

Stone by Stone

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Clergy Corner Early Pentecost:

A Summer to Celebrate Our Youth!

What a great Summer it is already! We celebrated a marvelous Youth Sunday June 8, giving thanks for all of our children and youth and especially for our three graduating seniors, Henry Creech, Geoffrey Lance, and Eliza Marth, all from Tuscola High School. Eliza preached an incredible sermon on what St. Andrew's has meant to her in her life. It was great day, and we are so blessed and so grateful for the presence of these amazing young people in our lives.

Friday, July 4, our youth together with the youth of St. James Church, Lenoir, will be leaving for a week-long Mission Trip (our first ever!) with the Lakota people of Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. On the way, we will overnight and sight-see in Chicago before heading on to the Reservation. We will work there from Sunday evening through Thursday evening primarily doing housing re-hab and work with the Lake Traverse children. Friday, we will drive from the North-East corner to the South-West corner of SD to spend the night at Thunderhead Episcopal Conference Center in the Black Hills. These wonderful folks are providing one night of lodging and breakfast for 14 of us at no charge! Thanks so much to Johnny Keesee of Lake Logan for arranging this for us. Saturday, July 12, we will tour Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands National Park before making the long drive back to Canton, arriving home late on Sunday, July 13.

I especially want to thank St. Alban's Parish in Hickory whose wonderful folks are providing us with the use of their van at no charge. Also, I want to thank all of you at St. Andrew's who have given so generously to our fuel fund for this trip. You have graciously provided \$1,766 to cover our traveling expenses for this incredible spiritual and educational experience for our youth! What an amazing family of Christians God has called together in this parish. I continually give thanks for the privilege of serving God in your midst!

Above all, I want to thank our Youth and Christian Ed. Minister, Wendy Curley, for the incredible amount of communication and fund-raising work that she has done over the past year to put this trip together for us and for our companions in Christian service from St. James Church, Lenoir. This Mission Trip evolved from a conversation last summer at the Epiphany Institute at Lake Logan between myself, Wendy and Fr. Mike Cogsdale of St. James. Our trip is the fruit of that initial conversation and has truly been a year-long labor of love which has involved untold hours of planning, e-mail and telephone correspondence together with the sales of Episcopal merchandise marketed by Wendy and our youth. Well Done, Wendy!

Again, dear friends, thank you for all of your support and for the assurance of your prayers as we travel to be of service to our Lakota brothers and sisters in Christ. We will have lots of stories and photos to share upon our return

POG Report & Creative Ministries

Kathy Beck

Our POG is growing every month with much enthusiasm. Our May meeting was held with the men cooking and serving breakfast to the ladies. We have planned our June event as a trip to Cataloochee to see the elk and having evening prayer after a day of picnicking and fresh air. We will not meet again until September.

Healthy Living and Nimble Fingers have taken a rest for the summer and will start up again in September.

Thank You, John and Teresa for Working so Hard to Keep Us Financially Solvent

Our Treasurer, John Donnelly, and our Parish Administrator, Teresa Mehaffey, work untold hours keeping up with our parish finances and stretching every dollar to the breaking point in order to keep this ministry moving forward for Christ. Every expenditure is scrutinized and every opportunity to save on expenses is explored to the “Nth” degree by this remarkable pair of managers. No one could be more efficient or more cost conscious than our financial team. Even so, they cannot create funds from thin air and can only work with the funds provided by our generosity. John gave an inspired presentation of our financial condition at the main Eucharist June 29, detailing ways in which we might more ably contribute to God’s work through St. Andrew’s. Please pray about how we might be led by God to increase our contributions to this ministry and please call John or Teresa if you have any questions about any aspect of our parish finances. The support of each and every one of us is essential to the amazing work that God is doing through our parish. Together, by God’s grace, we can keep this work moving forward and growing!

Senior Warden Corner

Jean Santucci

It is June, and another school year is behind us! Congratulations to Henry Creech, Eliza Marth, and Geoffrey Lance on their completion and graduation from high school. Your St. Andrew’s family is very proud of you both.

Have you noticed that the hill in back of the Christian Education has been cut and cleared? Give a “thank you” to Paul, Teresa and Zachary when you see them. They took that project on as a family, and it sure looks great.

In just a couple of weeks our youth and their sponsors from St. Andrew’s will be joining the youth and their sponsors from St. Alban’s, Lenior, for a joint mission trip to South Dakota. This is going to be a fulfilling experience that is not only fun, but rewarding, too. If anyone wants to make a donation towards this mission, (especially towards the gasoline!), just get in touch with Wendy or Teresa.

As always, thank you to everyone who has helped to provide our Coffee Hours. We appreciate you, one and all. There is a sign-up chart in the

undercroft hall, so please take a turn. It doesn’t have to be fancy, and everyone appreciates this so much.

The Mennonites are Coming!

The Vestry has been working for several months to explore the possibility of re-financing our mortgage with better terms than we have been receiving through RBC Centura Bank. Our explorations led us to the Mennonite Mutual Aid Association of Goshen, Indiana, who, after thorough investigation and due diligence by the vestry, has proven to be the organization that we want to work with for the amortization of the remainder of our capital debt (now totaling under \$200,000!).

We are working toward a closing date of July 28 with MMAA following which we will pay RBC Centura the remaining balance that we owe them. The first thing that will affect us is that our monthly payment will decrease by some \$400 per month. Also, this mortgage will self-renew at the end of each five year period at no additional cost to us. We are signing on for a maximum of 20 years, but of course our hope is to have it paid in full long before then.

A great plus in working with this Christian financing organization is that the profits that MMAA receives from this mortgage will go to help other congregations and Christian institutions finance their dreams and mission visions through the availability of this capital. Again, if you have any questions about this re-financing of our mortgage please do not hesitate to contact John Donnelly, our Treasurer, or your Vestry representative.

Sunday, July 20

10:00 a.m.

*Haywood County Bicentennial
and*

*Quinocogintennial (85th)
Celebration and Homecoming
Service*

*at St. Andrew’s-on-the-Hill
followed by covered dish
luncheon.*

Outreach

Building for a permanent home for the Community Kitchen on Pisgah Drive is in process and should be completed sometime in June. Our volunteers from St. Andrew's served Sunday evening dinner at the kitchen April 13 and May 11. Other groups helping at the kitchen are East Canton Baptist Church, The Leo Club at Pisgah High School, Canton First Baptist Church, and the local AARP group.

If you would like to contribute food for the Community Kitchen, please put items in the box in the undercroft or see Juanita. In May and June, four boxes of food were contributed. Donations are also being accepted such as paper, envelopes, and other items for the women's prison.

We have volunteers from St. Andrew's serving in many areas throughout the county: MANNA, Meals-on-Wheels, KARE Circle of Parents, Relay for Life, Haywood Christian Ministries, Hospital and Good Samaritan Clinic, Boy & Girls Scouts, and Canton Senior Center. Thank you to all that serve as volunteers in our community. You are all priceless!

If you would like to volunteer, contact Juanita and she will put you in touch with the right folks.

There will be an Outreach meeting Sunday, August 3, after the late service.



Recycle Inkjet • Reduce Pollution • Raise Funds

What to do:

Most of us have inkjet printers at home or work. Next time when you have an empty cartridge, don't throw it away.

Just put it in a Ziploc bag or the original cartridge box and bring it to church.

We have a special recycle boxes in the undercroft and commons area.

Benefits to St. Andrew's:

We will be paid up to \$4.00 for each cartridge with a print head.

Free boxes... free shipping.... no cost!

Benefits to our community:

Reduce pollution. Cartridges do not decompose for 1,000 years.

Save energy. Empty ones can be remanufactured and reused.

No buying, no selling, no burden to anyone.

Which cartridges:

Cartridges with a print head are qualified for payment. That includes most of Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Compaq, Canon, Dell, Brother, Epson and Apple.

Cartridges without a print head do not qualify for payment. If you cannot tell the difference, bring it in anyways.

Since we began this program a little over a year ago, we have returned almost 400 cartridges and received over \$200. Keep up the good work - help us earn and help us protect the environment.

Note: Goodwill Industries is now accepting old computers and other electronics. They are either sold if still usable or recycled if not. Check with your local Goodwill for more information.

News from Craggy

Jim Hudson

Since last I wrote, Craggy has experienced both periods of hot and cool weather along with the cacophonous chorus of 17-year Cicadas for two weeks. In mid-June, we had a severe thunderstorm wherein our Chapel was hit by lightning, damaging the circuit breaker panel and the air conditioner.

Craggy Chaplaincy continues its outstanding spiritual leadership from: Head Chaplain George Holley of Haywood County, Presbyterian Barry Curtis of Asheville, Dr. Tom Turner, Mars Hill Baptist, and Presbyterian John Casto.

In addition, Episcopalian volunteers rotate here for our Friday afternoon Eucharist. They are Rev. Tim McRee, Rev. Linda Nye and Rev. Gary Coffey of Grace, Rev. Jim Abbott of St. Mathias, and retired Rev. Everett and Becky Fredholm of All Souls. Please keep each of these Godly men and women in your prayers.

The WNC Christian Motorcycle Association were here all day the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. The Christian Biker's prepared and served all 410 inmates popcorn, cotton candy, and funnel cake smothered in chocolate syrup.

For 14 weeks this summer and taught by Grace Church volunteers, we have another Alpha Bible class. On June 19, I personally lead a study of the 23rd Psalm, one of my all-time favorites.

I continue here with chronic osteoarthritis and nocturnal muscle cramping of arms and legs. If any of you have any suggestions for nutrition or home remedies, then please forward such to me...perhaps via Teresa at our church office. I thank God that the Haywood Regional Medical Center has been re-certified.

As always, please keep me and my future in freedom at St. Andrew's in your prayers. May God also bless you and yours always.

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 at www.diocesewnc.org. This is the final segment of 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 you relationship with Christ in this peculiar Church.

Frequently Asked Questions from Diocese Vestry Handbook

- Q. What if there is no money to pay salaries?
 A. The Vestry is responsible for paying all salaries, whether through soliciting additional contributions from the congregation or by borrowing money. Serious financial straits experienced by the congregation should be shared with the Bishop.
 Q. May the Vestry reduce the Rector's salary as an expression of disapproval?
 A. No. The courts have held that the compensation agreed upon by the Rector and Vestry is a legal and binding contract. Additional salary may be paid to the Rector as the Vestry so chooses.
 Q. Must a parish financially support the mission of

the diocese?

- A. Yes. Canon law states that every parish must give financial support to the mission of the Diocese. The norm for the Diocese of WNC is 10% to 16%.
 Q. How much of our parish income are we supposed to give to the Diocese?
 A. The Policy of the Diocese calls every congregation to contribute between 10-16% of the average of the past three years' net disposable budget income.
 Q. The Rector wants the Vestry to designate 100% of her salary for housing. Must they do this?
 A. Yes. Any cleric employed by a parish may designate any percentage of his or her salary as housing and the Vestry must do this. The Vestry designation merely sets an upper limit on what the cleric can take as a deduction. The amount of housing claimed on the cleric's tax return must be the actual amount used for housing (unless more than other limits set by the IRS). The amount the church designates as housing allowance in no way impacts the parish.

July 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
7/20	Ned Lesesne
7/23	Carroll Waldroop
7/31	Carl Farrington

July 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

August Birthdays

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
8/11	Deborah Schaefer
8/13	Jean Santucci
8/13	Paul Taylor
8/15	Richard Curley
8/17	John Schaefer
8/18	Johnetta Heil
8/18	Marcia Perry
8/18	Sarah Elizabeth Super
8/21	Terry Rose
8/22	Debra Morton
8/26	Brayden Shuler
8/27	Lee Ann Sanderson
8/28	Catherine Donnelly
8/31	Deener Matthews

August Anniversaries

8/1	Beverly & James Arrington
8/3	Kitty & John Sanderson
8/5	Marcia & Dan Perry
8/8	Teresa Mehaffey & Paul Taylor
8/14	Sandy & Dave Clark
8/14	Beverly & Rev. Tim McRee
8/17	Pat & Robert Fulbright
8/19	Crystal & Story Rice
8/24	Fran & Johnny Keesee
8/27	Sally & Charles Schaefer
8/29	Vicki & Mike Russell

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

CALENDAR

Tues., July 1	Fr. Tim's 13 th year anniversary as Rector of St. Andrew's
Fri., July 4	<u>Cancelled</u> - 4 th of July party Office closed for holiday
July 4-12	Youth Mission Trip to Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota. In case of emergency, contact the office, Fr. Harley Bemis, or Deacon Ray. (Russell will be out-of-town.)
Sun., July 6	Rev. Dan Matthews, guest priest
Thurs., July 10	No Bible Study
Thurs., July 17	7 p.m Vestry meeting
Sat., July 19	9 a.m. DOK meeting
Sun., July 20	10:00 a.m. Haywood County Bicentennial and Quinocentennial Celebration Service at St. Andrew's-on-the-Hill followed by covered dish luncheon. Holy Smoke will provide meat for the luncheon. Bring a side dish such as bread, drinks, desserts, salads, casseroles, etc. Please sign up on the sheet in the undercroft or let Karen Hall know what you are bringing.
Aug. 4-9	Fr. Tim on vacation.
Aug. 8-12	Teresa on vacation
Sat., Aug. 16	9 a.m. DOK meeting
Thurs., Aug. 21	7 p.m. Vestry meeting
Sun., Aug. 24	Newsletter articles due

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
Morning Prayer	Wednesday	9:00 AM
Choir	Wednesday	4:30 PM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Vestry	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
D o K	3rd Saturday	9:00 AM

YOUR ST. ANDREW'S-ON-THE-HILL 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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