to help our worship, and our common life to grow in faith in our Lord.

I remain,

David

If you are interested in being Confirmed by Bishop Baxter, on Sunday, November 29, please call David, 843-3868, so we can schedule times together and determine topics of interest



As always,

David

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Adult Choir is changing its rehearsal night to **WEDNESDAY!** First rehearsal is September 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

Choir members are participating with other diocesan singers to provide music for the Presiding Bishop's visit on September 12. If you would like to join us for that event, please come Wednesday, September 2nd. **All are welcome.**

Our Society and the Episcopal Church

One of my favorite phrases and images is, “we live in an accelerated society.” We live in a time where we are constantly confronted with change. We are often challenged to look at new models of thinking and acting before we have acclimatized ourselves to current situations. As noted many times, our society has experienced more change (evolution) in the last fifty years than the rest of history combined. These changes are everywhere. The result of this post-modern reality is that many feel ungrounded, or confused. Many feel a lack of certainty, and many have difficulty living with ambiguity. In this time of great social shifting, which some call turmoil, many seek a touchstone or anchor that seems unchanging, and offers both a firm foundation and comfort of the past, and security. Many in western society, for obvious reasons, chose the church! The church, however, was not immune to change.

In the last fifty years, the Episcopal Church adopted a new Book of Common Prayer and a new Hymnal. The church saw women on church vestries, and then in time, standing at the Lord’s Table. The Episcopal Church saw a shift from Morning Prayer to Holy Communion being the typical Sunday worship service. There was a shift where we reestablished the sacrament of Baptism as the focus of faith. The catch phrase being – “we all have baptismal ministries.” This was a shift away from ministry being defined as something undertaken only by the ordained. The Episcopal Church saw Confirmation shift from being a teenage rite of passage to being more a deliberate celebration aimed at young and older adults. While less visible, we saw a slow shift of clergy being perceived and acting as servant-leaders, to being perceived and treated as professionals. The Bachelor of Divinity degree evolved to the Master of Divinity. Clergy were, and are expected to undertake training in clinical pastoral care. There was a subtle shift from clergy being perceived for “who” they were – agents of God and Jesus Christ, to being evaluated on how well they fulfill their ministry. Hence, a significant shift in the image of accountability. While clergy continue to be accountable to a Bishop and to God, they are now much more accountable to their people!

These are substantive changes. However, I would to say that while we have made these significant shifts in thinking, acting, polity etc., that we are lagging behind societal changes! For example, we develop a mythical tool and measure societal changes and say, “North American society has changed 187% since 1970.” And, if we then applied that “tool” to the Episcopal Church we would discover that we changed only 123%.” In other words, despite major shifts within the church, the gulf between the church and society continues to widen. It is no wonder that Christianity is being increasingly marginalized by secular society. In turn, mainline churches, such as ours, are becoming increasingly marginalized by Western Christianity.

One consequence of the great societal shifts embracing Western Society is that with the rapid and constant flow of changes, we are beginning to approach matters with polarized views. Rather than spend time dealing with issues, we observe or adhere to more extreme views than any time in history. With polarized entrenched views the ability to compromise, to debate and to spend time with issues becomes reduced.

In the Episcopal Church, we openly deal with the issue of gay bishops. We openly address matters of same sex relationship. Some see these as issues dividing the Episcopal Church. I would counter these views and respond by saying those are topics we chose to fight, but in fact they are the visible, lightening rod issues, in the bigger picture of societal reform. We need to be aware of the bigger picture, of polarization, and the changing, evolving world, before we can appropriately or fairly address individual topics. We must be aware that more binds us together as a community in Jesus Christ, than issues that pull us apart.

Scripture Reading for September

September 6	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Psalm 125	James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
September 13	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
September 20	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 1	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
September 27	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	Psalm 124	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

RECENT ATTENDANCE

July 5	8:00 a.m. - 35	10:00 a.m. - 77	10 a.m. - Wed. - 11
July 12	8:00 a.m. - 35	10:00 a.m. - 65	10 a.m. - Wed. - 9
July 19	8:00 a.m. - 29	10:00 a.m. - 66	10 a.m. - Wed. - 14
July 26	8:00 a.m. - 27	10:00 a.m. - 70	10 a.m. - Wed. - 15
August 2	8:00 a.m. - 35	10:00 a.m. - 55	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12

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a newsletter by and for the St. Andrew's
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NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
each week is **Wednesday 8 a.m.**

Deadlines for 2009 NET X WORK

September 14th for October newsletter

October 12th for November newsletter
November 9th for December newsletter

Please mark your calendars.

****NEW INFORMATION****

God's Master Class- 3rd Friday of every Other Month Plan now to attend all or one.
First session

***Friday September 18th, 6:30-9pm in the Great Hall: Painting

Nov 20th- Music

Jan 15th- Literature

March 19th- Culinary

May 21st- Poetry

New Adult (YAC and up), evening, Lay-led Christian Studies of the Arts.
Our mission is to have participants bring along those Art inspirations (Music, art, literature, etc.) that have brought them closer to God.

Webster defines A master class as a class given to students of a particular discipline by an expert of that discipline—usually music, but also painting, drama, or any of the arts. Within this series God will be the expert within our own personal faith journey.

This group will not involve agendas, pledges, planning, or budgets.
Just fellowship, friendship and most of all a reverence and worship of Christ's majesty.
Attendance will be fluid with everyone welcome at any time.

Guests are encouraged

****Childcare available with Magali 6:30-9pm

If interested, please contact Jennifer Fimiani (jfimiani@epix.net)

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**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 40th 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.

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

Diocesan Mission Statement

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

Diocesan Web Site - 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.

**St. Andrew's Web Site -
www.standrewsyork.org**

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 when you move,
change e-mail address or phone numbers.
We like to have our records as accurate as
possible.

ECW Notes & News

The summer is almost over and it is time to get
back in the swing of things. The September ECW
meeting will be on September 9th at 1:00. Lou-
Rene Myers and Edna Douglas are in charge of
this meeting. It will be a time to get organized and
make plans for the coming year. Don't forget to put
these dates on your calendars:

Sept 9 - 1st meeting

Sept. 25th – 27th Cape May Retreat,

October 14th – October meeting,

October 17th – Sauerkraut and pork supper

(more details soon)

Dec. 6th – Christmas Wine & Cheese Party

See you on the 9th!

PARISH MILESTONES

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

Morris (Flop) Flohr
Westmoreland Rehabilitation & Health Care
2400 McKinney Blvd.
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

As of August 13th:
Pat & Dina Ishler
1329 Firestone Road
Lititz, PA 17543
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Pets and Disaster

Red Cross disaster shelters cannot accept pets because of states' health and safety regulations and other considerations. Service animals that assist people with disabilities are the only exception. It may be difficult, if not impossible, to find shelter for your animals in the midst of a disaster, so plan ahead. Do not wait until disaster strikes to do your research. Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting

pets and restrictions on number, size and species. Ask if "no pet" policies could be waived in an emergency. Keep a list of "pet friendly" places, including phone numbers, with your other disaster information and supplies. If you have notice of an impending disaster, call ahead for reservations. Ask friends, relatives or others outside the affected area whether they could shelter your animals. If you have more than one pet, they may be more comfortable if kept together, but be prepared to house them separately.

Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency; include 24-hour phone numbers. Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets in a disaster. They may be overburdened caring for the animals they already have as well as those displaced by a disaster, so this should be your last resort.

*September
Birthdays*

02 - Eleanor Benica
03 - Morris Flohr, Sr.
03 - Shelly Metzler
05 - John Mann
08 - Lou-Rene Myers
08 - Kayla Fyfe
09 - David Myers
11 - Kathleen Reardon
11 - Dolores McBride
12 - Margaret Arcieri
13 - Victoria Clark
13 - Harry Cooper
15 - Kyle Mueller
15 - Paul Hoeft
17 - Charlene Leigh-Koser
17 - Kyle Chamberlin
21 - Heather Cook
21 - Anthony Tobor
24 - Jill Tate-Dixon
24 - Tim Mackin
25 - Katelyn Dixon
26 - John Bracher
28 - Roberta (Lang) Arnesen
28 - Erin Kline
28 - Sheresa Simpson-Rice
29 - Harry Snell IV

If your birthday is not listed,
please call Neita.

*September
Anniversaries*

02 - Howard & Anna Rice
03 - Patrick & Elle Fleming
03 - Philip & Eilynne Blaker
04 - Michael & Jennifer Pison
05 - Paul & Yvette Weber
06 - Mike & Karen Rutter
09 - Ralph & Jill Dixon, Jr.
15 - Walter & Joan Dallas
17 - Bill & Roberta Campbell
18 - Jeff & Dianne Newman
22 - Blair & Kristen Nowak
30 - Ken & Robin Chamberlin

If your anniversary is not listed,
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**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

ITEMS NEEDED

To put together the Godly Play II new All Saints series, I am hoping to have some assistance collecting the following items. Please drop me an email or call me to let me know if you are able to donate any of the following items. (They will not be returned) All items should be no larger than a 5x7 index card in order to fit in the basket.

Silk Flowers: Crocus, Lily, Red Rose, Pine Tree, Pear

Animals: Ox, Dove, Donkey, Donkey

Cloth items: Tapestry

Glass: Boat, Bridge, Stone building, Abby Church

Wood items: 2 books, Sheherd's Staff, 3 leaf clover, 4 photo cards, bed

Misc: Morter/Pestle, Hazelnut, Cross pin, Crystal, small bowl, Christ Child in Manager, Wrapped Box

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Rites of passage are less a part of our culture than in the past, but no less necessary, in order to encourage us on a road toward full realization of who God means for us to be. **Rite 13**, the first two-year segment of St. Andrew's six year course for teens entitled, The Journey to Adulthood, sets as one of its primary goals to highlight the teens at or near their thirteenth birthday with a Rite in the church called a Celebration of Manhood or Womanhood. Now is when they need our help to transition from childhood to a new stage, where they think more critically, process information and begin to make choices on their own. The choice that we pray they make for themselves is to have a personal relationship with Christ that is less about what mom, dad, grandma or grandpa have and is more about a friendship they nurture or begin with a never-failing friend named Jesus. Additionally, this group will spend time getting to know one another and hang out together, sharing their faith and serving God and His church, in hopes of making life long Christian friends. We will kick off our year with a swim party on Sunday, September 13th at 1 pm at the home of one of our leaders, Crystal Murphy. Anyone entering sixth or seventh is are welcome to join us. Bring a swim suit and towel and anyone who might like to join our group. Parents are encouraged to come as well to meet the leaders and check out all the things we have planned over the next two years.

In Him,
Robin Chamberlin
Charlie Hoopes
Crystal Murphy
Blair Nowak