

# Stone by Stone

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## Clergy Corner

Summer 2007

Summer is a good time for a little housecleaning, which I recently did in my cluttered office. In so doing I came across some archival material from the beginnings of our Light Seekers process which I felt needed to be brought to our corporate attention once again.

At our very first meeting with Fr. Randy Ferebee and Fr. Alan Ackridge in November of 2005, your Vestry produced and signed the following covenant. At the June 21 Vestry meeting, the current Vestry reviewed the covenant, and all present again agreed to live and work together under the vision expressed therein, as follows:

*We, the called and elected leadership team {of St. Andrew's Church }, bind ourselves in covenant before God to seek the guidance and discernment of the Holy Spirit. In the power of the Spirit, we seek to become better disciples of the Lord Jesus so that our light may shine more brightly in our community and in God's world. Our prayer through this process is to become more obedient to the will of God; more affirming, more appreciative, and more trusting of God and God's people in every Vestry meeting, in our Church, in our Community, and in every relationship, thereby discerning God's future for St. Andrew's Church.*

Signed by: Carole Talman, Gary Morehouse, Tammy Whited, Richard Lance, Anna Catherine Super, Bill Werner, Carolyn Marth, John Donnelly, Catherine Buss, Raymond P. Escott, Dean Hines, Tim P. McRee +

I must say that I got all goose-bumpy when I read that covenant statement again after so long a time. That same Spirit that was so powerfully present in that moment of mutual affection and common purpose came over me again, and I knew that I must bring this vision back before the Vestry and the Congregation. Much has transpired in our corporate

life together in the intervening 20 + months since that initial gathering at Lake Logan. Like the Israelites of old, in our best moments we have remembered our covenant, and have truly striven to be more obedient, more affirming, more appreciative, and more trusting. In those moments good and lasting fruit has been born from this process, and more will surely come. But also like the children of Israel, in the moments when we forgot who we were, and what we had bound ourselves to do, we tended to fall back into non-productive, non-affirming, and conflicted patterns of behavior. That's because we're people, just like those in the Bible. And just like those in the Bible, God continues to guide and bless our desire to conform to the Divine will and purpose for our community of Faith; and to redeem, correct, and reconcile us when we prove ourselves unfaithful to our calling.

The point is that in spite of our quirks and false starts, with God's help we continue to strive, that we continue to move forward, that we continue to look up rather than down. As Light Seekers we have chosen to be appreciative and affirming rather than deficit minded and divisive. We have chosen to believe in the reality of God's abundance rather than be followers of a theology of scarcity. We have chosen to engage a permission-giving, asset based, gift-affirming model of mutual ministry rather than a top-down hierarchical model that leads to dependency and lack of trust.

I truly believe that the covenant that we wrote and agreed to as a Vestry in 2005 was revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. I believe this because where we were and what we were doing at that time was hierarchically structured, deficit-minded and non-appreciative. Our old model was at best misguided and at worst unfaithful to what God was calling St. Andrew's to be and to do. At that first meeting, Fr. Alan asked us a probing question about the state of our organizational structures and programming: "How's that working for you?" We had to answer honestly that it was not. We needed to look at new

possibilities that lifted up in thanksgiving the blessings that St. Andrew's had already received in her people and their gifts. We needed to assess those myriad gifts and talents and give the People of God permission to use them in God's service. I believe that with God's help and by God's grace we are doing that. That's what Light Seekers is all about—and it is working! More is to come—stay tuned!

### Senior Warden's Corner

*Jean Santucci*

It is so warm as I write this that it is hard to remember how cold it started out the Saturday of the yard sale. That was a very chilly morning that turned out to be a beautiful day with lots of helpers and lots of sales. Thank you to Bill Werner and all of his team for making the Yard Sale such a successful event.

If you haven't attended any of the St. Andrew's youth sponsored game nights, you have missed some fun nights. Good fun, good fellowship and each time there has been a good cause connected to all of this. The most recent Game Night collected books, videos, and DVDs that were taken to the new jail's library for inmate use. Thank you to everyone who participated—the games were fun and the snacks were delicious. Anyone for ping pong?

June 15, St. Andrew's hosted the Orlando Boys Choir. What a treat it was to hear this group of boys aged 7-17 sing the Evensong service. Afterwards we were treated to a wonderful reception sponsored by the Parish Life Committee. Thank you to Juanita and all who participated in this event.

Coming up July 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a picnic at Mary Haynes' home in Clyde. Holy Smoke will be cooking the meat and the dessert will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish, a beverage and a chair. Of course, there will be fireworks and games.

August 25<sup>th</sup> the Diocese will conduct its Mission and Ministry Conference in Asheville. This conference has traditionally had excellent guest speakers and sessions that are both interesting and pertinent to our parish life. If you sign up by July 13, the sessions and lunch cost \$20. After July 13, the price increases to \$25. We usually have a good group that goes from St. Andrews. Let Teresa know if you are interested.

Stay cool and have a nice summer.

### Deacon's Corner

*Ray Escott*

It is difficult to believe that it has been almost six months since my return to St. Andrew's. In fact, it has been nearly a year and a half since my ordination. Time goes fast when you are having fun! My post-ordination internship at St. George's in West Asheville was a wonderful experience but it is good to be home. I have enjoyed seeing old friends again and getting to know folks who are new to the parish. I wondered what it would be like coming home. Only two of us out of a class of five have returned to our sponsoring parishes. I have to say that there is some disagreement out there as to whether or not it is a wise decision to "go home" as a newly ordained person. Several people were involved in helping me make that decision including the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and Fr. Tim, and I don't regret it for one moment. It is a pure joy working with Fr. Tim. This parish is blessed to have one of the finest priests in the diocese. Deacon Russell Smith was my mentor during my formation and Deacon School. He is a great team player, and we work well together.

The Lay leadership in this parish is outstanding. I am blown away as I learn about the various ministries that you are involved with. In short, what I see is that St. Andrew's is healthy, active and spirit filled! In the weeks and months ahead, I plan on sharing with you my work and ministry to those who live on the margins. I hope to be able to assist you in developing your ministries. My prayer is that together we will continue to be a beacon of hope to a broken and hurting world.

### To My Family at St. Andrew's

*Eleanor Hazell*

Thank you so much for the wonderful outpouring of love expressed on my retirement day. All of you contributed to the day's success in so many ways. The gifts, cards, wonderful food, and special moments will always be part of my St. Andrew's memory. Your love infused everything and everyone. I love you all. See you in the pew.

### St. Andrew's Christmas Bazaar

*Connie Mozelewski*

**H**ello Everyone! I know it is summer - but oh how time does fly and before we know it - Christmas will be here. The day set for the bazaar will be Saturday, December 8. We are looking forward to a great day of fellowship, fun and celebration. All money from the bazaar will go to St. Andrew's General Fund.

Judy and Reimer Steffen have offered to make a gingerbread house. Tickets will be sold, and the winner will be drawn the day of the bazaar.

Kathy Beck has offered to head up the food tables. Everyone who can bake or cook anything to sell, please let her know. We would also like to have a table of scrumptious goodies for our diabetic folks.

Eleanor Hazell and Nimble Fingers are doing crafts - anything you wish to make or donate for selling at the bazaar. The items do not all have to be Christmas crafts.

Juanita Dixon will be taking care of our white elephant corner. Any wonderful goods you have to donate to sell would be greatly appreciated.

We are going to have a live nativity the day of the bazaar. Dave Clark has graciously agreed to take on the building of our stable. Please let him know if you can help. Bernie Curley will be telling the Christmas story. Needs for the nativity are wise men; Mary and Joseph; shepherds; someone who is good with costumes (they can be really simple); someone or maybe the choir to sing Silent Night and Away in the Manger. Please contact Connie Mozelewski.

Jeanne Fratus has also offered to help with the set up and clean up the day of the bazaar. If you can help, please let her know. The more help we have, the quicker and easier it will go.

What a wonderful time we can have. Let's all come together and make this a fantastic Christmas Bazaar.

Any other ideas are very welcome.

### Attention all Crafters

*Terry Rose*

**S**t. Andrew's is planning a Christmas Bazaar this year, and we want to have great crafts to show and sell. So come join the Nimble Fingers group the fourth Saturday of each month to craft crafts, share materials, and teach new skills. Any and all crafts are welcome! Whether you can knit, quilt, needlework, make dolls, soap, or dog biscuits, tie bows, design cards, or wrap presents, we need your help and your talents. Nimble Fingers meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. til 12 noon. We are dedicating the fourth Saturday of each month to the Christmas Bazaar, though you can make crafts at both. So come join us Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. ready to create!

### Acolyte News

*Gary Morehouse*

**W**e are very pleased to add Sally Creech and Joanna Hopper to our acolyte team.

Sally is the daughter of Lucy Harrison and the sister of Henry. She recently began her training and has already started serving. Joanna is the daughter of Dr. Jo Ann Stillely and will serve for the first time late in June. You may remember she gave the sermon on Youth Sunday. We are very pleased to have them both helping at the altar.

We also wish to thank all of you who showed your support for our acolytes by attending the Spaghetti Supper. Over four hundred dollars was raised for our trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October.

If you were unable to attend the dinner and still wish to support our acolytes your donation would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Andrews Church and note "Acolytes" on the Memo line. **Wednesday evening supper proceeds from June 27 through August 29 will also go towards the trip.**

On a personal note, I would like to say "Thank You" for all of the cards, calls and prayers. Your support was very much needed and appreciated and my recovery is going well.

## Following the Light - Worship and Growth

Mary Haynes

The vestry and light seekers, with help by our consultants, have studied in detail all the information that the congregation provided in the cottage and asset planning meetings. It was discerned that the organization of the church community could be simplified. The themes that emerged from the congregation's gifts and interests seemed to fall into four major categories: worship and growth; fellowship; outreach; and creative gifts. Traditionally, St. Andrew's has had from 9 to 12 committees, each with a vestry liaison, carrying out the work and life of the parish. While the work of the parish has progressed magnificently, this arrangement has proved cumbersome and, at times, has led to communication failures. More seriously, many in the congregation were never sure whom they should contact with their ideas, suggestions, or desires to serve. Since the major goal of the light seekers process is to involve the whole community of God's people in the activities and decisions of St. Andrew's, it was decided to conceptualize the community's activities into the four areas listed above.

The Worship and Growth component is represented on the vestry by Kitty Williams and Mary Haynes. An initial planning meeting was held with Father Tim, Russell Smith, Wendy Curley (Christian Education Coordinator). Other lay persons will be included as planning proceeds. The Worship and Growth area includes the core of the church's mission. Fr. Tim has overall responsibility, as assigned by the canons of the church, for ensuring that worship and teaching are carried out appropriately. The Worship component includes, in addition to the clergy; the choir; lectors; layreaders; lay Eucharistic visitors; acolytes; ushers; presenters; intercessors; Daughters of the King; special prayer groups, and the altar guild.

The Growth component includes: All Sunday School classes (4 levels); the nursery; EYC; Inquirer classes; Education for Ministry classes; Thursday Bible study classes; midweek programs (not food or service); and the Health Living classes (2). All Sunday school classes, nursery, and EYC are coordinated by Wendy Curley.

The planning group began to identify needs in the Worship and Growth areas. Fr. Tim identified several issues that need to be addressed. We will continue to

meet and include other members of the congregation as we progress.

All of these ministries are a necessary part of St. Andrew's worship community. The actual work and activities that comprise these ministries are done by volunteers from the congregation. Every ministry needs more hands to help. **WE** are the church. Prayerfully consider whether you are called by God to serve in any of these aspects of our worship. We will help you get started. If you are already serving, thanks and God bless. Please know that Mary, Kitty, and Wendy are available to help and to listen to your ideas and suggestions. Leave a note in the vestry box if you want to talk or want to serve.

## News from Craggy

Jim Hudson

Since last I wrote, another summer has arrived. I so wish I could be there to help build this Habitat for Humanity Home for Robert and Johnetta Heil and Mr. Andrew. One day, I pray to regularly help also our Holy Smokes.

Prison inherently limits opportunities, and innately I'm a "doer" versus a "talker". However over two years ago, I befriended a Christian Dutch couple named Pete and Nel, plus three sons, who live in Minneapolis, MN. Subsequently I became a pen-pal with Jessika, their neighbor and an 18 year old high school senior who was already accepted into the US Air Force Academy. Well, tragically fifteen months ago, Jessika, a Christian, was made a quadriplegic in an auto accident. Immediately I started sending her cards of encouragement, a Bible, and a prison made wooden cross. My friends here and I prayed daily for her. Miraculously this September, Jessika will begin her handicapped college education to become an air force controller. I believe God allowed me to contribute to her recovery. Amen!

I continue with my creative writing efforts here...now on my third book. My latest effort is a combined romance/murdermystery/southern comedy adventure set in modern day Atlanta, GA. One day, I hope to share my creative imagination in writing with some of you. In these spring months, I've also read several books. Two that I'd recommend to you are *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw about my Daddy's era of WWII and *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer, the Christian wife of Todd who patriotically led the charge on September 11, 2001 on Flight 93. God

Bless America! People of Faith who do what's necessary.

Most of you who know me will remember that I'm ol' fashion and sentimental. To that heartfelt end, may I recommend that you go to beautifulmusic.com. There you will find ol' fashion, happy, singing, and dancing music about cowboys, country people, and Christian gospel sung by the past greats of our time.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> of July of 2007, let's thank our God again for our living in the greatest country on Earth. May God bless you and yours always!

### **Parish Life - Pastoral Care - Outreach**

*Kitty Williams, Richard Lance, Vestry  
Juanita Dixon, Chairperson*

**P**arish Life hosted a very nice reception Palm Sunday for the Bishop and those who were confirmed that day. In May, we hosted a special reception honoring Eleanor Hazell on her retirement as choir director. In June, we hosted a reception after the concert by the Orlando Deanery Boys Choir.

Pastoral Care is always busy. So far this reporting year, we have sent 436 cards, made 51 visits, 31 calls, food to 5 and taken 26 gifts. Any altar flowers that aren't designated are divided, by Gerri Staley, into smaller containers and taken to our home bound folks. If you have vases you can contribute for this, please leave them in the undercroft. Gerri and Jeanne Morton head our visiting team, although others also visit from time to time. Each month, we get fresh vegetables from the Manna Food giveaway and share them with those who can use them. Juanita Dixon, Maggie and David Mathewes work with this effort. Mary Morehouse and Juanita are doing the "*Journey through Grief*" series with those who have lost loved ones. This is a one year process. Juanita represented St. Andrew's at the conference on Pastoral Care-Care Giving for Ministers and Lay Persons hosted by Southwestern Region A in April.

Outreach has taken on a new project of helping furnish the library-video room at the Haywood Detention Center. We took 12 boxes of books and videos, as well as a set of encyclopedias, contributed by Richard Lance and others from Haywood Community College, to the Haywood Detention Center in April and May. In

June, the Youth Game Night gathered 8 boxes of books and videos for this project.

We continue to gather personal items and "going home" bags for the Women's Prison at Black Mountain. If you have items we can use for this project, you may leave them on the sharing table and Juanita will pick them up.

We are gathering can tabs to be given to the Dialysis Center to generate funds to help those who cannot pay for their treatments. The box in on the table in the undercroft. If we each would take the extra time to do this, we would be amazed at how many we can collect for this effort. Other churches in the county are also doing this and collectively we can make a difference.

All of the card fronts that we gathered this year were given to the Haywood County Adult Day Care for craft projects, instead of mailing them to St. Jude's Ranch as we have in the past.

We are providing pamphlets and information on programs of interest in our county on the sharing table. Take time to look over these and take any you would be interested in.

We continue to serve at the Open Door on the first Sunday in each month. Richard Lance and his hardworking team take care of this most blessed project.

One of the most exciting projects we have embarked on is the building of the Habitat House in partnership with the Canton Presbyterian Church. We are so excited that the recipients of this home are members of our parish family; Bob, Johnetta, and Andrew Heil. Groundbreaking was Sunday, June 10. Fr. Tim, John Donnelly, Charles Marth, John Williams, Karen Hall, Lucy Harrison, and Juanita Dixon are heading up the different committees on this project for our church. This will be a work of love for the whole parish. John, Charlie and Juanita attended the Habitat Volunteers dinner at First Baptist Church in Waynesville Thursday, June 14, where our Westminster-Canterbury House was recognized on the program. (See our website for photos.)

### **American Cancer Society Benefit Performance**

Barbara Bates Smith, in "THE C-WORD"

-her own Life-meets-Art cancer story- experiences in the play "Wit," diagnosis & treatment, & the friendship of a Hospice patient

Panel Discussion & Questions to follow

**Saturday, June 30, Colonial Theatre, Canton, 7 p.m.**

Tickets \$10 at the door

**July & August Anniversaries**

- 7/3 Dee & Bill Werner  
 7/10 Connie & John Mozelewski  
 7/11 Johnetta & Robert Heil  
 7/19 Gerri & Steve Staley  
 7/27 Jacqueline & Tracy Willis
- 8/1 Beverly & James Arrington  
 8/3 Kitty & John Sanderson  
 8/5 Marcia & Dan Perry  
 8/8 Teresa Mehaffey & Paul Taylor  
 8/14 Beverly & Rev. Tim McRee  
 8/17 Pat & Robert Fulbright  
 8/24 Fran & Johnny Keesee  
 8/27 Sally & Charles Schaefer  
 8/29 Vicki & Mike Russell

**John Vanderstar to lead adult forums on the state of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion**

**J**ohn Vanderstar and his wife Libby Culbreth are summer members of St. Andrew's, coming to us from St.

Columba's Church in Washington, DC. John was elected to the Executive Committee of the Episcopal Church at the 74<sup>th</sup> General Convention in 2003 in Minneapolis. The Executive Committee, containing both lay and ordained members, functions as the voice of General Conventions between the triennial conventions. The Committee has been charged by the House of Bishops with responding to the Communique of the Primates of the Anglican Communion issued in February at their meeting in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

Sunday, July 29, at 9:30 a.m., John will lead us through the issues facing the Church as Executive Committee has defined them and share with us the range of possible solutions that they have discerned. As a prelude to this important discussion we will make available the study document, Communion Matters, recently released by the House of Bishops regarding our current situation. Please pick one up in the Narthex, and please plan to attend this important seminar.

**July & August Birthdays**

- 7/2 Mary Allbach  
 7/6 Marjorie Peterson  
 7/6 Karley Wells  
 7/7 Patricia Stevenson  
 7/8 Joyce Lackey  
 7/9 Lois Lynn  
 7/10 Sally Gamewell  
 7/10 Jane Quigley  
 7/12 Alma Wells  
 7/12 Elinor West  
 7/13 Linda Finger  
 7/13 Vicki Willis  
 7/14 Harris Burns  
 7/19 Bobby Clark  
 7/20 Ned Lesesne  
 7/23 Carroll Waldroop  
 7/31 Carl Farrington
- 8/1 Madeleine Moroz  
 8/3 Chris Sanderson  
 8/6 Priscilla Burns  
 8/7 Fran Keesee  
 8/9 Jency Smathers  
 8/9 Muriel Powell  
 8/10 Patricia Devlin  
 8/10 Eleanor Hazell  
 8/13 Jean Santucci  
 8/13 Paul Taylor  
 8/15 Richard Curley  
 8/17 Alexander Perry  
 8/18 Johnetta Heil  
 8/18 Marcia Perry  
 8/18 Sarah Elizabeth Super  
 8/21 Terry Rose  
 8/22 Debra Morton  
 8/22 John Quigley  
 8/26 Brayden Shuler  
 8/27 Lee Ann Sanderson  
 8/28 Catherine Donnelly  
 8/31 Deener Matthews

Complete list can be found on the St. Andrew's website.

## CALENDAR

Wed., July 4	<b>Office closed</b> for holiday 5:30 p.m. <b>Parish picnic</b>
Sun., July 8	<b>EYC</b> meeting after late service
Thurs., July 12	7 p.m. <b>Vestry</b> meeting
Sat., July 14	8:30 a.m. <b>Men's Group</b> breakfast 10 a.m. <b>Nimble Fingers</b>
July 16-28	<b>Fr. Tim</b> on vacation.
Sat., July 21	10 a.m. <b>DOK</b> meeting
Sun., July 22	<b>Rev. Dan Matthews</b> , guest preacher
Wed., July 25	7 p.m. <b>Soaking Prayer</b> service
Sat., July 28	10 a.m. <b>Nimble Fingers</b>
Aug. 6-11	<b>Fr. Tim</b> at Epiphany Institute at Lake Logan
Sat., July 14	8:30 a.m. <b>Men's Group</b> breakfast
Thurs., Aug. 16	7 p.m. <b>Vestry</b> meeting
Sat., Aug. 18	10 a.m. <b>DOK</b> meeting
Wed., Aug. 22	7 p.m. <b>Soaking Prayer</b> service
Sat., Aug. 25	<b>Mission and Ministry Conference</b> at First Baptist Church in Asheville. For more details, check the Diocesan website at <a href="http://diocesewnc.org">diocesewnc.org</a> .
Sun., Aug. 26	<b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>

### Parish July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

Begins at 5:30 p.m. with celebration of Holy Eucharist and ends with Fireworks.



Meat and the dessert provided

Bring a side dish, a beverage and a chair

At home of Mary Haynes,  
3984 Old Clyde Hwy.

### A DAY WITH THE BISHOP

Saturday, July 28, 2007 at St. Agnes, Franklin 9:30-3:00

This day will be devoted to engaging *Communion Matters*, a study document for the Primates Communique. The document can be downloaded from [www.collegeforbishops.org](http://www.collegeforbishops.org) In February of 2007, The Primates of the Anglican Communion (the Presiding Bishops of the 38 national churches around the world) met in Tanzania. They discussed the Episcopal Church's response to the Windsor Report at our General Convention and issued the *Communique*. In turn, they gave the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops a deadline of September 30, 2007 to respond.

Cost is \$25.00 which includes morning snacks, lunch and program costs.

**To register, please call The Rev. Charlotte Cleghorn, 274-2681 or go to [www.centersforchristianstudies.org](http://www.centersforchristianstudies.org) to download a registration form.**

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### Scholarship Fundraiser

Holy Smoke has volunteered to cook barbeque and make slaw and baked beans for a benefit to defray the college expenses of Sarah, Rebecca, and Hannah, the daughters of recently deceased Rev. Dr. Rick Gosnell, minister at First Baptist Canton.

**Saturday, July 21** from 4 pm-7:30 pm at Pisgah High School.

Please come and support this very worthy cause. Check with Teresa for tickets.

Adults - \$10, children under 12 - \$5

**2005-2007**

John Donnelly, Treasurer  
 Mary Haynes  
 Carolyn Marth  
 Kathy Beck, Clerk of Vestry

**Your St. Andrew's Vestry****2006-2008**

Dean Hines, Junior Warden  
 Richard Lance  
 Jean Santucci, Senior Warden

**2007-2009**

Nancy Rice  
 Kitty Williams  
 Tracy Willis

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS**

Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 AM
Eucharist	Sunday	10:30 AM
EYC	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	12:00 PM
Supper	Wednesday	5:30 PM
Choir	Wednesday	6:00 PM
Eucharist with Healing	Wednesday	7:00 PM
Soaking Prayer	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:00 PM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Vestry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM
Churchmen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	8:30 AM
D o K	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	10:00 AM
Nimble Fingers	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10:00 AM

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