

# Stone by Stone

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## Clergy Corner

### RECTOR'S YEAR END REPORT AND PASTORAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 2007

Pastoral Statistics as of November 30, 2007

I.	Sunday Holy Eucharists With Sermon and Healing	94
II.	Wednesday Holy Eucharists With Sermon and Healing	33
III.	Daily Morning Prayer Offices	55
IV.	Daily Evening Prayer Offices	05
V.	Taize Services With Healing	08
VI.	Home, Hospital, Nursing Home Visits With Holy Communion (Includes those performed by Deacons and Lay Eucharistic Visitors)	111
VII.	Pastoral Visits Without Holy Communion (Home, Hospital, Nursing Homes by Rector only)	54
VIII.	Holy Baptisms Celebrated	03
IX.	Persons Presented to Bishop Taylor for Confirmation	03
X.	Burial Offices/Funerals	04
XI.	Weddings	0
XII.	Education For Ministry Seminars Mentored	32
XIII.	Thursday Morning Bible Study Classes Led	42
XIV.	St. Andrew's Vestry Meetings Chaired	15
XV.	Craggy Correctional Center Visits With Holy Eucharist	08
XVI.	Haywood Regional Medical Center Chaplain Days	09
XVII.	Diocesan Meetings/Services/Clergy Days Attended	15
XVIII.	Vestry Retreats and Parish Meetings Led Other Than St. Andrew's	04
XIX.	Continuing Education Events Attended	04
XX.	Reimbursable Miles Traveled in Ministry (through November)	8,019
XXI.	Mileage Reimbursement at IRS Allowable Rate of \$0.485	\$3,888.25
XXII.	Holy Smoke Events Worked	06
XXIII.	Days Worked on Habitat House	10
XXIV.	Pastor's Lectionary Study Meetings Attended	45
XXV.	Town of Canton Historical Commission Meetings Chaired	06

### Discretionary Fund Report

Income		Expense	
Gifts Received	5978	Assistance	4214
Second Sunday	687	Bank Fees	83
Honorarium	275	Other Exp.	1592
Tuition	<u>340</u>	Tuition/Books	<u>1150</u>
	\$7,280		\$7,039

## Rector's Annual Report

It is hard to believe that Advent is upon us and that 2007 is nearly past. I knew that this year had been a busy one, but I did not remember how busy until I started totaling the statistics listed above. Of course, the work that the clergy do is only the merest tip of the iceberg of the totality of ministry and mission that defines St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. This Year-End issue of Stone-by-Stone will detail for you the enormity of the work that is done for Christ and God's people by this parish family. For a community of our numerical size and resource base, St. Andrew's light shines very brightly indeed. This witness is the "outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace" that is the hallmark of our fellowship. God's Holy Spirit is the dynamo—the energy source—of our witness and our work. The mind of Christ and the Wisdom of our Heavenly Father enable us to discern the divine will, and the Spirit empowers us for ministry. St. Andrew's is therefore a most authentic community of Christians—perhaps the most authentic that I have ever experienced. It is my continuing joy to serve as your Priest and Pastor.

I want to remind us all again of the Covenant signed by the Vestry at the beginning of our "St. Andrew's Light Seekers" process:

*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.*

It is my intention to ask the new Vestry to re-affirm this covenant and to sign on to it at our Annual Retreat in January at Valle Crucis. I also have some particular ways in which I want the Leadership Team to engage this vision in 2008. We must become more attuned to the needs and desire of our people. Enhanced and more intentional communication is the key to this goal. Communication is always a two-way street. I will ask the Vestry members to communicate with the parishioners on their call lists regularly, at

least once per quarter with no agenda other than to seek your wisdom and to stay in touch. I would further ask all of our folks to contact the clergy or your Vestry person immediately if there is ever a pastoral need or any issue that needs to be brought to our attention. We can only respond to the situations that we know about and direct, timely communication is the best policy for us all.

Likewise, we want to help each of our members to discover and grow in our particular gifts for ministry. God has given us many talents, and each one is necessary for the life and health of the whole Body. THERE IS A MINISTRY FOR YOU AT ST. ANDREW'S! Please let us know what your gifts, abilities, and desires to serve are. We pledge our best effort to "plug you in" to the ministry area that suits you best. WE NEED YOU! CHRIST NEEDS YOU! Without your gifts and talents being fully utilized our total ministry is diminished and we are not running with all cylinders firing. Please give us your wisdom on how better to accomplish this essential task.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our out-going Vestry members who have served so faithfully and so well on your behalf: To John Donelley ( who will remain as Treasurer); to Carolyn Marth; to Mary Haynes; to Kitty Williams; to Tracy Willis; God bless you and thank you for your offering of yourselves to this ministry.

Likewise, I can never praise or thank our amazing staff enough for the superb work that they do week after week for us all: To Teresa Mehaffey in her 13<sup>th</sup> year as Parish Administrator, we are so blessed by all that you do; to Mary Ann Enloe, words cannot describe the gifts that you have brought to our musical praises of God; to our faithful Nursery Attendant Jennifer Brock, our little ones love you and are safely guided by your presence and compassionate care; to Wendy Curley, our volunteer Christian Ed. and Youth Minister, your deep faith and many talents bring joy, life and vitality to this essential ministry; to our amazing Deacons Russell Smith and Ray Escott, what can I say? You guys are the best in the Diocese, if not in all of Christendom! We would not be St. Andrew's without your witness and your challenges to us to continually grow in discipleship.

God has blessed this little flock beyond all that we can ask or imagine. My heart overflows with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, and to you all, the

faithful servants of Christ known as St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. It continues to be the greatest joy of my life to serve the Lord Jesus with all of you.

### **St. Andrew's Cross Update**

*Nancy Rice*

The Vestry has asked that plans for the restoration of the St. Andrew's Cross and Sign be submitted at the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. At that time, Karen Hall and Nancy Rice will submit their ideas and drawings. We are going to try to keep the original Cross, as it is an important part of St. Andrew's.

Hopefully after the first of the year, the sign will again be in place.

### **Christian Education**

*Wendy Curley*

Our two children's classes are really enjoying the program. Both the Pre-K and the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are learning a lot. We do have a need for assistant teachers. We have two wonderful teachers that cannot always be there and would invite anyone in to help them out. If you feel you might be able to help, please contact Wendy Curley.

The Youth and Adult classes do invite any and all newcomers. We are casual groups that meet on Sunday Mornings. The Youth class is lead by Carole Talman on the second floor of the Christian Education Building, in the middle classroom. The Adult class is lead by Wendy Curley on the first floor of the Christian Education Building, in the middle classroom. Please, come join us as we learn together.

### **Calling All Youth**

*Wendy Curley*

Any youth out there is more than welcome to come join us for some fun and fellowship. We usually meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

The Youth have been working hard to raise money for a mission trip this summer. They will be going to work on Lake Traverse Indian Reservation. We do have a few spots available for youth. We are working hard to raise enough money to keep this trip at a minimal cost for youth and their families. These openings can be filled by children from 7<sup>th</sup> grade to graduating seniors. We will be jointly going with St. James, Lenoir. The group will depart on July 4<sup>th</sup> and return on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should see Fr. McRee, Story Rice, or Wendy Curley. We have to have firm commitments by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

During Advent, the youth have asked if they could ring the bell for Salvation Army. This is a great time for the youth to participate in an outreach program.

The last Saturday of January, the youth will do a Mystery Dinner. The Icicle Twist will be a fun evening of entertainment. Tickets will go on sale at the end of December. All proceeds will go towards the mission trip.

Episcopal items will continue to be on sale. We hope to be able to visit other churches who have inquired about our items.

### **Altar Guild**

*Lois Lynn*

This past year has been a busy one for all of us in Altar Guild. Having the task of cleaning and caring for the linens and sacred vessels of the church is a big responsibility, but one that brings a great blessing knowing we are serving God in the quietness and beauty of His holy place. We also owe a special note of thanks to Joan Bemis and Kathy Beck who faithfully and lovingly bake our altar bread.

We often refer to Altar Guild as the quiet ministry since we usually work when the church is empty or after services. Whether it is cleaning silver, setting up the altar or arranging flowers there is always a place for anyone who would like to join us in this "quiet ministry".

**Parish Life***Juanita Dixon*

**T**he Parish Life ministry team's responsibility is "To oversee the parish events calendar and to provide volunteers to ensure that all non-liturgical events in the life of St. Andrew's are prepared for, adequately staffed, and that our facilities are cleaned and secured following all such events. We are the hospitality of St. Andrew's."

We are responsible for coffee hour after the 10:30 service each Sunday, Wednesday evening meals before service, receptions, and showers.

Palm Sunday, we hosted a special coffee hour in honor of Bishop Taylor's visit and confirmations. We hosted a special coffee hour May 6 for Eleanor Hazell's retirement. June 15, we hosted a reception after the Orlando Boys and Mens Choir. In September, we had a special coffee hour honoring Carlton and Kitten Gray with Peggy Escott as hostess. In October, we were responsible for the covered dish lunch after the annual meeting.

We must give a special thanks to Mary Haynes, Kitty Williams, Carole Talman, and Gary Morehouse for the extra cleaning in the kitchen and undercroft this year.

God has blessed St. Andrew's with a group of wonderful people who are always there when called upon.

**Pastoral Care***Juanita Dixon*

**P**astoral Care's mission statement is to assist the clergy in the pastoral care and oversight of God's people, especially the sick, the homebound, and those bereaved.

This reporting year, we have sent 880 cards, made 96 visits, and 85 calls. We have taken food to 15 families and 33 gifts to parish family members.

Mary Morehouse and Juanita Dixon are doing the "Journeying Through Grief" series with those who have lost loved ones. This is a year long process. This reporting year, we lost Larry Beck, Geraldine Peyton, Albert James, and John Quigley; and Ray Escott lost his mother.

Carole Talman is in charge of taking a loaf of bread and visiting newcomers. This month, we are making visits to those in our nursing homes as a group. Pastoral Care is here to serve our Rector in anyway he needs us.

**Senior Warden's Corner***Jean Santucci*

**W**e have just commissioned our new members for service on St. Andrew's Vestry. Thank you to Terry Rose, Kathy Beck, Carole Talman, Karen Hall, and Dave Clark for agreeing to do God's work through the work of St. Andrew's Vestry. We have come through almost two years of Lightseekers formation, and we are ready to put what we have learned about ourselves into action at St. Andrew's.

While I am writing this, we are preparing for the St. Andrew's Holiday Bazaar on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Lots of people have been making crafts, busily baking and preparing good things to sell and eat, and searching their homes for white elephants for this event. The day will begin early, so mark this on your calendar so you don't miss any of the fun!

The following Sunday, December 16, we will be "greening" the Church. This activity is always fun, but it's even more so when we have lots of help. Please try to plan to stay after the 10:30 service on the 16<sup>th</sup> and help with the decorating.

As always, I want to say thank you to all of you who so unselfishly put on our Coffee Hours. This fellowship time is when we really reach out and begin to do God's work by being with each other. Please check the sign-up sheet for a time when you might help out.

May God be with you and your families during this Advent and Christmas Season.

**Welcome Newcomers**

**W**e would like to welcome all that have joined us in worship recently such as Carol McLane, Carol Kirkpatrick, John & Deb Schaefer, Stephanie & Bailey Dennard, Britton Jordan, Barbara & Anthony Monaghan, Carol Cagle, Bill & Holly Reilly, Tricia Hinshaw, and all of our other visitors. If you have any questions about St. Andrew's, please contact the office or talk to Deacon Russell Smith about joining his newcomers/inquirers class.

If you have not already done so, please fill out a Member Profile Form and return it to the office. Forms can be found in the narthex. This will allow us to get you on our snail mail and email lists to keep you informed of the happenings at St. Andrew's.

## Outreach

*Juanita Dixon*

Outreach is the ministry we do outside of our church and church family, in our community, our county and beyond. In his homily on Palm Sunday, when he visited us, Bishop Taylor charged us to concentrate our outreach efforts to those needing our care and concern right here in our own community, and that is what we strive to do.

Our biggest project at this time is the building of the Habitat House, in partnership with the Canton Presbyterian Church. We also feed all the volunteers there on Friday and Saturdays.

One of the on-going outreach ministries has been the Open Door Soup Kitchen, where volunteers from St. Andrew's have been serving a meal the first Sunday in each month to the homeless and downtrodden. We are now involved, along with several community churches, in the start up of a Community Kitchen in Canton, which had its inaugural meal on Thanksgiving Day at Mac's on Main and will serve at Canton Presbyterian Church every Saturday and Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. to begin with.

Our Prison Ministries include furnishing the library and video room at the new Haywood County Detention Center, our prison ministry at Craggy Prison and furnishing needed items and going home bags to the Women's Prison at Black Mountain.

We fill boxes for the elderly each Christmas season that are delivered through Mountain Projects to needy elderly in the County.

We collect tabs from drink cans that help fund free dialysis treatments for those without insurance or funds to pay for their treatment.

We collect the fronts of Christmas and other greeting cards to send to St. Jude's Ranch for Abused Children. They make cards out of them and sell them to make money for computers and other needed equipment.

We collected clothing and contributed \$150 financially to mail 25 boxes to an Air Force Nurse in Afghanistan to be distributed to children in a refugee camp there.

We have contributed financially to the Canton Senior Center, Good Samaritan Clinic, ARC of Haywood County, Haywood Christian Ministries, KARE, Thompson Children Home, REACH of

Haywood County, Episcopal Relief and Development, Haywood Restoration House, Mountain Area Resource Center-which is now Haywood Community Connections, and Lake Logan.

One thing we sponsor that goes beyond our community is the African sale we sponsor each year that helps our brothers and sisters in that far away country. This is the first year that a percentage of what is sold will come back to St. Andrew's.

Richard Lance, who worked at The ARC of Haywood County, sold 45 of the ARC cookbooks here at St. Andrew's for a contribution of \$450 from our parish family.

We participate in the Community Lenten Services, whose offering each year goes to some organization or effort to help those less fortunate than us. This year's donations went to the Community Kitchen.

We participate in the Community Thanksgiving service, held this year at Canton Presbyterian Church. Beverly McRee and Juanita Dixon sang in the Community Choir. The offering this year went to Haywood Christian Ministries Fuel Fund.

Several of us deliver Meals on Wheels, volunteer at nursing homes and the hospital, Haywood Christian Ministries, Good Samaritan Clinic, Hospice, Canton Senior Center, Day of Caring, MANNA Food Distribution, Habitat, Haywood Community Connections, Mountain Projects Elderly Programs, Scouts, our schools, and other volunteer projects in the county.

A lot of the things we do are in conjunction with other committees or things they do are considered outreach, such as the youth participating in the Relay for Life, raising over \$1,400 this year for cancer research and their Game Nights to gather gifts for Liberty Corner's Summer Picnic and Recognition Day and the Detention Center library; and the fundraiser for Dr. Rick Gosnell's daughters sponsored by Holy Smoke. Those are also outreach projects. We would welcome anyone who feels the calling to Outreach to join us, as we strive to answer the call to let St. Andrew's light shine in the greater community of Canton, Haywood County, and beyond.

**December Birthdays**

- 12/3 Mary Helen Dunnam
- 12/3 Mike Russell
- 12/4 Susan Beasley
- 12/4 Bill Werner
- 12/5 Peggy Escott
- 12/6 Beverly Arrington
- 12/9 David Murphey
- 12/9 Holly Schaefer
- 12/9 Andrew Schaefer
- 12/9 David Murphey
- 12/11 Ashlee Escott
- 12/14 Robert Heil
- 12/15 Jeanie Fratus
- 12/15 Nancy Grubbs
- 12/15 Cobie Hendrie
- 12/16 Holli Crawford
- 12/18 Margaret Mathewes
- 12/24 Mike Patton
- 12/27 Bob Fulbright

**December Anniversaries**

- 12/18 Jane & Ned Lesesne
- 12/21 Erin & Mike Patton
- 12/23 Joan & Rev. Harlan Bemis
- 12/28 Linda & Bobby Clark
- 12/28 Joyce & Ray Sherrow

**CALENDAR**

Monday through Friday during Advent - 9 a.m.

**Morning Prayer**

Wednesdays Dec. 5, 12, & 19

**Advent series** - 5:30 p.m. supper; 6 p.m. program; 7 p.m. Taize Worship and choir practice following  
 What do we believe? Discussion of theological questions; all questions welcomed.  
 Led by Fr. Tim.

- Sat., Dec. 8 9 a.m. - 2 p.m **Christmas Bazaar**
- Sun., Dec. 9 9:30 a.m. **Pilgrims in Christ** class
- Dec. 13-15 **Fr. Tim** on vacation. (No Bible Study Dec. 13)
- Sat., Dec. 15 10 a.m. **DOK** meeting; 10 a.m. **Lay Reader/Lector** training
- Sun., Dec. 16 **Greening** of Church
- Thurs., Dec. 20 7 p.m. **Vestry** meeting
- Sun., Dec. 23 **Lessons and Carols**

- Mon., Dec. 24 5 p.m. **Family** service; **Nicholls** Open House;  
10:30 p.m. **Midnight Mass**
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2 **Office closed** for holiday and vacation
- Dec. 25-Jan. 2 Fr. Tim on **vacation**
- Sun., Dec. 30 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m **Morning Prayer**

**2008 Calendar**

- Tues., Jan. 2 Office reopens after holiday
- Sat., Jan. 5 7 p.m McRee **Open House**
- Sun., Jan. 6 Fr. Tim **ordination** anniversary (15 years);  
10:30 a.m. **Baptisms**;  
**Remove greens** after late service.
- Jan. 11-13 Vestry retreat
- Sat., Jan. 26 Murder Mystery
- Tues., Feb. 5 Pancake Day
- Wed., Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 25-29 Begin Wednesday Lenten series  
Fr. Tim Lenten Retreat at Mepkin Abbey
- Sun., Mar. 16 Palm Sunday
- Thurs., Mar. 20 Maundy Thursday
- Fri. Mar. 21 Good Friday
- Sat., Mar. 22 Holy Saturday
- Sun., Mar. 23 Easter
- Sat. May 17 Wedding - Allison Rose & Mark Kaserman at Lake Logan
- Sun., Jun. 8 Youth Sunday
- Nov. 13-15 WNC Diocese Convention
- Sun., Nov. 23 St. Andrew Day
- Thurs., Nov. 27 Thanksgiving
- Wed., Dec. 3 Begin Wednesday Advent series
- Sun., Dec. 14 Greening of the Church
- Sun., Dec. 21 Lessons and Carols
- Wed., Dec. 24 Family Service & Midnight Mass

**2008 Office Hours**

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
 8 a.m. to 12 noon- Thursday

**2007 Year End Report for Holy Smoke**

*Nancy & Terry Rice*

**W**OW, what a year. A huge heartfelt thank you to all of the many, many volunteers who helped make 2007 such a successful year. Holy Smoke smoked for almost 30 events and made close to \$20,000, plus the \$7,200 for the Children of Rick Gosnell, former pastor of Canton Baptist Church.

We have learned a lot this year, good and bad (Sourwood), and have 19 scheduled events for 2008 already.

If there is anyone who is interested in having lots of fun, friendship, and meeting new friends, please speak to one of us about joining our crew. Even helping once a year is okay (but I bet you won't be able to stay away).

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you to all! 2008 Schedule as of November 29, 2007

- March 28 & 29 Western NC BBQ Festival
- April 5 Credo
- April 19 Deanery Day LLEC
- April 26 Credo
- May 10 Credo
- May 31 Wedding at LLEC
- June 21 Trout Festival
- July 26 International Festival Day
- August 8, 9, & 10 Mater Fest
- August 14 Haywood Builders Supply
- September 26 & 27 WNC BBQ Festival, Maggie Valley
- September 27 Credo
- October 11 Church Street Art Fair
- October 18 Apple Harvest Festival
- October 18 Valle Country Fair
- November 1 Credo
- November 22 Credo
- November 26 Turkeys
- December 23 Turkeys, stuffed pork loins, and briskets

**HOLY SMOKE CHRISTMAS ORDERS**

**Holy Smoke is taking orders for Christmas turkeys, stuffed pork loins, and beef briskets.**

- 10-14 lbs. Turkeys - \$25**
- Whole Stuffed Pork Loins - \$40**
- Half Stuffed Pork Loin - \$25**
- Beef Briskets - \$40**

**They will be ready for pick-up at the Rice's, 3284 Lake Logan Road, Canton, from 2-4pm on Sunday, December 23. (We will definitely be smoking for Christmas)**

**Orders must be in by December 18.**

**Please call Nancy or Terry at 646-9695, or Teresa at the church office, 648-7550**

**YOUR ST. ANDREW'S VESTRY**

**2005-2008**

**Richard Lance  
Jean Santucci, Senior Warden**

**2006-2009**

**Nancy Rice, Junior Warden  
Carole Talman  
Terry Rose**

**2007-2010**

**Kathy Beck, Clerk of Vestry  
David Clark  
Karen Hall**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS**

<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Healthy Living Support Group</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Healthy Living Support Group</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>EFM</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Supper</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Taize</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:45 PM</b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Vestry</b>	<b>3rd Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Churchmen</b>	<b>2nd Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>D o K</b>	<b>3rd Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Nimble Fingers</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>