

NET WORK

The parish newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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From the Rector's Desk



Dear Friends,

From time to time I step outside the office and observe the children and parents across the street at Phineas Davis Elementary School. I see most children arrive full of excitement and laughter, and much noise. A few arrive looking grumpy. At the end of the school day I see most of the children leave still full of joy excitement and noise. Some children leave school looking grumpy.

When I observe parents, I see other emotions. Many emanate happy although more subdued dispositions. Sadly, some seem to be angry, bored. This situation can likely be replicated at many schools. This situation is endemic throughout society, and begs the question - when do we begin to lose our flair and zest for life?

There are many factors involved in this reality. I would hazard a guess and suggest that through various disappointments and hurts, and a lifetime of living we may find our joy dampened. In other words, accumulated pain may hinder our zest for life. Sometimes, single significant events like the death of a spouse, job loss, etc., may be significant factors that turn "blue days" into "blue weeks or months." Both scenarios are real and contribute to sadness.

There are internal and external and factors that contribute to our loss of flair and zest for life. Sometimes we have control over factors, and sometimes they are beyond our

control. For example, the national financial crisis affects everyone.

For many years, financial institutions rode the merry-go-round of profits and growth. Some institutions began to take greater risks in order to make more profit. Then the merry-go-round stopped and many who had banked on the future to cover today's expenses crashed. The result is many, if not most Americans', are now cautious about making financial decisions.

In scripture, there are many stories of people feeling overwhelmed, "blue," and at odds with themselves, at odds with their community, and at odds with God. Sometimes the characters never get past feeling sorry for themselves. Sometimes those greatly overwhelmed take a risk and seek God. The wonderful story of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' robe is an example of one reaching for restoration. This small but wonderful story is inserted in a longer story. It is inserted in the story of Jesus on his way to see the daughter of Jairus who was thought to be dying. When Jesus arrived at the home he was told that it was too late and that the young girl had died. Jesus proclaimed that she was only resting and raised her. In this case, Jesus reached out to one in need. These stories are found Luke 8:40-53.

Clearly, we can journey to Jesus, and Jesus journeys to us. A healthy spiritual life includes journeying to Jesus in times of despair, and times when the zest and joy of life seems lacking. A healthy spiritual life also means journeying to Jesus when life is grand.

People take different paths when seeking Jesus. Some people make their journey to Jesus a daily ritual. Others seek Jesus when times are tough. But all need to hear, that no matter what route we take, Jesus is always beside us on the road of life. This is something I think people forget all too often.

We live in a time of TMI (too much

information) coupled with too little time. These factors, and an expansive list of internal and external pressures often push our spiritual side aside! Yet, it is our spiritual side that can help all of us cope with life, when the zest and zeal of life seem dismissed.

One wonderful tool that all can utilize when one feels sad or when one feels joy, means making and taking time to pray. I follow a simple routine. I sit in quiet. I think of people, situations and events that are affecting me and affecting others. I quietly think of these petitions. I quietly hold each item in prayer. And then I let go (at least for a short time!). And I feel refreshed, renewed, and encouraged. I feel thankful that as a spoke in my head that God listened, that God cared, and that God would send me support and perhaps ideas to solve or assist the various needs I identified. When I follow this routine, I find my zest and zeal restored.

David

FR. FRED AND ST. BENEDICT'S

At long last Fr. Fred and St. Benedict's have a signed contract. As Interim Missioner Fred has specific duties and functions. With the contract in place we are better able to develop a plan for how Fred can be utilized at St. Andrew's. In part, we will work on a visitation schedule.

Today, the diocese, some people from St. John the Baptist, York, Fr. Lovelace and myself are supplying leadership support for St. Benedict's. Our own Deacon Carol Snell and Charlie Hoopes are offering liturgical support.

Recently, Fred and I met and discussed some projects he may desire to look at offering the good people of this new mission. One idea was that he offer a couple of evenings entitled:

"The Episcopal Church and the Book of Common Prayer"

This effort would help many in that congregation learn what it means to belong to our denomination, and learn about the Book of Common Prayer. This was a project we had discussed Fred undertaking at St. Andrew's. The two nights Fred will be sharing thoughts at St. Andrew's are:

**Monday, October 13
and
Monday October 20
7 PM**

PHINEAS DAVIS

First, our two recent projects for Phineas Davis,

and William Penn High School netted almost \$4400. Well done. Second, in a recent meeting with Principal Penn of Phineas Davis, I learned that there is a dire need for children's clothing. This fall, on some days of intense rain, a number of young children have arrived at school completely soaked. They need some back-up clothes for grades K through grade 2. For example, they need socks, underwear, track pants and tops. Please bring these items to our office. For this I thank you.

NEW STAFF

Last year, the Vestry, along with the support of the congregation decided to look for a person who be in the Nursery from 8 AM until Noon, and a 20 hour a week Children and Youth Director. Many people were involved in the process to fill these positions. Much effort was freely given. We are please to have Mrs. Shelia Kasey in place as our Children and Youth leader. I term this the **CandY** (Candy) job. Magali Blount looks after our youngest members. Please take a few moments to introduce yourself and to make them feel welcome in our midst.

WORSHIP SURVEY

Please take a few moments to address our worship needs by filling in the survey. Copies are available at the office.

**As always,
David**

PARISH MILESTONES

Change of address

Joseph & Lisa Gandy
700 Florida Ave.
York, PA 17404-3121

Lois Wilshere
3377 Fox Run Road #330
Dover, PA 17315-3705

**Join us in our work to help feed the hungry by
participating in the
York CROP WALK
Sunday, October 12, 2008
Beginning at the
Sovereign Bank Stadium**

Registration begins at 12:30 PM

The Walk begins at 1:30 PM

The walk will leave the stadium and go south on George Street to Princess Street, then west to the Rail Trail. We will walk south on the Rail Trail to the entrance to Regent's Glen and return for a total walking distance of 10K (6.2 miles).

There will be a Mini-Walk inside the stadium grounds for those who are unable to walk on the main route.

Walkers who have a commitment of \$250 or more from their
Sponsors will receive a free CROP Walk T-Shirt.

Last year they had 386 walkers who raised \$42,127. We were able to provide \$13,666 to 24 agencies and food pantries in the York area to feed the hungry.

This year's goal is 500 walkers and \$50,000.

We can help make it happen by getting more walkers from our church and getting more sponsors who will help to feed the hungry in the York Community, the United States, and in the world.

Contact Mary Jane Watt or Geri Oliver. Watch the bulletin for more details. Please give some prayerful consideration to walking or sponsoring a walker.



Scripture Reading for October



October 5	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
October 12	Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
October 19	Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
October 26	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

RECENT ATTENDANCE

August 10	8:00 a.m. - 38	10:00 a.m. - 80	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
August 17	8:00 a.m. - 32	10:00 a.m. - 68	10 a.m. - Wed. - 11
August 24	8:00 a.m. - 40	10:00 a.m. - 55	10 a.m. - Wed. - 17
August 31	8:00 a.m. - 36	10:00 a.m. - 68	10 a.m. - Wed. - 12
September 7	8:00 a.m. - 38	10:30 a.m. - 98	10 a.m. - Wed. - 14
September 14	8:00 a.m. - 32	10:30 a.m. - 130	10 a.m. - Wed. - 13
September 21	8:00 a.m. - 34	10:30 a.m. - 140	10 a.m. - Wed. - 17

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*October
Happy Anniversary*

- 6 - Kathryn & Hermann Singer
- 9 - 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.

**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**

October



Happy Birthday

- 02 - Eleanor Diehl
- 03 - Barbara Daugherity
- 03 - Daniel Rooney
- 03 - Nancy Rowley
- 04 - Kimberly Michael
- 04 - Matthew Hoeft
- 05 - Danielle Cox
- 05 - Donald Peiffer
- 06 - Alyce Peiffer
- 07 - Blake McBride
- 07 - Alma Rooney
- 07 - Elizabeth Stambaugh
- 08 - Hermann Singer
- 08 - Kelly Ann Saxmann
- 08 - Lawrence Zerbe
- 09 - Thomas Ishler
- 10 - Alexandra Jennings
- 11 - Shelia Kasey (new
Christian Ed Director)
- 12 - Zachary Cauchon
- 12 - Doug Alling
- 12 - Walter Dallas
- 13 - Meagan Chiepoor
- 13 - John Barrett
- 14 - Michael Rutter
- 15 - Judy Mueller
- 17 - Joseph Murphy
- 18 - Doris Schroll
- 18 - Rocco Arcieri
- 18 - Virginia Leigh
- 19 - Judith Alwine
- 19 - Savannah Garrett
- 20 - Lisa Gandy
- 22 - Lauren Dunkel
- 24 - Jessica Saxmann
- 26 - Richard Baker
- 26 - Elizabeth Noel
- 27 - Sara Repman
- 31 - Eric Mueller

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NOTICE

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

**Deadline for 2008
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October 13th for
November newsletter

November 10th for
December newsletter

December 8th for
January newsletter

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January 12th for
February newsletter

February 9th for March
newsletter

March 16th for April
newsletter

April 13th for May
newsletter

May 11th for June
newsletter

**Please mark your
calendars.**

RECIPES & REMEMBRANCES

Do you need a recipe for Cranberry Relish or Yammy Wammy Cake? We have just the resource. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church celebrated their Centennial year with numerous projects and events. This included a Centennial Cookbook filled with wonderful recipes.

Recipes were gathered from far and wide. Men, kids and friends of St. Andrew's joined the ladies of the parish to give us their favorite recipes. These were compiled, and grouped together, with a Church history as well as other pertinent Church information into the Centennial Cookbook titled: **Recipes & Remembrances.**

These make wonderful gifts for family and friends, and are a bargain for \$10.00. Copies of Recipes & Remembrances are available by contacting the Church office at 717- 843-3868.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

On September 10th ECW began another year with 15 women present. Lynn Robson, Connie Simons and Joan Kain had the responsibility for this month. Connie Simons opened with prayers and devotions. The meeting then began with its several ongoing ministries updated. Carol Snell reported that the Good Samaritan Fund is fulfilling its goal of providing financial assistance as needed thanks to the ongoing monies being donated into the Box on the Wall. The Prayer Chain continues to receive many requests. Upcoming events were planned, such as an upcoming tour of the Judicial Center and the ECW table at the Ministry Faire. Thanks to the talents of Connie Simons ECW will again have an afghan to put out for sale of chances. This money-raising event helps to cover our ministries. ECW has also contributed a basket to the Golf Tournament. After this part of reviewing, updating and planning we adjourned and were joined by Susan Stiller, our Organist. She presented a fascinating talk, with exhibits and playing of the piano, on the History and Development of our music and stories of chosen hymns and chants. THANK YOU, Susan. We also enjoyed scrumptious refreshments provided by our leaders for this month.

ECW gathers again October 8th at 1 p.m. under the leadership of Lou-Rene Myers and Edna Douglas. Mary Grace Shearer of the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg will be our guest and speaker. All women of St. Andrew's are invited.

Norma Bankenstein

OUTREACH PROJECT

With the Blessing of the Animals in Oct. our outreach at this time of the year is for the pets of York County. With the current economy we all know many of the shelters are running overfull and the pets placed there can use our help. Please check the list of items in the lobby for ideas to donate and between now and Oct 12th and bring something to be given to the local shelters. The animals thank you!

STEWARDSHIP GATHERING & PROGRAM

The vestry would like to invite everyone to our annual stewardship gathering on Sunday November 2, 2008. We will have one service at 9:30 AM and the lunch and program will be from 11 AM to 1 PM. The gathering will be a celebration of our accomplishment in paying off the debt on the Great Hall. The party will include people outside the congregation that were involved with the project. We will be inviting these folks as the date approaches and providing you with more details.

The luncheon/party will be a celebration of our accomplishment, everyone's accomplishment! We want to recognize how the Great Hall has allowed us to grow over the last several years. It will also be a time to start a conversation about our next vision. Lastly it will be a time to start thinking about your personal stewardship commitment for next year.

Stewardship pledge cards will be passed out at the luncheon and several people will speak about the stewardship campaign. We hope to have a preliminary budget to you soon so you can see the goals we are working toward. We respectfully request you start contemplating and praying about your financial commitment so we can collect the completed cards before December 1.

Please set aside this date and join our community for a moment of fun and commitment

From the Christian Education Director

Greetings and happy Autumn to all. It is indeed a pleasure to serve the people of God as Director of the children's and youth ministry. I look forward to working with the children and the youth. We also welcome Mrs. Magali Blount, Nursery Assistant. The Nursery hours are 7:45 a.m. – 12 noon. Snacks, drink and loving care are provided for your children. Parent volunteers are needed for the nursery. If you are interested see Miss Magali Blount.

Many activities will be forthcoming for the children and your. Watch for announcements in the church bulletin.

Stewardship

Encourage your child to bring an offering to Sunday School. We would greatly appreciate this act of faith. God loves a cheerful giver.

Sunday School Registration

Sunday School Registration got off to a good start. We welcome all new and returning students. Registration remains open to all parent's whose children who are interested in attending Sunday School. Registration forms are available in Miss Kasey's office.

CROP WALK

Calling all children and youth. Let's all take an active role and make this crop walk 100% participation. See you there Sunday, October 12, 2008 at the Sovereign Bank Stadium.

If you have any questions; concerns or suggestions my e-mail is kaseyshelia@hotmail.com or stop by the church office

HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE

It is time again for Saint Andrews to open up it's doors to the local community and host the popular Halloween Open House. We are again handing-out light up necklaces/candy and serving apple juice cookies/donut holes. A Basket will be placed in the Foyer to accept all donations, last year we served over 300 community kids and there families. Young and Old are welcome to us at 5pm on Friday, Oct 31st as we dress up the church in a welcoming fall festive fashion.

(Please no blood, guts or scarey decorations.) Please contact Jennifer Fimiani with any questions 843-9440.

THANK YOU'S

What a wonderful birthday celebration my children gave me. The Great Hall was beautifully decorated by Luther Wise and a delicious cake was given by Ivan Campbell. Festive Board supplied the wonderful food.

Many thanks to my many wonderful friends who came to celebrate on a very rainy, rainy day. Turning 70 isn't bad at all. I had a wonderful day.

Thanks and Love,
Lou Rene

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Thank you for your prayers and support following my recent surgery and recovery. All is going very well.

Ann Wallace

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Hello to all,

Sorry it has taken me so long to write and to thank everyone for their prayers & support. Life has been very chaotic here in Richmond. We are going through major life style changes and have to learn how to be a different kind of family. Hopefully, things will settle down in time (dogs and cats and three very different people will learn how to live together in harmony).

Larry is scheduled to begin working at a sheltered workshop, three days a week, starting in the middle of September. He has joined a Sunday School for special needs folks and just loves it. There is also a group that meets once a month for dances and social activities. This month there is a "Fall Frolic" and in October there will be a "Halloween Ball". Near Richmond, there is a camp for disabled folks which offers respite weekends and summer camp. Larry is excited about this and wants to try both options.

I have started back to work about three days a week. In addition, the legal requirements of closing Gail's small "estate" are time consuming and expensive (12% inheritance tax in PA); and, the paper work for Larry's services is overwhelming.

Pepper, the little poodle puppy, just got spayed. It didn't slow her down at all. Robbie, the boarder collie mix, hates the cats and they return the sentiment. Tom misses his peaceful life and stays busy with work. His adjustment seems the hardest.

Larry and I miss Gail every single day. She was the foundation of our family and grounded everything we did.

I have been humbled and uplifted by the out-pouring of love and support from each of you. Words cannot adequately express my thanks. I will never forget these true gifts of love.

Sincerely, Melissa Zerbe (Gail's sister)

