

Stone by Stone

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Clergy Corner

Late Eastertide, Ascension, and Pentecost:

How quickly the Great Fifty Days of Easter are flying by. Next Thursday, May 1, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, the 40th day of Easter. Ten days later is Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church (and the Baptism of little Kaiya Belle Smith). We are so blessed to be members of a parish which lives so joyfully the resurrection Life of Christ and which has received—and shares so freely—the manifold gifts of the Spirit.

The signs of this risen Life and powerful Spirit are all around us. They are in our worship and in our formation, education and youth ministries. They are in our outreach ministries. They are in our pastoral care, fellowship and parish life activities. They are in our creative ministries. Whenever we are together, Christ is with us and the Spirit is moving us forward.

The return of spring in its beauty and warmth brings even more activities and opportunities for ministry. Our EYC is preparing, along with the youth of St. James, Lenoir, to travel to the Traverse Lake Lakota Reservation in South Dakota on our first ever mission trip. We will be leaving July 4 and returning July 12 from that wonderful opportunity to serve, to learn, and to grow as disciples. Your prayers and support of this ministry are greatly needed and appreciated.

Holy Smoke, our barbecue ministry, has a full schedule of events for the whole summer and into the fall already planned. Please remember, they always need volunteers and helping hands.

Always, there are opportunities to serve in our in-house ministries of building and grounds maintenance. As you know, we have no paid staff or sexton and rely entirely on the hearts and hands of many saints to keep God's house in good order—which is a ministry of witness in its own right.

The list of opportunities to serve in and through St. Andrew's is almost endless, and every work done in God's name is holy work for it glorifies God, builds

up the church and extends God's Reign. Whatever your gifts, whatever your ministry, there is a place in this parish family for you to offer them in Christ's Name.

Easter is the Season for Baptism

In the early church all baptisms were performed at the Great Vigil of Easter by the local Bishop of the Christian community. Candidates were fully immersed three times just as the sun was breaking over the horizon on Easter Sunday morning. Following their immersion they were anointed from head to toe with the Oil of Chrism, signifying their new status as members of the royal priesthood of the Church of God. Finally, clothed in brand-new sparkling white robes symbolizing their baptismal purity, and carrying oil lamps symbolizing the light of Christ they had just received, they were led into the church and fed their first Eucharist together with the whole body of Christ. If you follow closely the Baptismal Liturgy of the Prayer Book, you will see remnants of these ancient and holy practices which sacred Tradition has bequeathed to us.

On Easter Day, young Bailey Denard was incorporated into the household of God through Holy Baptism. It was a glorious and powerful celebration of God's mighty act in his and our lives. On Pentecost, the 50th day of Easter, we will Baptize Kaiya Belle Smith, infant daughter of Kyle and Beth Smith and grand-daughter of Kitty Williams. Kaiya, like Bailey and all of us will be reborn by water and the Spirit and given gifts to follow and serve Christ all of her days. Please pray for Kaiya and her parents as they prepare for her Baptism, and please plan to be present as once again we are privileged to witness and participate in God's powerful action of incorporating Kaiya into the Communion of Saints and the royal priesthood of Christ with us.

Senior Warden Corner*Jean Santucci*

Here we are at the end of April and it seems a little strange that we are already well into the 50 days of Easter. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on our services during Holy Week and Easter – a special thank you to Lois Lynn for always being there to make sure everything goes smoothly for our services, to Karen Hall for “flowering” the church this year and to Beverly Arrington for the beautiful flowers on the Baptismal font. After the solemnity of Good Friday it is always a little breath-taking to me to see the beauty of Easter in the church. Also, thank you to the Vestry for a wonderful coffee hour following the Easter service.

If you haven't come to any of the POG (People of God) activities, you should consider doing so if you just want to have some fellowship and fun. The POG group had a potluck German-themed dinner April 12. It was attended by about 20 people, and it was delicious. The next POG event will be a breakfast at the Church on Saturday, May 10th. I hear the men are supposed to be cooking for the ladies!

If you haven't heard (and, hopefully, you have by now) Bishop Porter Taylor will be making a visit at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, April 30 for confirmation and a reception. We were not on the Sunday schedule for a visitation this year, so we invited the Bishop to come mid-week for confirmation. We hope you all will try to be there for the 6 pm service to support our confirmands as they take this big step in their Christian formation.

As always, thank you to the many hands that pitch in and help with whatever needs to be done at St. Andrew's. Know that we really appreciate each and every one of you.

Youth News*Wendy Curley*

There is a group of 12 youth and adults that will be venturing to Lake Traverse Indian Reservation, South Dakota this July 4th – 13th. The group is from St. Andrews and St. James Lenoir. We have worked hard to try to raise the money to pay for this trip. We would all like to thank everyone who has supported us in this mission. It is costly when it comes to paying for a trip like this. We have done our best to make this trip one that can be affordable to the youth and adults going. We still have plenty of fund-raising to do for this trip. Our largest expense will be van rental and gas. The trip will consist of us working with the children's programs as well as a couple days of doing handy work at homes. We will have the opportunity to take part in some of the Native American culture while we are there.

The Youth will be meeting on the second and fourth Sundays in May.

Youth Sunday will be June 8th this year.

Parish Life*Karen Hall*

Each one of our St. Andrew's family needs to think, again, about how to contribute to the vital life and maintenance of our parish.

We all enjoy our fellowship during coffee hour and need to take our turn to make the coffee and juice. You may choose to offer a couple of additional treats, but that should be considered “icing on the cake” for signing up!

We still have several opportunities for you to provide memorial, honorary, or celebratory flowers for our Sunday services. The sign up calendar is in the narthex. One arrangement is only \$17.50 and two for the altar is \$35.00.

Please remember that it takes our parish family volunteers to keep the building and grounds prepared for our ongoing worship at St. Andrew's. The floors, trash cans, bathrooms, pews, kitchen, classrooms, etc. rely on a small time commitment from each of us. We need everyone to dedicate an hour or two each month to help keep our lovely church beautiful and clean. Please consider your time and call Mary Haynes (627-3994) who is working to coordinate this vital operation. Again, we need each member's help a little each month!

Holy Smoke Ministry

Nancy Rice

April finds us just getting warmed up. We smoked a whole pig for Credo at LLEC earlier this month and are getting ready for a repeat performance on the 26th. Our third Credo is scheduled for May 10. We also have a small catering job to cook and serve on the 10th. Wrapping up the May schedule is a potential catering job at Lake Logan Episcopal Center (LLEC).

In June, our Festival season begins. Please check your calendars and save some time to help, Kathy Beck will be asking for volunteers for the first annual WNC Gun and Wildlife show at the Haywood County Fair Grounds June 13, 14 & 15. The next Saturday will be the annual Trout Festival in Maggie Valley.

Be sure to sign up for the FUN \$\$\$ Raising!!!

Daughters of the King

Lucy Harrison

The Daughters of the King are very excited to announce the installation of Jean Morton April 13th. Jean will be a wonderful addition to our group and brings beautiful gifts to our Order. We are also in the process of preparing Johnetta Heil for membership. Her training was interrupted by the move into the Habitat House and health problems, but we hope to proceed with this process soon. Sadly, Jo Ann Stilley has informed us that she is moving soon and will no longer be a member of the St. Andrew's Chapter. She will be greatly missed. As always, the DOK is open to any woman in the church. If you have any questions or interest, please talk to a Daughter or come to a meeting (the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Ed building).

We would also like everyone to know that we now are available to do soaking prayer when needed and at your request. If you have a need, please call me, 593-7634, or Teresa to arrange a time and place. We can go to your house, hospital or nursing home. Soaking Prayer is not limited to the DOK, and we would love to encourage anyone to help us with this ministry.

Building and Grounds

Nancy Rice

Our new sign will be erected next month and our temporary sign will be moved to the back of the church to designate handicapped parking. Also toward the middle of the month we hope to begin work on replacing the windows in the offices and nursery and remodeling Father Tim's office.

Karen Hall is working on getting the chairs in the foyer re-upholstered in the near future also.

There is a new wrought iron gate at the top of the Memorial Garden. We hope that this will keep our Memorial Garden a quiet and sacred space.

We have had a donation towards our new playground also.

Dave Clark and Ted Hendrickson have volunteered to help with the lawn maintenance and Madeleine Moroz is going to tackle the weeds when she can. Johnetta Heil has volunteered to get a group together to spread the pine straw and finish with our spring clean up. If you can assist any or all of these people please call Teresa and let her know.

Thank you all for your help.

Pastoral Care

Karen Hall

New members and visitors to our parish don't just automatically assume our beloved St. Andrew's fellowship. They need to get to know you and the other members of our family. Remember to wear your name tags and introduce yourself and others at your next encounter with unfamiliar faces.

Our worship together includes the very precious cards, visits, calls, food and gifts you share with our extended St. Andrew's family members. Remember to keep Juanita apprised of your outreach efforts. We also appreciate her keeping us informed about prayerful concerns arising within our parish.

News from Craggy*Jim Hudson*

Please forgive my absence over the past three months in my contributions to the Stone-by-Stone. Needless to say, this prison time has been unusually stressful and very distracting for me.

I had prayed for a Christmas of 2007 again to be one of carols on radio, extra food items, visit, and special worship services. However on Sunday, December 23, I caught a virulent intestinal virus, was taken to Hickory's Catawba Valley Hospital, and eventually lost eight pounds over three days. I don't like IV's, heart monitors, morphine, etc. it was the sickest I've ever been in my life. Eventually over 60% of inmates at Craggy became ill.

Then in mid-February, I suffered a case of the influenza along with subsequent sinus, ear, and throat infections. I had taken the flu shot in December. Also the end of February, I was stung in my dorm by a spider, probably a brown recluse.

The first week of March, I was again transported to Catawba Valley Hospital where, under general anesthesia, six skin cancers (basal cells) were removed from by back by an excellent surgeon, Dr. McClure and his professional, kind, and Christian-loving team. Daily here, I pray that Haywood Regional Hospital returns to accreditation and operation soon to help the sick and do God's will for each of you.

Then at Easter weekend here, the social evils of prison existence imploded all around me. Thus by default, my spiritual peace was affected. Preoccupation with my efforts for physical survival precluded my experiencing much of Easter.

However with God's love and grace, I have prevailed in better health and look forward to my home plan and job plan as led by our Fr. Tim McRee. I thank each of you for your support of this prayer and dream of mine.

Also I thank each of you who came here for our Epiphany Eucharist in early January. Please return again anytime with Fr. Tim.

I continue to greatly use and benefit from St. Andrew's worship services on CD. Currently I'm taking a "Short-timers/Re-entry Class" in our chapel and a weekly Alpha Bible Class taught by Grace Church volunteers.

I especially thank God and you for each and every kindness, card, and prayer. Please pray for me as I do each of you each day.

Summer at Camp Henry*Wendy Curley*

Calling all children and youth from grades 2nd – 12th don't procrastinate. Summer is approaching fast and Camp sessions are filling fast. This summer's theme is The Amazing Grace. As of this morning the camp is right at 60% of last year's total of campers. Camp Henry begins on June 11th and will finish up on August 2nd. There is also the option of the Camp Henry Outdoor School for those who are in 7th – 12th grade. This camp is all about the outdoors and goes on a 7 day/night hike. These sessions are 10 days long. Feel free to visit the Lake Logan website at www.lakelogan.org and then go to the Camp Henry pages. It will give you a complete list of all the sessions, or call the LLEC main office at 646-0272.

Diocesan Vestry Handbook Frequently Asked Questions Featured

Our diocese has recently adopted and published a new Vestry Handbook which is the official position of the diocese on matters of parish governance, policy and procedures. A full copy is available in the parish office for your edification or through the Diocese website. In this and subsequent editions of the Stone-by-Stone we will be publishing the section entitled, "Frequently Asked Questions." Some of these will be old hat to long-time Episcopalians, but some will be very interesting, and hopefully, enlightening, to folks who have come to us from other faith traditions and Christian denominations. We have a unique and sometimes strange polity structure in the Episcopal Church. We hope that you find these faq's to be both edifying and clarifying as you grow deeper into your relationship with Christ in this peculiar Church.

Frequently Asked Questions from Diocese Vestry Handbook

- Q. Who elects the Vestry?
- A. The congregation elects the Vestry at the annual parish meeting. A third of the Vestry is elected each year and serves a three-year term so there is always a staggered rotation. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden are elected from the Vestry by the Vestry upon the Rector's nomination. Vacancies on the Vestry are filled by appointment by the Vestry. The appointed person may then run for election to a three-year term.
- Q. Who nominates the Vestry? Can the Rector choose his favorites?
- A. The Rector may not choose the members of the Vestry. Anyone who is 16 years of age or older, has been faithful in attending worship, and has made a financial commitment to the congregation for the previous six months is eligible for election to the Vestry. Many churches have a nominating committee that is charged with creating a slate of volunteers to be considered for the Vestry.
- Q. I can't attend our annual meeting and I really want to vote for someone. Can I send a proxy with a friend?
- A. No. Tradition does not allow for absentee ballots or proxy ballots. Nominations will be invited from the floor at the annual meeting so a prepared ballot will not necessarily include all names of nominees.
- Q. Does the congregation approve the parish budget at the annual meeting?
- A. No, the Vestry is fully responsible for the financial matters of the parish. At the same time it is incumbent on the Vestry to give a full accounting to the congregation as to the financial health of the parish. An annual audit must also be held and the results should be shared with the congregation. At the Annual meeting the Parish reviews the budget but does not vote on it.
- Q. May the Vestry or the treasurer not pay the Rector's salary or pension if they don't approve of the job the Rector is doing?
- A. No. Canon law states that the compensation agreed upon must be paid on the date agreed upon. The pension must also be paid on a regular basis.

June Anniversaries

6/2	Barbara & Douglas Hurd
6/9	Carolyn & Charles Marth
6/10	Priscilla & Harris Burns
6/17	Mary & Gary Morehouse
6/17	Terry & David Rose
6/21	Frances & John Williams
6/22	Tammy & Bill Whited
6/25	Elizabeth & Charles Crawford
6/29	Debra & James Morton

May Birthdays

5/3	Cobie Willis
5/7	Anna Beall
5/10	Tommy Smathers
5/12	Matthew Sanderson
5/14	Bailey Dennard
5/15	Aidan Patton
5/16	Kathleen Beck
5/18	Ted Hendrickson
5/24	Jane Gladden
5/26	Oliver Marth
5/28	Rev. Harlan Bemis
5/29	Tobie Ledford
5/29	Karen Prebble
5/30	Carole Talman
5/31	Margaret Allison
5/31	Joan Bemis
5/31	Kevin Schaefer

June Birthdays

6/5	Greyson Ledford
6/6	Terry Rice
6/8	Elizabeth Crawford
6/9	Walter West
6/10	James Morton
6/13	Samantha Sutton
6/15	Bill Edwards
6/15	Eliza Marth
6/15	Sally Schaefer
6/19	Marcia Kane
6/20	Teresa Mehaffey
6/27	Geoffrey Lance
6/28	Christopher Escott
6/29	Juanita Dixon
6/30	Charles Crawford

Full list of birthdays and anniversaries can be found by following the links at www.standrewscanton.org/stone1.html

CALENDAR

Thurs., May 1 **No Bible Study**

May 7, 8, 9, 12 & 13 **Pisgah High School** using undercroft for AP Exams from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please enter the church from the back door if visiting during those times.

Sat., May 10 **POG** meeting

10 a.m. **Nimble Fingers** meeting

Thurs., May 15 7 p.m. **Vestry** meeting

Sat., May 17 3 p.m. **Wedding** of Allison Rose and Mark Kaserman at Lake Logan

May 23-26 **Fr. Tim** on vacation

Mon., May 26 **Office closed** for holiday

Sun., Jun. 8 **Youth Sunday**

Jun. 9-11 **Fr. Tim** out of town for EFM Mentor Training

Sun., Jun. 22 **Newsletter articles due**

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Wednesday evening, April 30, at 6:00, Bishop Porter Taylor will be with us to confirm our wonderful class of six adult additions to our parish family. Those being presented for Confirmation are: Marcia Kane, Carol Cagle, Brian and Tricia Hinshaw, Beth Smith, and Stephanie Denard. Also, Kitty Williams, Beth Smith's mother, will reaffirm her Baptismal vows at that service. A reception for Bishop Taylor and our Confirmands will follow in the undercroft. Please plan to turn out in support these new official members of our parish family, and to greet our wonderful Bishop and shepherd of our diocese, Porter Taylor.

News and Announcements from the Diocese of WNC

Upcoming Safeguarding Gods Children Workshops

Saturday, May 10 Good Shepherd Hayesville 1:00-4:00 p.m RSVP to the church office 828/389-3397

The Write of Your Life

Led by The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Canham , Calvary Episcopal Church, Saturday, May 3, 2008 -10a.m.- 3p.m.

This workshop is for you if: you often intended to keep a journal but never quite got around to it; your journal writing has been spasmodic or dull; or you are an experienced journal writer looking for fresh ideas. Through exercises, discussion, listening to the journal writing of forbears in the faith, creativity, and exploring our own life journeys we will discover a treasure lying buried beneath the surface of what we sometimes call "ordinary life." We will also discuss journaling with the insights we get from Scripture.

Beverages will be provided and we invite participants to bring a brown bag lunch. Suggested donation is \$10. Call Calvary Church at 684-6266 for more information and to register.

Youth News

2008 Youth Council Applications

Youth Council Applications for 2008 are available! Please help me encourage youth to apply for this special opportunity. I am looking for 10-12 graders who are leaders in their church, reliable, and excited about youth ministry. If there are interested youth, they can download the application off of the diocesan website from the youth ministry page.

Episcopal Youth Event

San Antonio, TX

A reminder to all youth and youth leaders in the Diocese. The registration deadline for the national Episcopal Youth Event this summer in San Antonio, TX is Thursday, May 1. Please contact Ben Robertson at All Saints', Gastonia ASAP if you or any youth in your parish are interested in attending. A good group has already registered, but more slots are available and the more the merrier! The total cost for E.Y.E. is \$1,100.00 per person, which includes air travel from Charlotte, room and board, program costs, ground transportation, the event T-shirt, and a diocesan T-shirt. Copious financial aid is available. For more information, please contact [Ben](#) or visit www.ey2008.org.

Camp Henry Day

May 4, 2008

All across the Western and Central Episcopal Dioceses of North Carolina churches are celebrating our beloved camp with special liturgies, youth sermons, displays, prayers, vestments, and much, much more! Have your church join in the fun and help remind our congregations to sign up their children to spend a week of Christian fellowship at beautiful Lake Logan.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 AM
Eucharist	Sunday	10:30 AM
EYC	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	12:00 PM
EFM	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Morning Prayer	Wednesday	9:00 AM
Choir	Wednesday	4:30 PM
Eucharist with Healing	Wednesday	6:00 PM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Vestry	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM
People of God	2 nd Saturday	8:30 AM
D o K	3 rd Saturday	10:00 AM
Nimble Fingers	2 nd & 4 th Saturday	10:00 AM

YOUR ST. ANDREW’S VESTRY

2005-2008	2006-2009	2007-2010
Joe Branson	Carole Talman	Kathy Beck, Clerk of Vestry
Richard Lance	Nancy Rice, Junior Warden	David Clark
Jean Santucci, Senior Warden	Terry Rose	Karen Hall

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