

# NET WORK

## The parish newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends,

This month, I wish to bring several matters to your attention.

### **Charlie Hoopes**

A few years ago, Charlie Hoopes began the path to become a vocational deacon. Vocational deacons are different from transitional deacons. Transitional deacons are those on the path of priesthood. Vocational deacons are ordained clerics who serve congregations or settings at the pleasure of the Bishop. In other words, it is the Bishop, and not clergy or congregations, that place deacons.

Charlie tackled his studies with great passion and unlimited faith. He overcame many obstacles. He approached all situations with great humility and the idea of serving people in the name of Jesus, to serve at the best of his ability. We should be proud of him.

This past week, Charlie and I met with Bishop Baxter to assess the needs of the greater church with the abilities and gifts Charlie brings to ministry. The ordination process is now over and Charlie will not be ordained. In part, the Bishop noted that Charlie cannot always juggle many situations at one time. This is a necessity in ministry. While Charlie does every task assigned to him with precision, the reality is that since his brain surgery he cannot focus on too many tasks at one time. The Bishop also noted that this reservation was in place for some time and the act of making a decision was constantly sidestepped because many hoped that Charlie would be able to eventually overcome this obstacle.

In this meeting, I told the Bishop that in my opinion, Charlie exudes a gift of humility. It is a gift sorely lacking in today's world. While some love to serve and let others know how well they serve, Charlie quietly goes about much loving ministry without fanfare or need for recognition.

As always, Charlie took this news with great faith and understanding. At the end of the meeting he asked for the Bishop's blessing.

While Charlie will not be ordained, he will continue to provide yeoman service to our shut-ins. As with all opportunities to undertake ministry, Charlie is enthusiastically preparing for his new effort as a volunteer chaplain at Memorial Hospital. This is a ministry Charlie and I have talked about for some time and which I fully endorse.

In the days ahead, please take a moment or two and let Charlie know that he is a good and faithful servant.

### **Phineas Davis**

As noted several times, this past year was a great year with "Hands Across Ogontz," and Phineas Davis Elementary School. First, we collected 170 mittens and scarves. Second, we have five dedicated readers who spend an hour or two a week helping young students read. And, we raised \$2700 for their library. On Friday, October 24 at 1:45 PM the school will have a fire drill. They will evacuate to St. Andrew's. At that time, in front of the student body we will present them with the check! Once again, the generosity of St. Andrew's shines. I am proud of our people.

### **Flu Season**

Flu season is upon us and we all need to take several actions. First, get a flu shot. If you are unable to arrange a flu shot with your family doctor, call the City Health Department and they can direct you to various locations. The York City Health Department even offers drive-thru flu shot clinics. Yes, you never leave your car. Second, as our mothers taught us, it is important to wash our hands! Clean hands greatly reduce the spread of germs. Perhaps you have noticed that I have a hand sanitizer at the Lord's Table and that I wash my hands several times each service. I strive to wash my hands after the Peace and prior to standing at the Lord's Table.

### **The Economy**

Today, many are rightly worried about the state of the economy. Much blame and finger pointing is taking place. However, in the middle of this situation, the reality is that our society allowed itself to get caught up in one the pivotal issues scriptures and history has long understood - greed.

As the great Roman philosopher, poet Horace stated, "He who is greedy is always in want". When times were good, many corporations, banks, etc. jumped on the merry-go-round and became mesmerized with profits. They never realized they were taking money and people were spending money that neither possessed. This is not a time to panic. A wise banker once told me, "the markets go up and the market goes down; it is a long race. Look down the road." It is not time to panic, it is time to go slowly, to assess your situation. It is time to learn how you can meet future needs.

#### **A Good Quote**

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But . . . the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" - Martin Luther King

As always,

David

#### **MEDITATION**

On Sunday, October 12, 2008 a short meditation was given at the end of the homily. It was offered as a tool to help pray and to deal with stress.

In order to prepare oneself for this exercise it is essential for you to find a quiet space. The elimination of excess noise helps people focus more clearly. Second, take several slow deep breaths. Breathe in slowly and exhale slowly. Repeat this several times. Many find sitting in a darkened room and with one's eyes closed very helpful.

**Be still and know that I am God.**

(Leave about 30 seconds of silence for meditation.)

**Be still and know that I am.**

(Leave about 30 seconds of silence.)

**Be still and know.**

(Leave about 30 seconds of silence.)

**Be still.**

(Leave about 30 seconds of silence.)

**Be.**

(Leave about 30 seconds of silence.)

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#### **How Do We Treat Newcomers in Church?**

Historically, the church treated newcomers to the faith in the following manner. Sadly, some churches still use this model.

**Behavior → Belief → Belong**

In this model a person must act "Christian" and believe as a Christian before being truly welcomed in the community of faith.

In recent decades another model emerged. This model is largely used by North American evangelical churches.

**Belief → Behavior → Belong**

In this model, one must believe in Jesus and then grow in an expectant prescribed manner. Then, with these seemingly to be in hand, one becomes part of the community.

The following model was used by Jesus needs to be recaptures by the church

**Belong → Belief → Behavior**

In this model all are welcomed. Everyone then moves that their own speed in developing their faith.

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#### **WORSHIP SURVEYS**

Have you completed and returned your worship survey? If not, please take the

## PARISH MILESTONES

### ***Change of e-mail address***

Alyce & Don Peiffer  
depadp@verizon.net

### ***In Celebration***

*United in Marriage*  
Katie Leigh &  
Andy Streeter  
October 4, 2008

### ***In Memoriam***

*In sure and certain hope of the  
Resurrection to Eternal Life*  
Hermann F. Singer  
10-8-1914 -- 10-6-2008

### ***Transferred Out***

Anne McLaughlin  
Debra Birchenough  
Kevin O'Donnell  
Sandra Aulbach

## NEW OFFICE LOCK

The lock on the office has been changed. If you need a key, please speak with Phil Blaker.

## DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Shelia Kasey, our director of children and youth ministries, has the following office hours:

Monday – Friday 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

## Wrong Motivation

One day, as my four-year-old son and I were walking to our car from Bible class, my son said to me, "Mom, I'm not going to sin anymore." You can imagine my joy at hearing this. Then I got to wondering why he said this, so I asked him. This was his answer: "Jesus said if you don't sin, you can throw the first stone, and I want to throw the first stone."

*"Love one another; as I have loved you." ---John 13:34*



## Scripture Reading for November



November 2	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
November 9	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	Psalm 78:1-7	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
November 16 30	Judges 4:1-7	Psalm 123	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-
November 23	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 100	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46
November 30	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

September 21	8:00 a.m. - 34	10:30 a.m. - 140	10 a.m. - Wed. - 17
September 28	8:00 a.m. - 30	10:30 a.m. - 138	10 a.m. - Wed. - 16
October 5	8:00 a.m. - 30	10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals - 50	
		10:40 a.m. - 50	10 a.m. - Wed. - 13
October 12	8:00 a.m. - 42	10:30 a.m. -100	10 a.m. - Wed. - 17
October 19	8:00 a.m. - 39	10:30 a.m. - 101	10 a.m. - Wed. - 15

### NET X WORK

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

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Alyce Peiffer  
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Paul Weber



*November  
Happy Anniversary*

- 11 - Daniel & Alma Rooney
- 13 - Hal & Jill Baker
- 15 - Harry & Carla Snell, IV
- 20 - Karl & Sheresa Rice
- 24 - Mark & Karen Platek

If your anniversary is not listed,  
please call Neita.

*November*



*Happy Birthday*

- 03 - Judith Richard
- 04 - Robert Deroche
- 05 - Mark Platek
- 06 - Luther Wise
- 07 - Ted Leigh
- 09 - Jessica Alling
- 09 - Doris Ropp
- 09 - Charles Miller
- 11 - Dorothy Devitt
- 12 - Doris Smits
- 12 - Joan Kain
- 13 - Matthew Arcieri
- 14 - Beth Cox
- 14 - Kristin Rutter
- 15 - Greg Ayers
- 16 - Lynn Robson
- 16 - Tom Watt
- 16 - Lee Ann Reardon
- 19 - Hannah Fyfe
- 20 - Bill Drusedum
- 23 - Margaret Jasitt
- 23 - Janet Fleming
- 24 - Steve Welty
- 24 - Paul Weber
- 27 - Philip Blaker
- 27 - Judd Smith
- 28 - John Quinn
- 29 - Mary Blood
- 30 - Norman Simons

If your birthday is not listed,  
please call Neita.

**NOTICE**

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

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**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](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.

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

**Deadline for 2008  
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November 10<sup>th</sup> for  
December newsletter

December 8<sup>th</sup> for  
January newsletter

**2009**

January 12<sup>th</sup> for  
February newsletter

February 9<sup>th</sup> for March  
newsletter

March 9<sup>th</sup> for April  
newsletter

April 13<sup>th</sup> for May  
newsletter

May 11<sup>th</sup> for June  
newsletter

**Please mark your  
calendars.**

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

On October 8<sup>th</sup> twelve women gathered to review ongoing ministries, plan others and for the pleasure of being together. Edna Douglas opened with readings and prayer. Lou Rene Myers was our leader for this month's meeting. Priscilla McCaw-Jack began with the Treasurer's Report. Joan Kain reported that the name of Gail Zerbe has been added to the Diocesan Memorial Book. Lou Rene Myers informed us of the funeral October 11<sup>th</sup> for Hermann Singer, ECW provided a lunch after the service. Deacon Carol Snell told us about the ECW retreat she and Mary Jean Wampler attended. She also reported how happy Bishop Rowley's wife was with the basket of St. Andrew's goodies ECW had given her. ECW had provided baskets for the Golf Tournament, which were "greatly appreciated". Soon tickets will be available for the raffle of the afghan made by Connie Simons at ECW's Christmas Party December 7. For this event, Deacon Carol is arranging for an entertainer for the children.

Deacon Carol updated us regarding our Diocesan ECW. Though there seem to be fewer active groups, there is still an active Governing Commission which will maintain contact via computer not mailing. Lou Rene offered to be the receiver. After more discussions and planning, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

After gathering refreshments provided by Lou Rene and Edna, we regathered with our guest presenter, Mary Grace Shearer from the Episcopal Home. St. Andrew's has had a longtime relationship with the residents. Mary Grace's presentation was on the facility established in 1927. She had set up a wonderful display of snapshots of individuals or 2 or 3 residents showing various creativity. She shared concerns for maintaining the Home, but so far, somehow, something enables it to do so. The physical and emotional needs among the residents vary, of course, but what she sees as so positive is their support and friendship for one another. We thanked Mary Grace for her time in raising our awareness of this ministry of our Diocese.

ECW gathers again November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. under the leadership of Deacon Carol Snell assisted by Ann Stavely and Delores McBride.

*Norma Bankenstein*

### **This and That - Information**

Several brochures have been added to the table by the entrance to the lobby. There is information on **Baptism**, a **marriage planner** and a **funeral planner**. If you are interested, please help yourself. There are also copies of **past newsletters**, the updated **phone directory**, and **listings for local social services**. **Outreach opportunities** are available through **World Vision**, **Episcopal Relief and Development**, and **organ and blood donation**. There are also **collection boxes for eyeglasses** for the Lions Club and **cell phones** for ACCESS York.

## CITRUS SALE

Florida Citrus is being sold to benefit the West End Local Link Food Pantry.

The WELL provides emergency food, formula and household products for needy persons in York County.

Naval oranges, tangelos, and grapefruit are available by the case or half case. There is also a half case mixture of navels and grapefruit or a 10 lb. bag of navels to order.

Order forms are on the table in the lobby. Please place your order by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Pick up dates are December 4, 5, 6. Orders will be at the Fire Station behind the Grandstand at the York Fairgrounds.

## THANK YOU

When we look into our pantries full of food it is difficult to comprehend that much of the world is not so fortunate. People everywhere, even in York, stumble through life hungry. This is especially true in times of economic decline. So it is with a thankful heart that we report a total of \$692.00 collected.

Thank you so much to all the generous people who contributed and/or walked in Crop Walk.

Sincerely,  
Mary Jane Watt &  
Gerri Oliver

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Thank you for your help and continued support of Our Daily Bread with your donation of \$109.75. Together we will make life a bit easier for those in need.

We greatly appreciate your generosity, as together we continue to help those in need in York County as we have been doing for 25 years!

The Soup Kitchen Staff  
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

## **FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

### **THANKSGIVING**

Happy Thanksgiving. We are truly blessed to be a part of the Saint Andrew church family. Our children and youth are encouraged as they receive the word of God from their Sunday School Teachers. God bless the teachers for their faithfulness and commitment.

### **CROP WALK**

We had a very successful Crop Walk. Many of our children and youth participated. To enlighten our day, Mother Nature was on our side. It was a beautiful day for the walk. Many participants walking met new friends. Monies raised from the Crop Walk this year will be much needed to feed the hungry because of the worldwide economic crisis.

### **FIRE DRILL**

Our first Fire Drill was very successful. We exited the building in an orderly fashion. Teachers and staff were very supportive. Thanks to all who assisted.

### **RESCUE MISSION FOOD FRENZY**

Thanks to all who supported this endeavor. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we are one of the top 2 youth groups from the county that donated the most food. Better still, let's whisper a prayer for the food frenzy.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Parishoners, lets spread the word about our Children and Youth Christian Education Program. Share with your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers who may have children. Invite them to church. If you are committed to children and youth as I am, together we can encourage more children and young people to attend Sunday School and Youth Activities.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES TBA**

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2008**

9:15 am Sunday Sunday School Classes

9:30 am All Saints Procession

11:00 am Stewardship Brunch

### **ADVENT**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2008**

**DECEMBER 7, 14 AND 21, 2008**

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

New International Version of the Holy Bible

Shelia Kasey