

# Stone by Stone

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## Clergy Corner:

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One of the great joys attendant upon the beginning of each year is the preparation of the Annual Parochial Report as required by the Canons of the General Convention and our Diocese. This is usually what I do on snow days in January and February, going through the Canonical Parish Register of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Burials and transfers in and out. Also, I have to go through the Worship Service Register to count all Sunday Eucharists, weekday and saint's day Eucharists, private (home, nursing home, hospital) communions, Daily Offices of Morning or Evening Prayer, or Compline as well as determining average Sunday attendance and total baptized membership. John Donnelly, our Treasurer and Teresa Mehaffey our Parish Administrator prepare the financial statistics for the Report which is then presented to the Vestry to be approved and accepted by vote before being sent on the Diocese and National Church. It is sort of like preparing and IRS 1040 long form by committee.

The following are the membership and worship statistics for 2008 as required by the Parochial Report:

- Total Baptized Membership for 2007: 289
- Increases for 2008 (Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer In) 16
- Decreases for 2008 (Death, Transfer Out, or Removed ) 8
- Total Baptized Membership for 2008: 297
- Communicants in Good Standing Under Age 16: 26
- Others Who are Active but Not Recorded as Baptized Members 11
- Average Sunday Attendance for 2008 (8:00 and 10:30): 88
- Easter Sunday Attendance (Including Great Vigil of Easter) for 2008: 185
- Sunday and Saturday Evening Eucharists for 2008: 102

- Weekday Eucharists for 2008: 25
- Private Eucharists (home, nursing home, hospital) for 2008: 121
- Daily Offices on Sundays for 2008: 4
- Daily Offices on Weekdays for 2008: 75
- Marriages for 2008: 1
- Burials for 2008: 2
- Baptisms 16 years of age or older: 1
- Baptisms 16 years of age or younger: 4
- Confirmations 16 years of age or older: 6
- Confirmations 16 years of age or younger: 0
- Total Church School Students (age 18 and under): 33
- Do you have any regular Sunday or weekday adult education programs? Yes

The above figures are, of course, far more than just numbers. This is the picture of a vital and vibrant community of faith. However it is always helpful to know, even in statistical snapshot form, what our parish family and life looks like. It is interesting to note, for example, that only 1/3 of our Baptized membership, on average, is present for worship on a given Sunday. Why might that be the case? Where are our missing brothers and sisters? If you are missing someone you haven't seen in a while, how about giving that person or family a call and tell them that they are missed. You just might be surprised to see them in the pew beside you next Sunday!

### Pastoral Care

*Karen Hall*

St. Andrew's continues to extend its love and prayers to family members beyond our walls. Many among us dedicate their time to embrace the needs of our extended family who are not able to attend regular services. In December, 97 cards were sent, 3 visits and 13 calls were made, and 3 gifts were given.

### **We will miss you Bill and Dee, and Dean and Jeane**

In the months of December and January, we had two family units transfer their membership to Grace Church-in-the-Mountains, Waynesville; Bill and Dee Werner and Dean Hines and Jeane Fratus. It was a great joy to have these wonderful folks in our fellowship for such a long time, and we owe each of these families a huge debt of gratitude for all of the gifts, talents, and untold hours of hard work which they offered so freely to God and St. Andrew's during their time with us. As members of our sister parish who still reside in our community, these brothers and sisters in Christ are still family and "home folks" whom we will continue to see and with whom we will continue to have opportunities to share in work and fellowship. Although we no longer see them on Sunday mornings, we wish them every blessing as they engage their new parish family and offer their gifts to God among the People of God at Grace Church.

### **Senior Warden Corner**

*Carole Talman*

If you listen to the media these days, you can quickly believe that the "sky is falling." Unlike Chicken Little, I refuse to submit to their messages. Call me a cock-eyed optimist (a label that has been used to describe me many times) but I think not all is lost. Being a single parent for many years, I have been faced with hard economic decisions at times. Somehow I managed to survive and may be the better for it. I don't mean to minimize the hurt that some people are experiencing, but maybe there is a brighter outcome for us and lessons to be learned along the way.

We are so fortunate at St. Andrew's to have the Vestry that you elected at the Annual Meeting. This group has already had to make some hard decisions, and they will continue to work for you and strive to achieve the best for the future of St. Andrew's.

In the Undercroft, there is a sheet of chart paper for each ministry team along with the Vestry liaison for that team. Choose one or more teams that can use your talents and support. Contact that liaison and ask them to put you to work on their team. Let's all work hard to do the ministry God wants us to do. I'm sure there is a silver lining out there somewhere.

### **Parish Life**

*Karen Hall*

We need all of you cooks out there to pitch in again for this upcoming Lenten Season. There will be a Simple Soup & Bread Supper and Dessert each Wednesday in March at 5:30 followed by program series on Elder Abuse lead by Michael Rich. There are sign up sheets in the undercroft to indicate the number in your family that will plan to attend. And you indicate which nights you can help provide part of the meal. Many of us can rustle up a simple pot of soup, but everyone of us can pick up some good bread, crackers or tasty cookies. And folks need to help set up and clean up as usual. So be sure to use the sign up sheets provided to help plan and provide for this special Lenten series.

We also need cooks and volunteers to help St. Andrew's provide the simple meal following the 12:00 Community Lenten Service March 26 at the First United Methodist Church on Newfound Street. Again, soup, good bread/crackers and tasty desserts will be the menu for our week in this community wide effort. If you can help provide, but not attend, we can arrange to pick up your contribution at our church to take and serve for you. There is also a sign up sheet in the undercroft for this event or call (235-9219) to see how you can help.

### **Camp Henry 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

*Wendy Curley*

This will be held the weekend of June 19-21, 2009. We will congregate together to learn about the past, present, and future of Camp Henry. All are welcome to come for a day, an evening or the whole weekend. There are cabins available along with the opportunity to pitch a tent. For more information please visit the Lake Logan website at [www.lakelogan.org](http://www.lakelogan.org). We will also be spending Sunday enjoying the afternoon with the Diocesan Picnic.

**Mark your calendar!!!**

**June 20th from 10am - 4pm Diocesan Picnic at Lake Logan Episcopal Center**

**Holy Smoke**

*Nancy Rice*

Members of the Holy Smoke Ministry have been busy cleaning the smoker and getting it ready to be steam cleaned. Also the wheels on the smoker will have the bearings packed, repairs to the fire box racks will be made, and the racks in the two warmer boxes will be replaced. Then the outer portion of the smoker that is in need of paint will be scraped and painted.

Our first event this year will be the WNC Farmer's Market BBQ Festival March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars, sign up sheets will be out soon.

The Maggie Valley Trout Festival is June 20<sup>th</sup>; please make a note on your calendars. Further dates will be published at a later date.

We are going to have a Holy Smoke Get Together (lots of fun and some date information) in April or May. Date to be announced.

If you have never worked with Holy Smoke, please consider a three hour shift this year. It is a great time to get to know people from both services.

**Junior Warden's Corner**

*Dave Clark*

Hi everyone. My name is Dave Clark, and I have been appointed your Jr. Warden. I pray that I can fill the shoes of Nancy Rice, our past Jr. Warden.

Nancy did a marvelous job and her total dedication to St. Andrew's is most inspirational. I have my work cut out for me and pray that I will be half as good as Nancy.

As your Jr. Warden, I have drawn up a list of tasks (soon to be posted) that need to be accomplished at our church. I will be calling upon you - all men, women, and children to help with these tasks.

To start with, we will meet on one or two weekend days before Easter to do Spring clean-up. Depending upon the number of volunteers, we might be able to complete the clean-up in one day. Volunteering to help at St. Andrew's is a great way to bring members together for a fulfilling fellowship.

We will also need volunteers who have skills in carpentry, electricity, plumbing, and heating/air-conditioning. Even if you are not proficient in any of these skills but would like to learn, please sign up. We need all the help we can get especially for

plumbing emergencies in order to reduce repair costs from outside commercial vendors.

For the outside grounds, we are in desperate need of pine straw and/or pine nuggets. A donation(s) to purchase these items would be greatly appreciated.

Very shortly, I will be posting a list of tasks along with suggested dates and a sign-up sheet. Look for these in the undercroft.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions and/or if I can be of help to you, please don't hesitate to call me.

**Camp Henry Session**

*Wendy Curley*

**Senior High Camp June 14-20	\$495	\$535
Grades 2-3 Mini Camp June 24-27	\$385	\$425
**Grades 6-8 June 28-July 4	\$495	\$535
Grades 3-5 July 5-11	\$495	\$535
**Grades 7-9 July 12-18	\$495	\$535
Grades 4-6 July 19-25	\$495	\$535
**White Water Rafting Option**	\$60	\$60

\*\*CIT Session I June 28-July11

\*\*CIT Session II July 12-25

CITs are both 16 years of age and 11th grade graduates. CITs have a 24-hour break on Saturdays between sessions.

**CHOS ( Camp Henry Outdoor School)**

**High School July 5-11	\$520	\$560
**Middle School July 19-25	\$520	\$560

To register go to [www.camphenny.net](http://www.camphenny.net) and you can register on-line or you can mail in an application. Applications are available on the Youth Board in the Hall. If you have any questions you can contact Wendy Curley at Lake Logan Episcopal Center.

**Outreach***Joe Branson*

The little church with a big influence continues to spread Christ's love within Canton and Haywood County through various outreach projects. Currently, St. Andrew's is waiting on approval from the Diocese for grant money to be directed toward the Canton Community Kitchen. If approved, proceeds from this grant will total \$15,000 over a three-year period. The grant request is set for review in March so look for an update regarding approval in the next Stone by Stone issue.

Good news for the Good Samaritan Clinic. The Justice and Outreach Ministries in Asheville have agreed to match a \$1,000 in-kind gift made by St. Andrew's for the same amount to the clinic. Given the current economic conditions and need for medical care for the least fortunate, these funds will help to shore up the ever increasing demands placed on the Good Samaritan Clinic.

One person's junk is another person's treasure. Money raised from last years yard sale, totaling \$429.50, will be divided evenly and distributed to Share the Warmth and Canton Community Kitchen. Great job and thanks to all those who participated.

The following is Juanita Dixon's January 2009 outreach report. Thanks for the update and your hard work.

- January 4th, Communion service at Craggy Prison.
- January 11th, Community Kitchen. Juanita cooked and ten other people came to help serve and clean up. In addition, three boxes of canned goods were donated by St. Andrew's parish members for the Community Kitchen.
- January 25th, Ray Escott and David Clark took communion to Silver Bluff Village.
- January 28th, Manna food distribution, David & Maggie Mathews & Juanita Dixon
- Relay for Life scheduled for May 15th. Theme will be "Faces of Hope" to honor those in our parish who are battling cancer.
- Several more loads of clothes were brought for Ray Escott to take to Liberty Corners.
- Michael Rich and Juanita Dixon are serving on the Haywood Coalition for emergency shelter.

Special thanks to all outreach volunteers: Patsy Stevenson & Sally Schaefer at the Good Samaritan Clinic, Karen Hall & Juanita Dixon for Meals on

Wheels, David & Maggie Mathews & Juanita Dixon for Manna Food Distribution, John Donnelly, Bill & Mitzie Edwards for Haywood Christian Ministries, Juanita Dixon at The Canton Senior Center, and last but not least all the volunteers at the Canton Community Kitchen-Father Tim(board member), Juanita Dixon, David Clark, Pat Fulbright, Karen Hall, Kitty Williams, Carroll Waldroop, Carole Talman, Beverly McRee, Mary Morehouse, Michael & Rose Rich, and Catherine & Robert Super.

**March Anniversaries**

- 3/7 Anna-Catherine & Paul Super
- 3/10 Mary Guthrie & Roy Gass
- 3/27 Marjorie & Jim Matthews

**March Birthdays**

- 3/6 Beverly McRee
- 3/7 Pat Fulbright
- 3/10 Roy Gass
- 3/10 Connie Mozelewski
- 3/10 Ashleigh Wells
- 3/11 Jimmy Hudson
- 3/15 Kevin Wells
- 3/18 Jeanie Lafone
- 3/23 Vicki Russell
- 3/24 Brett Hartline
- 3/24 Barbara Hurd
- 3/25 Melissa Moss
- 3/25 Frances Williams
- 3/27 Doris Campbell
- 3/28 Joanna Hopper
- 3/29 Marjorie Matthews
- 3/29 John Williams
- 3/31 Marilyn Nicholls
- 3/31 Jackie Whited
- 3/31 Henry Creech

## CALENDAR

Tues., Feb. 24	7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Pancake Day. Need volunteers to cook and work on 24 <sup>th</sup> and to help to put up flyers. Sign up lists for both are on table a in the undercroft.
Wed., Feb. 25	12 noon & 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service
Thurs., Feb. 26	12 noon Lenten service at First United Methodist Church, Canton
Fri., Feb. 27	12 noon Stations of the Cross at St. Andrew's Teresa out-of-office for IAAP© Leadership Conference
March 2-3	Fr. Tim at Clergy Overnight at Valle Crucis
March 2-6	Ray Escott on retreat at Mepkin Abbey
Wed., Mar. 4	5:30 Lenten Supper/Program/Service
Wed., Mar. 11	5:30 Lenten Supper/Program/Service
Thurs., Mar. 12	7 p.m Finance Committee meeting
Sat., Mar. 14	10 a.m. Nimble Fingers
Mar. 16-20	Fr. Tim on retreat at Mepkin Abbey. In case of emergency, contact Deacons Ray or Russell or Fr. Harlie Bemis.
Sat., Mar. 21	Parish Work Day
Sun., Mar. 29	Newsletter articles due.



## Lenten Labyrinth Quiet Day

**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

**Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville**

The Labyrinth is an ancient way of walking prayer and meditation. This quiet day is designed for people who have never walked a labyrinth as well as for those who are already familiar with it. Instruction will be provided for first-time walkers. You are encouraged to bring a journal.

9:30- 10:00 AM -Refreshments

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Program

Cost: \$10.00 which includes lunch

Facilitator: The Rev. Charlotte D. Cleghorn

The Quiet Day will be held in the Parish Hall. We will be using a canvas labyrinth which is typically walked in stocking feet. To register call Charlotte at 274-2681 or download a registration form at [www.centersforchristianstudies.org](http://www.centersforchristianstudies.org)

**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
Lenten Supper/Program/Service	Wednesday	5:30 PM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM
Vestry	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM
Nimble Fingers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	10:00 AM
D o K	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	10:00 AM

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

2006-2009	2007-2010	2008-2011
Carole Talman, Senior Warden	Kathy Beck	Joe Branson
Nancy Rice	David Clark, Junior Warden	Stephanie Dennard
Terry Rose	Karen Hall	Bob Klettner
Jean Santucci, Clerk of Vestry		John Donnelly, Treasurer