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From the Rector's Desk



Dear Friends,

I would like to bring three items to your attention. Two of these items deal with liturgies and the third, with a program on spirituality and learning.

Recently the Worship and Music Committee discussed and supported the use of two liturgies to help us in our individual and corporate spiritual development. The first liturgy will take place June 27th and the second on October 10th.

On June 27th, we will use a Celtic Liturgy for Holy Communion. On October 10th we will add a Liturgy of Healing to the celebration of Holy Communion. We will use the healing liturgy we use on the first Wednesday of the month.

Celtic Worship

Providing some background on Celtic spirituality and worship is necessary. We do not know the origin of Christianity in Britain. One ancient "urban legend" says that Joseph of Arimathea, the man who gave his new tomb to be the tomb of Our Lord, traveled with the "Holy Grail" (the cup used at the Last Supper) to England following the resurrection. Another "urban legend" states that a young Jesus traveled to England with his "uncle Joseph of Arimathea." William Blake describes this in a short poem, which was later put to the hymn tune "Jerusalem," and called, "And did those feet in ancient time." It is one of the most common hymns used in English schools and churches.

As noted, the origin of Christianity in Great Britain is obscure. When Rome sent Augustine to England in 597, Celtic Christians met him. At that time, they largely centered in northern

England, Scotland and Ireland. Within a few years of his arrival, Augustine had evangelized enough people in southern England that there were sufficient congregations to form a diocese. Hence, he was appointed as the first English bishop. The role of the bishop was to look after the needs of the diocese and the congregations.

In time, Augustine was appointed as the first English archbishop (an archbishop has authority over diocesan bishops). For some time, Roman Catholicism and Celtic Christianity coexisted. However, by 664, the relationship between these two streams of Christianity was quite unsettled.

To resolve the difference between these streams of Christianity, a synod of church leaders was called. This meeting was held in the city of Whitby. After much effort, the two differing dates the churches gave to Easter were resolved. Rome won. Another greatly discussed issue concerned the proper form of "tonsure." In other words, much conversation about the hair style of monks took place. Rome won.

Another significant decision was that Catholicism would become the church in northern England and that "see city," the bishop's home, would be moved to York. Clearly, the highly structured and well-organized Roman church that expected conformity and uniformity in all matters largely replaced the scattered and less organized Celtic church.

Despite being overwhelmed by the Roman church, remnants of Celtic worship and spirituality remained in England, Scotland and particularly in Ireland.

In recent decades, many have rediscovered Celtic spirituality and liturgy. In part, we might

say this resurgence is a reaction to traditional Roman and Episcopal thinking and liturgies. Whereas Roman thinking (which is our foundation!) focused on Original Sin, Celtic thinking focused on Original Blessings.

In the 6th century, the Roman church grew because it offered people an authoritarian, hierarchical, male-dominated, highly rational, legalistic model rooted in very controlling structure. (In my opinion, the need for this model of ministry ended centuries ago, and yet, sadly, still exists).

Conversely, Celtic spirituality was much more inclusive and addressed harmony of humanity and nature. Celtic spirituality says that all creation is sacred, and that creation is a teacher that leads us to God. Celtic spirituality weaves images addressing the head, the heart and the soul together. Celtic spirituality, in my view, seems to address wholeness more than other Christian traditions. Furthermore, Celtic spirituality continues to embrace art, holiness and love of learning. These Celtic attributes continue. These Celtic images are being “rediscovered” because they clearly are meeting a great need for people. People are searching for wholeness and a desire to be re-connected with the earth.

On Sunday, **June 27th**, at **both services**, we will use a Celtic Worship service. I look forward to sharing this experience with you. It is my hope that this liturgy will touch people. It is my hope that people will take the bulletin home and take time to read the service at their leisure.

A Liturgy of Healing

On October 10th we will add a Liturgy of Healing to the Holy Communion services. The liturgy we will use will be our Wednesday liturgy of the Laying-on-of-Hands. We may include anointing as part of this ministry, but this matter is still being considered. We are looking into the possibility of having a time to provide some instruction for our children. There are many views of healing. At St. Andrew’s, in

our healing Liturgy we have a wonderful phrase that “*God always heals, but that we are not always cured.*” In my opinion, this represents a healthy view of the relationship between God and us. Sadly, some feel that if we pray hard enough or have enough faith we will be cured! In this and other views, we unconsciously define God to do our will and to respond to our desires. A Healing Liturgy, in my view, should represent an opportunity to quietly, privately, in public worship, share a word of need, and in response, to hear a word of God’s care. Like the Celtic Worship, I would be most interested to hear feedback on these liturgies.

Spirituality and Learning

This September, I intend to undertake a unique project. We have applied to the Templeton Foundation (\$16,000) and the diocese (\$1,000) to assist with costs. We will adapt this project according to funding. This project, as noted in the last newsletter, represents a foray into a realm rarely undertaken in the church today - research on people’s spirituality.

Through a variety of tools, such as quiet, “talking stick sharing,” peer review, journal keeping, reflections, and a two-hour weekly meeting, 7 - 10 adults will commit to a six-week program. Each participant will write an opening reflection. At the close of the program, an ending reflection will be written. We will look at the similarities and differences in these documents. We will look at phrases people use when they describe how their spirituality helps them learn. Instead of an instructor “telling” or giving information, the group “shares” with each other insights and learned insights. The focus is not on gaining knowledge, but on developing wisdom.

If you think you may be interested in being a participant, please call me.

As always,

David +

Last month, a request was made to please look around to see if you have Rob Bell's, *"Everything is Spiritual"* DVD. If you have this wonderful presentation, just leave the disc in the office or some visible place.

Many thanks, David

SOME SUNDAY DATES TO REMEMBER

June	06	Shift from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
June	06	Baptism
June	27	Celtic Worship
July	11	Baptism
Sept	12	Shift from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Oct	03	Blessing of the Animals
Oct	10	Holy Communion with Healing
Oct	17	Stewardship Sunday



The Tree of the Spirit

You may have noticed an empty tree has grown on the bulletin board outside the Great Hall. This tree will help us visualize the gifts of the spirit which are offered each day by the members of Saint Andrew's.

How will it work? Take a blank leaf and write a note of thanks but do not sign it. For example: "Thank-you Judy Alwine for your continued support of the Summer Bags for Phineas Davis."

Why are we doing this? To communicate with a grateful heart the gifts of time and talent inspired by our Lord.
Jennifer Fimiani



Music Notes

- **Summer Is Here! Anyone who would like to offer special music during the 10 a.m. worship service, please contact Susan.**
- **Thank you to all the choir members who participated in the Diocesan Convention.**
- **Thanks to all who shared in the music program throughout the year.**

Please Note:

Sunday's second service moves to 10:00 a.m. for the summer months, beginning June 6th. On September 12th we return to the 10:30 a.m. time.

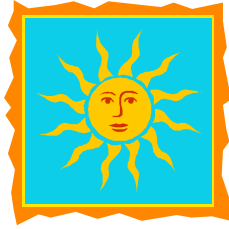


ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held Saturday, July 10th from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the home of Lou-Rene Myers. This is a covered dish picnic so bring your favorite dish. Soda, meat, and beer are furnished. Also bring a lawn chair and bathing suit if you wish to swim. Sometimes there is a pick up softball or baseball game, so bring your ball, glove, and bat.

Come and enjoy a great afternoon with both the 8 and 10 o'clock folks.

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Summertime Fun for Phineas Davis First-Graders

We have about a week remaining to collect the items we need for our first graders at Phineas Davis. Your support of this annual outreach project has been fantastic! Our collection will continue through Wednesday, June 2nd. If you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are being accepted. A committee member will gladly do the shopping for you. There are always last minute items that need to be purchased to complete the bags.

Here are some additional ways you can be involved in this project:

- Monday June 7th at 10:00 a.m. - organizing the items for packing
- Tuesday June 8th at 7:00 p.m. - filling the bags
- Thursday June 10th at 10:00 a.m. - delivering the bags to the students

If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the sheets provided in the display area. Each requires about a 1½-hour time commitment.

Your generosity is always heartwarming. Thank you for helping to make this outreach project a success.

Judy Alwine
Summer Bag Project Coordinator

Stewardship Message

Pledging as Spiritual Decision:

Making a pledge should be primarily a spiritual decision, reached after careful and prayerful thought. Our decisions about pledging should reflect central parts of our spiritual life – about feeling and showing joyful thanksgiving for God's grace. A pledge is a glad offering of a portion of our wealth to doing God's work. It is a reflection of having faith that we can give generously and not suffer want ourselves.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. (Psalm 3:9-10)

Stewardship Committee



Dear Members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$70.55 to the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania for Operation Understanding. Your gift is valuable to us as we reach out to the disenfranchised and underserved sector of our diocese, especially in these challenging economic times when the need is so tremendous.

Operation Understanding provides grants to churches that are actively involved in outreach ministries. Your donation will be used to support programs that feed, clothe, and provide shelter and energy assistance to people in need, as well as be used to support children's programs.

Thank you for your gracious support. May the peace of God abundantly bless you all.

Faithfully yours,

Nancy Forgang
OU Commission

P.S. The OU Commission appreciates your support. Blessings to all at St. Andrew's!



Jenn Fimiani and I would like to thank everyone for their support in the recent **"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes"** event. The walk was for the benefit of the YWCA Victims Assistance Program. Thank you for sponsoring David as he walked a mile in Charlene Leigh-Koser's shoes. We raised \$262.00 from St. Andrew's. Total raised was \$20,000. There were approximately 160 walkers in a variety of boots and shoes. The highest heel was 5 1/2" - David's were much shorter!
—Lynn Robson

ECW Update

The Episcopal Church Women gathered for their year-ending meeting Wednesday, May 12 with planning for the upcoming year which begins Wednesday, September 8. Edna Douglas opened our meeting with prayer and readings. There were no minutes available from the previous meeting, but known goings-on were shared.

Priscilla McCaw-Jack provided the Treasurer's Report. ECW contributed over half of its funds for a necessary plumbing bill for St. Andrew's. This led to suggestions for necessary fund raisers in the coming year. Also in the coming year, ECW's gatherings will be on the coming Master Calendar. A sign-up sheet began its circulation for September 2010 through May 11, 2011. This will be available for continuing meeting sign-ups in the ECW Notebook.

Our guest for this day was our organist, Susan Stiller, who joined us to tell us about her and Nancy Bush's recent trip to France. Exploring the areas planned and meeting the friendly people was the initial part. Then she went into what they did when their day to return home was at the beginning of the "no flights out" catastrophe. We thank you, Susan. And now Episcopal Church Women will move on to another year.

—Norma Bankenstein



Scripture Reading for June

June 6 th	1 Kings 17:8-24	Psalm 146	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
June 13 th	1 Kings 21:1-21a	Psalm 5:1-8	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
June 20 th	1 Kings 19:1-15a	Psalm 42 & 43	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 27 th	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14	Psalm 77:1-2,11-20	Galatians 5:1,13-25	Luke 9:51-62

RECENT ATTENDANCE

April 18	8:00 a.m.	28	10:30 a.m.	111	10 a.m. – Wed.	14
April 25	8:00 a.m.	43	10:30 a.m.	106	10 a.m. – Wed.	15
May 2	8:00 a.m.	34	10:30 a.m.	74	10 a.m. – Wed.	16
May 9	8:00 a.m.	40	10:30 a.m.	104	10 a.m. – Wed.	18
May 16	8:00 a.m.	34	10:30 a.m.	118	10 a.m. – Wed.	11

Outreach To Shriner's Children's Hospitals

Thank you for your continuing efforts in bringing in soda, iced tea and beer cans to us to recycle. The cans are driven to a local recycling plant, which gives us money. St. Andrew's holds the money until we cut a check to the hospital. When we recycle the entire can, the aluminum is worth far more than just the tab. AND we do not have to pay the freight to ship the tabs to the hospital. It's a win-win situation. Please deposit your cans in the large container by the door as you go to the undercroft in the library area. They are taken away several times a week. Thank you for your help.

Altar Flowers

The following Sundays are available for the Altar Flowers.

August 1
August 8

The cost is \$30.00 per week.

If you are interested please call the church office at 843-3868 or check the signup sheet posted outside the Parish Office.

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

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

June Birthdays

If your birthday is not listed, please call the parish office.

01 - Lisa Drusedum
02 - Robert Wallace
03 - Ralph Myers
04 - Jacki Alling
04 - Greg Sipe
06 - Nancy Bush
06 - Max Francis
06 - David Robson
06 - Madelyn Strausbaugh
10 - Matthew Bracher
10 - James Clark, II
11 - Zarah Brooks
13 - Bert Myers
13 - Alan Hassett
13 - Taylor Crispo
14 - Jennifer Fimiani
14 - Mary Oliver
15 - Ridge Prettyman
19 - David Sipe
19 - Melissa Copenhaver
20 - Charles Baker
20 - William Lightner, Jr.
20 - Malcolm Schetky
20 - Carla Snell
21 - Samuel Galvin, Jr.
21 - Mark C. Tomchany
25 - June Zerbe
26 - Lora Nowak
27 - Steven Michael
27 - Bob Sutton
28 - Anna Rice
28 - J. Westley Heinle
30 - Fred Stevenson

June Anniversaries

If your anniversary is not listed, please call the parish office.

03 - Richard & Roberta Arnesen
06 - Bill & Rosemarie Drusedum
11 - Joseph & Lisa Gandy
11 - Jack & Darlene Ferguson
16 - Timothy & Leigh Dalton
20 - Scott & Miranda Weaver
20 - Frank & Rosalie Youkers
22 - Sallie & Stephen Francis
26 - Tim & Anne Mackin
27 - James & Pamela Copenhaver
27 - Gary & Penny Dixon
27 - Dwight & Amy Hare
28 - Frank & Roselie Sommer
28 - John & Ruth Barrett

We share in the joy and celebration of Maura and Tom Duffy upon the birth of their son,
Joseph Smith,
born Tuesday, May 4, 2010.
Joseph is the baby brother of Tommy and Michael.



Please contact the office with any address or phone number changes.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. David J. Robson, *Rector*
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 Attendant*
Gregory Sipe, *Sexton*
Nancy Bush, *Senior Warden*
Philip Blaker, *Junior Warden*
Susan Reardon, *Clerk of Vestry*
Andy Krebs, *Treasurer*
Al Hassett, *Financial Secretary*
Paula Beever, *Parish Secretary*

Vestry Members

Philip Blaker
Leigh Dalton
Jenn Fimiani
Lou-Rene Myers
Alyce Peiffer
Dan Rooney
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NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline

Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

June 15th for July newsletter
July 15th for August newsletter

Please mark your calendars.