

NET WORK

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From the Rector's Desk



Dear Friends,

Ah, the monthly newsletter! Some months I have many ideas, and I must choose one. Some months, I have no ideas, but I must find one! Some months the writing comes easily. Some months the writing is laborious. Likewise, in some months I write about St. Andrew's. In other months, I write about the broader church or on perspectives on how we might view the world or our faith.

Sometimes the newsletter article is long, and sometimes it is short. Some months I write one newsletter article. In other months, I sometimes write an article but end up feeling it is not right and thus write a second article.

This month is a month when after sorting through many ideas I began writing a long laborious article. After some effort, I felt that the article did not feel like a good fit. I was writing on how I think we need to reconsider some images of Lent such as the depravity of humanity and images of the divine right of the church to hold control and power over people. While the writing helped me form and shape some thoughts, the article felt clumsy. It felt clumsy because I wondered how could I give these images a fair overview in less than a page. I discovered I could not. As I wrote, I pondered if a written article was the right forum. After some time, I came to the conclusion, it was not the right forum.

As I sorted through these various thoughts, I realized I was making adjustments. I was discerning the situation. This is a reality of faith. This is a reality of life. We need to discern; we to make adjustments. Just as we adjust to living with massive snow falls, we are called to discern and adjust our faith, in liturgy and in our theological thinking.

In fact, Lent is a period in which we look at discernment and adjustments! Lent asks people to consider repentance (which means, "turn back" or "turn around.") Lent is a time we step into the rawness of faith. Lent is a time when we look into ourselves and attempt to discern how to live, how to relate to ourselves, to relate to God and to relate with each other.

As always,

David +



On Sunday March 7th, Father Fred Stevenson will visit St. Andrew's. Recently, Fr. Fred left our church because he was offered a position at a Lutheran congregation in Hanover that offered Fred more hours a week than St. Andrew's. I hope many will take advantage of this opportunity to meet and greet Fred. With Fred preaching and celebrating at the 10:30 a.m. service, I will use this opportunity to spend time with our youth.

David

Wednesday Evenings in Lent The Episcopal Churches in York 2010 Theme

*The New Testament:
An Historical Introduction
by Bart Ehrman*

Bart Ehrman is a highly regarded academic who can convey complex thoughts and images in clear images and in common language. We will listen and react to five 30 minutes presentations.

The Wednesday evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with a light meal. Please bring a salad or bread; soup is provided. We provide child care.

February 24 St. Andrew's
What is the New Testament:
The Early Christians and Their Literature

March 03 St. John the Baptist
The World of Early Christian Traditions

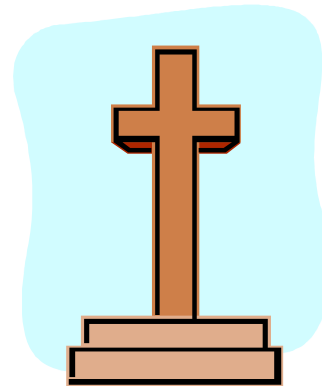
March 10 St. John the Baptist
The Tradition of Jesus in Their Greco-Roman Context

March 17 St. Andrew's
The Christian Gospels:
A Literary and Historical Introduction

March 24 St. Andrew's
Jesus, the Suffering Son of God:
The Gospel according to Mark

Last year, we purchased DVD's called NOOMA. These 23 DVD's which are 10 to 15 minute "talks" are proving to be very popular. The talk is given in a manner that invites us to be inquisitive about faith matters.

If you have DVD's that you are finished with, please return them so they can be passed on to someone else. If you are still using the DVD's please let Father David know which ones you have.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Worship Survey we asked: *In Lent, when should we hold the liturgy of the Stations of the Cross?* There were many diverse responses. However, many leaned towards early Friday evening. In response to these suggestions, we will hold Stations of the Cross on the following dates:

February 26 March 12
March 05 March 19
March 26
all at 5:30 p.m.

Lent 2010

In response to feedback from the Worship Survey, we will hold **two Palm Sunday services**. For many years, Palm Sunday represented an opportunity for our two congregations to worship together and to share a common meal. However, in response to an apparent request, we will hold two services on The Sunday of the Passion, Sunday, March 28th, at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Also, in response to some requests, we will use Prayer 1 and the Prayer of Humble Access at the 8 a.m. service. At the 10:30 a.m. service, we will use Rite I during Lent. We rotate Rite I and Rite II at 10:30 a.m. on alternating years.



ECW NEWS! There's A Lot Going On

The February meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm(s).....let's all think SPRING!

The trip to see the snow geese on March 4th was cancelled.

The next event is the ECW indoor benefit yard sale on **Friday, March 12th and Saturday, March 13th**. Complete details are listed separately in this month's newsletter, but please remember to follow the instructions such as NO adult clothing accepted, and do not bring your donated items into church until the week of the sale. We need your support to make this event a BIG success. REMEMBER to sign up on the lists posted in the Great Hall. Lou-Rene Myers is in charge of the kitchen for the event so all questions concerning "food" should be directed to her. Please note: This is NOT the same yard sale we had talked about at our meeting that was to be held in May, but the yard sale on March 12th & 13th is replacing the one in May.

The **March meeting** will be held at our regular time on Wednesday, March 10th --- let's hope for no snow!!

The **spring retreat** will be held March 10th -12th at Camp Hebron. All women in the Diocese of Central PA are invited to attend this time of quiet meditation, learning & reflection. The program, entitled "Finding Our Way: Living Faithful in the midst of a Changing Church", will be lead by The Rev. Diane Hill. The program fee is \$150.00 which includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals (Single rooms add \$25.00). The deadline to register is March 1, 2010. A complete brochure is available in the church office.

The **April ECW meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 14th**. **All women of the parish are encouraged to attend this unique event.** We are planning a wonderful program called a "Chalk Talk" and we're hoping for a good turnout. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon. This is sure to be an inspirational program.

Also in April is the **Annual Gathering of the ECW from the entire Diocese**. On April 24th we will gather at St. Edwards Episcopal Church in Lancaster for a full day of "nurturing". There will be 2 workshops in the morning: one on nurturing your ECW and one on nurturing your spirit. Following Eucharist and lunch, our Keynote speaker will be Cass Jendzurski. She will present an informational program on "Songs for the Journey". Cass is a professional therapeutic musician and she coordinates a voluntary program that provides a source of comfort to those entering the last stage of life and their families. This promises to be a very unique and thought provoking program. The fee for the day (which includes a light breakfast, lunch and all the workshops) is \$20.00. Every woman in the parish is encouraged to attend. Registration forms will be available soon.

Alyce Peiffer



Don't Forget!!

ECW's Indoor Yard Sale/Bake Sale

Friday March 12th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday March 13th 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There are MANY wonderful items for sale. Please help by spreading the word to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

All proceeds benefit Dixie Heller to help defray Mark's medical expenses.



Easter Egg Fun!

Do you enjoy dying Easter eggs? If so, the Outreach committee has the perfect activity for you. On Monday, March 29th at 6:45 pm, St. Andrew's will be dying eggs with the residents of Pleasant Acres. Parishioners of all ages are invited to take part in this outreach opportunity.

If interested please sign up on the bright orange papers on the Outreach bulletin board in the Great Hall. Light refreshments with the residents will follow.

Interested in supporting this project, but can't help to dye the eggs? We're looking for volunteers to supply hard-boiled eggs and egg dye as well. There are sign up sheets for these opportunities on the Outreach bulletin board in the Great Hall.

Let's make this a memorable Easter for the residents at Pleasant Acres.

Questions? Contact Judy Alwine 846-0380

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More Outreach News

If you have room in your car and want to share God's ministry consider joining the York College car pool team. Contact Leigh Dalton to get on the list.

REMINDER: CHILI mmm mmm good. St. Andrew's provides chili the 2nd Monday of each month for *Our Daily Bread*. Any contributions would be appreciated.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's.

2010 Meeting Dates: August 19, 2010 and September 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's.



MUSIC NOTES

Last Epiphany Sunday was a glorious celebration. We thank the boys' handbell quartet and various percussionists for their contribution. The participants were Phil Rooney, William Reardon, David Sipe and Sam Rooney, handbells, with Kara Stambaugh, Terrence Kline and Lee Ann Reardon, percussion.

Lent brings us Rite I, silent processions and contemplative music. The end of the month culminates with Palm/Passion Sunday which begins with "Hosannas!" and ends with the crucifixion. Serious times.

A hymn that is filled with imagery connected with Jesus' ministry is the following one by James Quinn (b. 1919): Also, it has an interesting rhyme scheme and meter.

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and Love unending.

Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation, Saving word, the world restoring, speak to us, your Love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness; Deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness.

Be our Word, in pity spoken; heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's Love, one with him beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us, Word of life, with one bread feed us.

A Note of Thanks

St. Andrew's,

It was so nice of you and appreciated more than words can say! The prayers, phone calls, visits and cards for Roy during his illness and his memorial



Reverend Icilda McDonald, a recently retired priest from Jamaica, needs assistance getting to church. She lives in Jacobus. If you think you can help, please call the church office. Thank you.



Scripture Reading for March

March 7th	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 14th	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 21st	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
March 28th	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56

RECENT ATTENDANCE

January 24	8:00 a.m. – 35	10:30 a.m. – 152	10 a.m. – Wed. – 14
January 31	8:00 a.m. – 28	10:30 a.m. – 111	10 a.m. – Wed. – 7
February 7	8:00 a.m. – 0	10:30 a.m. – 0	10 a.m. – Wed. – 0
February 14	8:00 a.m. – 23	10:30 a.m. – 100	10 a.m. – Wed. – 33; 6:30 p.m. - 20

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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

March Birthdays

If your birthday is not listed,
Please call the church office.

01 - Magali Blount
01 - Blair Nowak
03 - David Deliz
03 - Wanita Clark
04 - Dora Stogoski
04 - Alex Weinrich
04 - Melissa Bailey
05 - Timothy James (TJ)
Ross
08 - William Devitt
08 - Patrick Ishler
11 - Miranda Stanciu
12 - Barbara Tate
12 - Kitty Miller
13 - Lindsey Alling
14 - Beth Davis
15 - Carol Snell
15 - Lois Moul
16 - Kelly Ann Arcieri
16 - Brittany Connell
17 - Anna Hoeft
17 - Austin Stoner
18 - Alex Stoner
19 - Connor Blood
19 - Andrew Stoner
20 - Andy Tarburton
22 - Michael Drusedum
22 - Timothy Dalton
23 - Betty Heckel
23 - Helen Clifford
24 - Heidi Zinn
24 - Betsy Dunkel
25 - Stephen Manzella
25 - Eric Stambaugh
27 - Ann Stavely
27 - Arnold Ring
28 - Larry Oliver
28 - Emmaline Stanciu
28 - Laura Strausbaugh
29 - Jack Ferguson
29 - Marbie Tarburton
30 - Roy Heckel
30 - Ryan Davidson (Fritz)
30 - Ralph Dixon, Sr.
30 - Claire Beamesderfer
31 - Crystal Murphy

March Anniversaries

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

04 - Philippa & Charles Hiden
04 - Ralph & Emily Myers
05 - Norm & Connie Simons
11 - Robert & Ann Wallace
17 - Chuck & Barbara Hoopes
20 - Michael & Arieta
Beamesderfer
26 - Malcolm & Lois Schetky
31 - Arnold & Joan Ring

PARISH MILESTONES

Deaths

Harold J. Harmer
April 30, 1915 – February 13, 2010

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
Harry Snell, III
Ed Stogoski
Tom Watt

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NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

March 15th for April newsletter
April 15th for May newsletter

Please mark your calendars.



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