

# Stone by Stone

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## Clergy Corner:

### A Trip For The Record Books

Summer's over. School's back in session. The program year is cranking up. There is much to do and much to be thankful for as we move inexorably around the circle of the church year toward the new beginning of Advent yet again. This issue of *Stone-by-Stone* will flesh out much of what lies before us in terms of mission, ministry, and celebration as we move into the fall. But before we leave summer completely, there are some things that I want to remember with you—things for which I am very, very grateful.

I am deeply thankful for the opportunity that you provided for our youth to have the privilege of engaging another culture in a ministry of service to the Lakota people of Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota. What an amazing, life changing experience that was! Bransford Rose, Daniel McRee, Jackie Whited from St. Andrew's, and Will Oxford from St. James', Black Mountain, were the young adults in our van. Please read Will's outstanding article on our trip in the next *Highland Episcopalian*! The older adults in the St. Andrew's group were myself (as principal driver and religious person), Wendy Curley (as trip planner and organizer par excellence), and Story Rice (as techno-guru and indispensable ever-present helping hand). What a crew!—especially when combined with an equally outstanding group of youth and adult leaders from St. James', Lenoir, led by Fr. Mike Cogsdale, and with whom we all became life-long friends.

In 10 days, we covered nearly 4,000 miles in two vans without a single mishap. We worked four full days on the Reservation with a mixture of housing re-habilitation projects and "Kid's Club" (sort of like VBS for children of the Reservation community) duties. We slept on the floor of the parish hall of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Sisseton, SD where we also took our meals. We showered each day in the gymnasium locker rooms of the Reservation Agency School after we left our job sites. Each evening we had "cultural activities" such

as Native American dance or hiking/swimming at a local state park. Most importantly, each day began and ended with Bible study, prayer and worship led by the amazing Youth Works ministry team of four college students (2 male, 2 female) who ran the mission site. We also made contact with the rector of the local Episcopal community, Fr. Charlie Chan (no kidding, an ethnic Chinese priest born in Hong Kong). Fr. Chan is based at Gethsemane Church in Sisseton and is responsible for six congregations in a circuit of over 100 miles with the help of two retired priests. Over 90% of his parishioners are Native American. Talk about mission work!

On our way to South Dakota, we spent our first night on the road at a youth hostel in downtown Chicago followed by an amazing day of sight-seeing provided for us by Fr. Sam Portaro and his partner, Chris. (Fr. Sam was our rector at Epiphany, Newton and officiated at my marriage to Beverly in 1976. He recently retired as the Episcopal Campus Minister at the University of Chicago). Following our duties on the Reservation, we spent a wonderful day driving all the way across South Dakota on old US Hwy 212, a two-lane road through some of the most incredible prairie scenery in America. We ended the day in the Black Hills at Thunderhead Episcopal Center for a night of free lodging in their camp cabins followed by a wonderful breakfast provided by Executive Director Holly Huisken (thanks to Johnny Keese).

From Thunderhead, we started home with brief stops at Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands National Parks. We made it to Kansas City by 2:30 a.m. Sunday, got back on the road at 10:00 a.m., and arrived at St. Andrew's at 2:00 a.m. Monday, July 14. What a trip!

Story Rice is putting together a DVD slide show of the trip which we will present to the congregation upon completion. Please ask the kids and leaders about our experience; and please know, dear friends, that it was your generosity and your prayers that made this trip possible and kept us safe. Also, St. Alban's Parish in Hickory deserves our deepest

gratitude for allowing us the use of their church van at no cost for the trip. You will never know what this experience has meant for each of us. We are so grateful to be part of this parish family!



Youth Mission Trip



### Calling All Potential Ushers

Help, help -- we are having a critical shortage of ushers. The job description is not hard to fill: (1) Come to church about 25 minutes early, (2) greet people as they come into church, (3) hand out service bulletins, (4) take up offering during the service, and (5) help people needing assistance going up to communion during the service. Now the really exciting part of this job is that you get to learn how to use the "clicker." That is -- the clicker that counts people as they come into the church. As the service begins, the number in attendance is put up on the board mounted on the back wall. In all seriousness, if you think you could help out either on a regular basis or from time to time as a substitute, please give John Williams a call at 452-4178 and call the office at 648-7550.

### Thank You And God Bless You For Your Generosity

*Rev. Timothy McRee, Rector*

As you all know, our parish finances were literally stretched to the breaking point last month. Because of this situation, your vestry prayerfully decided to make a general appeal for additional funds to meet our obligations and to keep Christ's ministry in this parish moving forward. We have once again been overwhelmed by the magnitude of your response to this need. In your generosity, you have shown that as a community of faith we are moving from a theology of scarcity to one that reflects our deepened understanding of God's abundance and of the Divine generosity that is poured upon us. You have opened your hearts to receive God's gifts, and you have opened your check-books in grateful response to the ministry needs of our parish and community. Your vestry is so thankful for your response, and we are so humbled by your faithful example. Truly, we know that "*All things come of thee, O Lord; And of thine own have we given thee.*"

### Adult Christian Formation at St. Andrew's

*Rev. Timothy McRee, Rector*

As we crank up for the fall, please be aware of the opportunities offered at St. Andrew's for adult faith formation beginning September 14. Each Sunday at 9 a.m. there is 30 minutes of silent centering prayer open to all in the middle downstairs classroom of the Christian Ed. Building convened by Connie and John Mozelewski. This is followed by a study of the Sunday Scriptures at 9:30 a.m. using the "African Bible Study" method led by Mary Morehouse and Karen Hall. Again, this class is open to all and requires no experience. Beginning in Advent, Russell Smith's excellent inquirer's class will begin again for newcomers and old-timers alike.

Each Thursday morning at 10 a.m. we have Bible Study led by the rector open to all, and easily engaged at any point (folks come and go all the time). This group is a lot of fun, and we go in all kinds of directions as the Spirit and people's interests lead us. Currently, we are working our way through the Apocrypha and are in Ecclesiasticus, AKA, The Wisdom of Jesus Ben Sirach. Please feel free to join us at any time.

Tuesday evenings beginning September 2, EFM (Education for Ministry) starts back up for those currently enrolled. EFM is a course of theological education by extension from the School of Theology at Sewanee. This is a four year program including a year each of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Theology. Students are charged a fee of \$385 per year paid to the University of the South and commit to one year of study at a time. We meet at 6 p.m. for a light supper and then engage the material and do theological reflection until 9 p.m. in a seminar format. Our group will take on new students in January, and this December we will graduate Jean Santucci and Sally Gamewell who will have each completed all four years. Ask us about EFM!

### Outreach

*Carole Talman*

The annual outreach yard sale will be held in conjunction with the Christmas Bazaar November 22. We would like to have a great sale with good, usable items. This will enable us to donate our proceeds to as many different organizations in our community as possible with matching funds coming from the Diocese. Since finances have been rather tight this year, we have not been able yet to take part in the matching funds from the Diocese.

Please begin to gather any gently used items for this sale. We will start bringing them in to the top floor of the Commons Area in October. Help us make this the best White Elephant/Yard Sale ever!

### Canton Community Kitchen

If you are unable to help us serve at the Canton Community Kitchen, you can still help by donating food or money. There is usually some cost for each meal served, especially when purchasing meat. Monetary donations can be directed to Fr. Tim's Discretionary Fund with CCK on the memo line. We appreciate any way that you can help with this worthwhile ministry.

**Nursery***Wendy Curley*

The nursery is for children 6 and under. Please, help us to keep this a safe place for our younger children. It is difficult to keep it safe with older children in their along with the younger children.

Let Wendy know if you are willing to cover the nursery on the few Sundays that Jennifer is off.

**POG Report & Creative Ministries***Kathy Beck and Terry Rose*

Well, summer's almost over and school has begun. It's time for fall activities to begin, and they are beginning with a bang. First, the annual Christmas Bazaar is in the planning stages. It will be Saturday, November 22, 2008, from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. in the undercroft of the church. Everyone in the church is invited to participate, attend, and shop. We need all manner of crafts, baked and canned goods, and white elephant items. Please contact Kathy or Terry or any of the booth coordinators with suggestions, ideas, or questions. Coordinators are as follows:

- White Elephant (Outreach) – Carole Talman
- Holy Smoke – Nancy Rice
- Kitchen/Breakfast items – Karen Hall
- Cookbooks/Canned Goods – Margie Matthews
- Baked Goods/Candies – Kathy Beck
- Christmas Crafts – Rose Rich
- Raffle – Lois Lynn
- Publicity – Karen Hall

Volunteers will be needed to bake, craft, work booths, and support the church.

Nimble Fingers will swing back into action Saturday, September 13, 2008, from 10 a.m. – 12p.m. Although this started out as a knitting group, it has grown to include anyone who does crafts with their “nimble” fingers. We also plan to work on some Christmas crafts to sell for the Bazaar. Some paper craft materials will be provided at the first meeting of the season and Fran Williams will be available to teach some Christmas felting crafts. Nimble Fingers meets the second Saturday of each month. So come out to visit, to learn a new craft, or to teach one that you know.

The Healthy Living groups facilitated by Mary Morehouse, will begin their fall season Monday, September 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. If you have

some unhealthy habits you'd like to change, check out one of these groups to get the support you want.

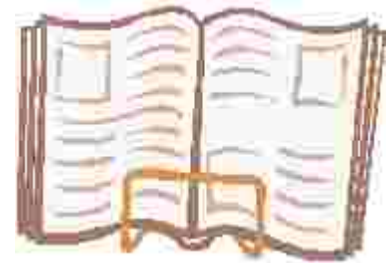
The POG (People of God) will begin their meetings in October. Keep listening for more information on this.

Holy Smoke has been incredibly busy this year. Town festivals and catering jobs have kept them all hopping. Much money has been made to help out with our mortgage, but more importantly, there is great fellowship and camaraderie. This is a wonderful ministry with lots of opportunities for volunteering. Jobs come large and small and there's a place for everyone. The group will take orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys and pork loins at the Bazaar.

A new venture this year is the publishing of a St. Andrew's cookbook. Margie Matthews is in charge of this production and will have more information later.

She will need lots of recipes from anyone from the church as well as typists to get the book press ready.

Contact Margie with recipes or questions. Pick up recipe collection sheets from the box in the Undercroft and share all the scrumptious recipes you and your family enjoy. Please return your sheets by Sunday, Sept. 28th.

**Children's Sunday School***Wendy Curley*

We are so excited in that we will have two new teachers this year.

Mark Phillips will be taking on the pre-K class. He comes with a lot of experience with that age group. Stephanie Dennard has agreed to take on the Elementary class. Carole Talman will continue teaching the Middle-High school class. I will be assisting, and I have received a couple of offers for substituting. Thank you to all who are offering your gifts to the children.

Sunday School for all ages will start back up September 14<sup>th</sup>. I ask that all children 7 and older gather in the undercroft until we are ready to head over to class. The Pre-K group can gather in the nursery if they prefer.

**Youth**

*Wendy Curley*

The Youth Group will have their first official meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. See Wendy or Story if you have any questions concerning Youth activities.

**Important Youth Dates & Events:**

September 5-7 — Mid Beginning  
(for youth in grades 6-9)  
Valle Crucis Conference Center

September 7 — Joint Parish Picnic  
with Grace, Waynesville  
Lake Logan Episcopal Center

October 24-26 — Senior High Fall Gathering  
Valle Crucis Conference Center

**Senior Warden Corner**

*Jean Santucci*

Is it me, or is this summer just flying by? It's hard to believe that the long anticipated Mission Trip to South Dakota has happened. All reports sound like it was a great trip – one of the best ever in spite of out-of-sight gas prices and long hours on the road. Thank you to everyone who donated money to help finance the trip.

We had a wonderful turn out to our celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone here at St. Andrew's. Thanks to everyone who helped with the service and the luncheon. A special thanks to Karen Hall for coordinating the covered dish luncheon and to all of her helpers who assisted with serving and cleaning up. These events would not be successful or nearly as much fun if everyone did not pitch in and help.

As we enjoy the rest of the summer, please remember that we always need hosts for the coffee hours. Please check the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft.



85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



Look for our anniversary article in the next issue of the *Highland Episcopalian*.

## Have You Seen A Deacon?

*Raymond Escott, Deacon*

The Deacon's Council will be hosting the Annual Deacon's Day at Trinity Episcopal Church October 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bishop Taylor will be our guest and Celebrant at the closing Eucharist.

We are inviting all Rectors and those people in their congregation who may be interested in becoming a Deacon to come for this informational meeting.

The program will include an overview of the Diaconate in the Diocese and information on the process and the training program. Current ministries will be spotlighted to show the variety and the commitment of Deacon's within the diocese.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact The Rev. Deacon Peggy Buchanan at 669-6191 or [peggy@trinityasheville.org](mailto:peggy@trinityasheville.org). You may also contact The Rev. Deacon Ray Escott at 456-7758 or [rescott2@charter.net](mailto:rescott2@charter.net).

## Book Signing

Join us Sunday, September 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Christian Education Building for a book-signing of the new title *Boundless Love: The Parable of the Prodigal Son and Reconciliation* by Joel W. Huffstetler.

Joel W. Huffstetler is Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee. Previously he served as Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Canton, North Carolina, and as Assistant to the Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is a graduate (*summa cum laude*) of Elon College, and of The School of Theology, The University of the South (Sewanee), earning his Master of Divinity degree in 1990, and Doctor of Ministry degree in 2006. He also studied at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He is the author of *Finding Our Unity in the Scriptures: Reconciliation in the Anglican Communion*, and *Pilgrimage Towards Healing and Reconciliation: A Windsor Report Study Guide*, as well as numerous articles and reviews. He and his wife Debbie live in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Books will not be available for sale at the signing but may be obtained in advance from University Press of America ([www.univpress.com](http://www.univpress.com)) or 1-800-462-6420), Amazon.com, or Christian Bible

Book Shop, Waynesville (1-828-456-8891).

## Parish Life

*Karen Hall*

Please remember, St. Andrew's has no paid custodial staff.

It's our kitchen and undercroft that we all enjoy together as a family each Sunday morning and use for meetings, gatherings, and special occasions. I hope each family member considers this space your "second kitchen and family room" away from home.

Did you know ?

Our beloved Gary Morehouse has been our invisible/volunteer kitchen/undercroft keeper-upper (and gardener, weeder, custodian, and much, much more) for many years. The dirty dishes left sitting around or in the sink have always automatically reappeared clean and ready for use again the next week. Spilled foods and drinks have mystically disappeared from the floor, dirty tables and counter tops.

Gary is no longer able to be our servant for the routine maintenance required for the Parish Life we all share in this space. We all need to become more aware of assuming the responsibility for keeping this area clean and orderly.

Please remember if we do not do it .... someone else has volunteer to do it for us!

Please remember to ... !

- Rinse and put dirty dishes in the dishwasher.
- Take a turn to empty the dishwasher or dish drainer when you find it full of clean dishes.
- Take home the dirty dish towels to wash once-in-a-while.
- Check under the table and around the floor for crumbs and trash. The broom is in the kitchen behind the door if needed.
- Wipe off tables and spills on the counter tops.
- Put the tables and chairs back in order before leaving.
- Empty, rinse and return the coffee pots and dispensers before your group leaves.
- Remember to share in the volunteer work required to keep our second kitchen and family room clean and orderly.

Your Parish Life Team thanks you in advance for your kind assistance in this matter.

**Pastoral Care**

*Karen Hall*

**T**hank you so very much to Juanita, Mary & Mary, Maggie, Kathy, Gerri, Joan, Marilyn, Lois, Susan, Joyce, Vicki, Kitty, Patsy, Johnetta, Jane, and Susan for your June ministry of: 70 cards, 21 visits, 12 calls and food taken to our church family. St. Andrew's sincere acts of thoughtfulness are plentiful and continue to be most appreciated within and surely welcomed beyond our stone walls! Please keep Juanita posted of your random and deliberate acts of thoughtfulness!

**Financial Update**

*John Donnelly*

**O**n behalf of myself and the Vestry, I want to thank all of you who contributed extra funds to help us through our latest hour of need. We are solvent once again!

I realize that these are difficult times for many of us, as food and fuel prices keep demanding so much of our incomes. I hope and pray that you will continue to support St. Andrew's to the best of your ability in the future.



**September Anniversaries**

- 9/2 Peggy & Ray Escott
- 9/5 Deah & Joe Branson
- 9/23 Wendy & Richard Curley

**October Anniversaries**

- 10/1 Nancy & Terry Rice
- 10/4 Deener & Rev. Dan Matthews
- 10/15 Marjorie & Carl Farrington
- 10/21 Deborah & John Schaefer
- 10/21 Jency & Kevin Smathers
- 10/24 Katherine & Walter West

**September Birthdays**

- 9/2 Charles Schaefer
- 9/5 Steve Staley
- 9/7 Eric Lafone
- 9/7 Jared Sutton
- 9/10 Bethany Nicholls
- 9/10 Bryan Nicholls
- 9/10 Paul Sanford
- 9/12 Elaine Schenck
- 9/13 Catherine Buss
- 9/16 Catherine Patton
- 9/16 Colton Shuler
- 9/17 Carolyn Marth
- 9/19 Jane Lesesne
- 9/22 David Mathewes
- 9/22 Daniel McRee
- 9/22 Nicole Revis
- 9/22 Adrienne West
- 9/27 Bill Whited
- 9/28 Hannah Crawford
- 9/29 Bernie Curley



**October Birthdays**

- 10/2 Jon Corbin
- 10/2 C. B. Finger
- 10/3 Nathalie Allison-Knox
- 10/3 Kate Mathewes
- 10/4 Bridgette Farrington
- 10/5 Carol Cagle
- 10/5 Allison Rose
- 10/6 David Rose
- 10/9 Jeff West
- 10/9 Jonathan West
- 10/11 Sally Creech
- 10/12 Ray Escott
- 10/13 Charles Talman
- 10/14 John Sanderson
- 10/16 Dean Hines
- 10/19 Beth Sanderson
- 10/19 Joyce Sherrow
- 10/27 Gerri Staley
- 10/28 Martha Graves
- 10/28 Kitty Williams
- 10/31 Tricia Hinshaw

Full list of birthdays and anniversaries can be found by following the links at [www.standrewscanton.org/stone1.html](http://www.standrewscanton.org/stone1.html)

## CALENDAR

Mon., Sept. 1	Office closed for holiday
Tues., Sept. 2	6 p.m. EFM resumes
Thurs., Sept. 4	No Bible Study
Sun., Sept. 7	8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite 1 at St. Andrew's 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Picnic at Lake Logan Episcopal Center. Hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, and drinks will be provided. Bring a ready-to-serve side dish or dessert to share and chairs, blankets, and recreational items. The folks of Grace in the Mountains have been invited to join us for the day. RSVP to the office.
Mon., Sept 8	7 p.m. Healthy Living Support Group meetings resume
Tues., Sept. 9	5 p.m. Healthy Living Support Group meetings resume.
Thurs., Sept. 11	7 p.m. Vestry
Sat., Sept. 13	10 a.m. Nimble Fingers
Sept. 12-17	Teresa on vacation
Sat., Sept. 20	10 a.m. DOK meeting 2 p.m. Baby shower for Nathalie Knox.
Sun., Sept. 21	5 - 7 p.m. Book signing by Rev. Joel Huffstetler
Sept. 24-29	Fr. Tim on vacation
Thurs., Sept. 25	No Bible Study
Sat., Oct. 11	10 a.m. Nimble Fingers
Oct. 13-15	Fr. Tim out of the office for Fall Clergy Conference
Thurs., Oct. 16	7 p.m. Vestry
Oct. 17-20	Teresa on vacation
Sat., Oct. 18	10 a.m. DOK meeting
Sun., Oct. 19	Newsletter articles due
Thurs., Oct. 23	No Bible Study
Oct. 23-27	Fr. Tim on vacation

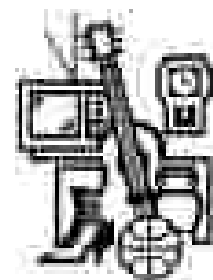


**Mark your calendar and get ready for the**

## **Annual Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday, November 22 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

White elephant sale, crafts, and baked goods.



All white elephant items need to be taken to the third floor of the commons area and placed in the hallway. Please no clothes or shoes. More information can be found in this newsletter.

**Fellow Members of St. Andrew’s Church:**

Each year, three members or 1/3 of our Vestry rotate off and these positions are filled by an election at the Annual Parish Meeting. Any Confirmed Communicant in Good Standing, over 16 years of age, who contributes to the financial stewardship of the parish may be nominated and elected. Those elected serve for three years.

As in the past, the three outgoing members will act as the Nominating Committee. Those folks are Joe Branson, Richard Lance, and Jean Santucci. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting Sunday, November 2, 2008. As you can see, there are important positions to be filled in what will be an exciting three year term.

Because we have moved the Annual Meeting from January to November, those newly elected will have the opportunity to participate in the November and December meetings as “on-the-job-training” orientation. Full Vestry authority (voting) will begin with the January 2009 meeting.

If you know someone whom you would like to nominate for this vital ministry (yourself included), please fill out the form part of the Vestry Covenant page and return it to the Parish Office. The forms will be gathered by the Nominating Committee and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Please prayerfully seek God’s guidance and your nominee’s acceptance of the provisions of the Vestry Covenant before you fill out and return the form. Also, please be certain that the person nominated fully understands and agrees to the provisions of the Vestry Covenant. We thank God continually for all who so faithfully offer their gifts to God for the mission and ministry of our parish.

**SAINT ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
VESTRY COVENANT**

As members of the Vestry of St. Andrew’s Church, Canton, with God’s help, we pledge and covenant to:

- † Pray daily for St. Andrew’s Church, her mission and ministry, her people and clergy and worship weekly at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
- † Attend faithfully the regular monthly meetings of the Vestry, the Annual Parish Meeting, and the Annual Vestry Retreat. (November and December meetings, seat and voice only. Seat voice, and vote beginning in January.)
- † Attend the Training for Preventing Sexual Misconduct and Abuse and the Dismantling Racism Training as required by the Diocese.
- † Have read and agree to abide by the contents of the Vestry Handbook of the Diocese of WNC. (Copies available on the Diocese Website or in the parish office.)
- † Tithe or intentionally increase one’s giving to God until the standard of the tithe is reached.
- † Develop an informed appreciation of the history and life of St. Andrew’s Parish and be available to our members in order to listen and communicate.
- † Participate in the annual stewardship campaign as needed by the ministry team overseeing that effort.
- † Continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Christian Faith, the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of WNC, and St. Andrew’s Parish.

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**VESTRY NOMINATION FORM**

I have read and after prayerful consideration agree to the terms of the above Covenant and am willing and able to serve on the Vestry of St. Andrew’s Church for the 2009-2012 term.

NAME: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 AM
Eucharist	Sunday	10:30 AM
Healthy Living Support Group	Monday	7:00 PM
Healthy Living Support Group	Tuesday	5:00 PM
Education for Ministry	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Morning Prayer	Wednesday	9:00 AM
Choir	Wednesday	4:30 PM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Vestry	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Nimble Fingers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	10:00 AM
D o K	3rd Saturday	10:00 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