

# Stone by Stone

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## Clergy Corner:

### **Pentecost and Beyond: The Season of Spiritual Growth and Renewal**

As I write this article, St. Andrew's is preparing for our Bishop's visitation on Sunday, May 31, the Feast of Pentecost. This is a most auspicious time for our chief priest and pastor to visit for this day reminds us of the gifts conferred upon the Apostles by the Holy Spirit on that day which we sometimes call the "Birthday of the Church." Indeed, the bishop's headgear, or mitre, is designed to remind us of the flames of fire that appeared over the heads of the Apostles on that first Pentecost as recorded by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles.

In this feast we remember our Jewish roots; Pentecost was the Jewish feast observed fifty days after Passover (hence the name), and the reason that all of those dispersed Jews had returned to Jerusalem as Luke records. We also commemorate the gifts of the Holy Spirit conferred upon every Christian in Holy Baptism, and strengthened in Holy Confirmation. We are so blessed that we have three adults to present for Confirmation: Dr. Brian and Mrs. Dolly Byrd, and Ms. Mary Hendrie; three adults to be received from other communions in which they have been Confirmed, Dr. Michael and Mrs. Rose Rich, and Mr. Ted Hendrickson; and one adult for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, Mrs. Lois Lynn.

These wonderful folks have been participating in Dr. Russell Smith's superb inquirer's class since Advent I, learning about our Episcopal Church and the Anglican understanding and practice of

Christianity. As you know, Russell is a teacher of amazing gifts and insight, and we can be well assured that these fine Christians are prepared to take this next step on their journeys of faith within our fellowship here at St. Andrew's. One of the things that Bishop Taylor will address in his remarks in Sunday is that I have requested, and the Vestry has graciously granted, a one month leave of absence for me beginning after Worship on Sunday, July 5. That Sunday marks my fourteenth anniversary as your Rector, and my family and I want to celebrate with the parish the wonderful blessings that we have all shared over this "fortnight of years." The purpose of this leave is primarily to provide me—and you—with some Sabbath rest from all that we endured together over the past year. It will also provide my family with some quality time together as we prepare to send Daniel off to ASU, and Erin off to UNC-A in August. Likewise, this needs to be a time for all us, especially our Vestry and clergy, to engage in prayerful spiritual discernment about our future course of ministry and mission as we look toward the 2010 program year and Stewardship/budget cycle. Please contact your Vestry representative if you have any questions about this arrangement, and may God grant each of us a summer filled with rest and growth. While I am away, Fr. Harley Bemis will be here to provide pastoral care for the congregation and to preach and celebrate the Holy Eucharist for each of those four Sundays. Please support Harley with your prayers, but especially with your presence. **THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU,  
VOLUNTEERS!**

My heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude, and I know that yours are as well, for the amazing quality and volume of work in our Parish Office since Teresa's resignation on May 4. The office has become a beehive of activity as numerous folks have engaged the myriad of administrative activities which keep St. Andrew's up and running. Vestry Member Terry Rose has been the "spark plug" of all of this work and has been accomplished by the volunteers who have come to Terry asking how they can help. These Saints of God are listed below:

General Office Help – Karen Hall, Carole Talman, Terry Rose, Joan Bemis, Mitzie and Bill Edwards, Jean Santucci, Nancy and Terry Rice  
Ordering Flowers – Beverly Arrington  
Communion wine, wafers, bread – Joan Bemis  
Bulletins – Terry Rose, Joan Bemis  
Accounting – Jean Santucci, John Donnelly, Bob Klettner  
Deposits and Checking – Carole Talman, John Donnelly  
Files and Scheduling – Stephanie Dennard, Terry Rose  
Web Page, Computer, Publicity – Michael Rich, Karen Hall  
Stone by Stone – Carolyn Miller  
Payroll – Jean Santucci, Carole Talman  
Yard Work – Dave Clark, Richard Lance, David Rose, Bransford Rose, Lynn Miller  
Back up Volunteers – Joyce Lackey, Rose Rich, Sandy Clark, Barbara Smith, Bob Klettner

In addition, I want to thank Mary Haynes and her devoted crew of folks who keep our buildings and facilities so clean, tidy and well stocked with supplies: Smith and Marilyn Nicholls; Pat Fullbright; Kitty Williams; Michael and Rose Rich; Sally Gamewell, Joyce Lackey, John and Connie Mozelewski, and many others who I never see, but who I know are working. God bless you one and all. It is your devotion to our Lord and your love of your parish church that keeps St. Andrew's the beautiful and well organized church and fellowship of Christians that it is. Your many gifts of time and talent are sacrificial offerings that are holy to the Lord. Vaya Con Dios, Doug and Bobbee, we will miss you!

As per their request, I have transferred Dr. Doug and Mrs. Bobbee Hurd to the pastoral care and fellowship in Christ of the Rector and People of God at Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville, NC. Doug and Bobbee came to us from Grace in 2000 and have been faithful and strong members here, offering their many gifts and talents to God in our midst. Doug was our Sr. Warden through our time of capital fund raising and construction, and Bobbee served as a Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer, as well as president of our Daughters of the King Chapter. We will miss them greatly and know that they will offer themselves for God's Service at Grace as they did so beautifully here. Likewise, I know that they will receive manifold blessings from their association with Mother Arlene and their many friends at Grace. Go with God, dear friends and know that our prayers go with you. We are forever one family in Christ.

## Practicing Stewardship

*Anna Catherine Super*

Recently, I agreed to serve on Saint Andrew's stewardship team. I am not interested in annual fund drives. I am very interested in stewardship as a part of daily life. According to W.H. Greever as quoted in *Money and Faith*, "Christian stewardship is the *practice* of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." Wow! Could stewardship be all of life and how we live it?

Stewardship is the act of serving as a steward: one who cares for something that belongs to someone else. As Christian, we are stewards. Everything that we "have" is ultimately God's. Think about our very lives, the bodies we inhabit, the families we were born into, the children entrusted to our care, the hours in each day, the days that make up each lifespan, all of creation. They all come from God, and we have an opportunity to care for them for awhile. Poor stewards act contrary to the owner's wishes, values, or priorities. Good stewards reflect the true owner. Our lives and the way that we live them can reflect God. In *Finding Our Way Again: the Return of the Ancient Practices*, Brian McLaren writes that practice does not make perfect but that practice can make the impossible possible. We are not perfect stewards. Yet God can work awesome deeds through us. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, "Each person is given something to do that shows who God is." (I Cor. 12:7, *The Message*) In our congregation, we have priests, deacons, musicians, parents, children, teachers (from preschool to college and in between), nurses, midwives, advocates for the elderly, community volunteers, and others who show who God is. Of course, God is bigger than any one of us can show- or even imagine. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians reminds us that "We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete

arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.... But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly." (I Cor. 13: 10 & 13, *The Message*) I believe that those three things are what we have to do as God's stewards. When we all join together and each do our part as a member of the body of Christ, there is no telling what the Holy Spirit will do with and through us.

## 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.

## 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 \$18.00 and two for the alter is \$ 32.00.

\* 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!

### Senior Warden Corner

*Carole Talman*

Thursday, May 21st. was Ascension Day. Father Tim celebrated the Holy Eucharist for those of us who were able to attend. The readings and Fr. Tim's homily struck a chord with me.

Just like the apostles, we spend a lot of time on tasks that are not really important. Sometimes asking questions as they did that only God can answer. in His own time. not ours.

Instead we need to get busy doing what we can to bring the Good News to every aspect of our lives. We need to love one another and join our many talents to do God's work in our communities and in our parish.

I have been wonderfully amazed at all of you who have stepped forward these last two weeks to help your vestry keep St. Andrew's running smoothly. Thank you so much for your support.

I feel that we are moving forward and together we can achieve many goals along the way to being what God wants us to be.

### Junior Warden's Corner

*Dave Clark*

The church grounds are looking really good thanks to several volunteers who helped with the mowing and weed-whacking. Thanks to all who helped.

The next major undertaking for the church is new carpeting or some other sort of flooring for the Undercroft and Nursery. As many of you know, the carpeting in these areas is in really bad condition.

New carpeting will be a very expensive project. It would be a gift from God, if someone from St. Andrew's knows how to lay carpet. This would eliminate the cost of labor and considerably reduce the overall cost.

Another thought would be to replace the carpet with wood or laminate flooring. There are several types of composite/synthetic flooring on the market today. Here again, maybe someone in the parish knows about this type of flooring, or more importantly, how to install it.

It's my belief that this is a project that a good work party could accomplish in one or two weekends. Of course, if we had a donation of \$15 – 20,000, we could sit back and hire out the work. I keep praying. In the meantime, if anyone has any ideas regarding this matter, please contact me or any other vestry member. My cell phone is: 828-400-9950.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your prayers regarding employment. The good Lord took notice and I am now employed and working full-time.

Thank you all so very much.

Dave

### OUTREACH

*Joe Branson*

In case you missed the announcement in church back in April, the Human Hurt and Hope Grant has been awarded to the Canton Community Kitchen. This grant will total \$5,000 for the first year and can be reapplied for over the next two years for the same amount for a potential grand

total of \$15,000 over three years. Special thanks go to Juanita and Carol for their efforts in securing this grant.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrew's church was represented in the Canton Relay for Life. This years theme/banner was "The Faces of Hope" which honored St. Andrew's parish members Patsy Devlin, Joan Garland, Tony Monaghan, Steve Staley and Mike Russell who all are currently fighting their own battle with cancer. This years goal to raise \$1,000 was far surpassed with a grand total so far of \$4,089! Thanks goes out to Juanita Dixon for her team leadership and to every one who contributed.

Fore! David Clark and Russell Smith teamed up to represent St. Andrew's in a benefit golf tournament for the Community Kitchen at Lake Junaluska.

Continuing volunteer efforts:

- Community Kitchen & Manna Food Bank
- Meals on Wheels: Rose Rich, Karen Hall & Juanita Dixon
- Good Samaritan Clinic: Patsy Stevenson & Sally Schafer
- Canton Senior Center, Volunteer at Silver Bluff Nursing Home, Haywood Community Connections, Haywood Block Grant Committee, Mountain Projects Senior Companion Advisory Board: Juanita Dixon
- Boys & Girl Scouts: Richard & Wendy Curley, Charles Marth
- Haywood Regional Medical Center: Jim Matthews, Carroll Waldrop
- Ray Escott continues to take communion to Silver Bluff Nursing Home and Pigeon Valley Residential Home.
- Canton Historical Commission: Fr. Tim Mcree

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

*Wendy Curley*

**T**his 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).

**Mark your calendar!!!**

June 20th from 10am - 4pm the Diocesan Picnic at Lake Logan Episcopal Center Will be held in conjunction with the Camp Henry 50th Reunion weekend.

## **Holy Smoke**

*Nancy Rice*

Hi everyone. Holy Smoke is gearing up for our second festival of 2009. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of June (yes, that is the same day as the Diocesan Picnic), we will be at the Maggie Valley Trout Festival. We will have the only food booth other than the Trout Dinners by the Boy Scouts. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork and beef brisket sandwiches with our slaw, beans and drinks. There will be booths of snacks and beverages. The Trout Festival has always been one of our big money raisers. Please call if you can help. There are shifts before and after the picnic.

We have been hired to cater a July 4<sup>th</sup> party. It is a drop off event. Also a small party sometime in July. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July is the International Festival Day in Waynesville. We will have sign up sheets in the next few weeks.

The following weekend, July 31-August 2 is the Canton Mater Fest. Again signup sheets will be ready with the International Festival Day sheets. A special thanks to Kathy Beck for letting us store the smoker and wood at her home. Please check your calendars and let us know if you can help. Thank you.

Nancy Lee Rice

Holy Smoke Ministry Team Member

## Camp Henry Session

Wendy Curley

Camp Henry is a very special place where children and youth can be themselves. If anyone has any questions about the camp they can talk to Wendy Curley or any of the seasoned campers that attend St. Andrews. There are brochures available on the bulletin board. Sessions are filling up fast again this year. Each year we have more and more campers on the waiting list for sessions. Feel free to call me at Lake Logann/Camp Henry during the week. The camp office number is 646-0272.

**Senior High Camp June 14-20	\$535
Grades 2-3 Mini Camp June 24-27	\$425
**Grades 6-8 June 28-July 4	\$535
Grades 3-5 July 5-11	\$535
**Grades 7-9 July 12-18	\$535
Grades 4-6 July 19-25	\$535
CHOS ( Camp Henry Outdoor School)	
**High School July 5-11	\$560
**Middle School July 19-25	\$560
**CIT Session I June 28-July 11	\$810
**CIT Session II July 12-25	\$810

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

## Raffle to Benefit Lake Logan

The Board of Directors for Lake Logan Episcopal Center will be selling tickets to raffle a week's vacation in St. Barts, tickets are \$100.00 apiece. The drawing will take place at a party to be held at Gay & Stewart Coleman's home on August 29, 2009.

## Its hard to use Discretion

When there is nothing in the Fund! The loose offerings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month go to Father's Tim's Discretionary Fund. This money helps those in our community who are in need of groceries, rent heat and medical help. The need is great and you don't have to wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday to help. Just write Discretionary Fund on your check.

## June & July Anniversaries

6/8 Stephanie & Mike Dennard  
 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  
 7/2 Carolyn & Lynn Miller  
 7/6 Tony & Barb Monaghan  
 7/8 Brenda & Robert Thurston  
 7/10 Connie & John Mozelewski  
 7/11 Johnetta & Robert Heil  
 7/19 Gerri & Steve Staley  
 7/27 Jacqueline & Tracy Willis

## 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  
 6/27 Geoffrey Lance  
 6/28 Christopher Escott  
 6/29 Juanita Dixon  
 6/30 Charle Crawford

## July Birthdays

7/2 Mary Albach  
 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  
 Vicki Willis

7/14 Harris Burns  
 7/20 Ned Lesesne  
 7/20 Tony Monaghan  
 7/23 Carroll Waldroop  
 7/31 Carl Farrington

## CALENDAR

Sat. June 6	M & M Conference, First Baptist, Asheville
Sun. June 7	Youth Sunday
Sun June 7	Bishop's Seminarian Fund
Thurs., June 11	Finance Committee meeting – 7:00 pm
Thurs., July 9	Finance Committee meeting – 7:00 pm
Thurs., June 18	<b>Vestry</b> meeting – 7:00pm
Thurs., July 16	<b>Vestry</b> meeting – 7:00pm
Sat June 20	Diocesan Picnic – Camp Henry 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
July 26	Articles due for Newsletter
Sat June 27	Vestry Mini-retreat, LLEC

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 AM
Eucharist	Sunday	10:30 AM
EYC	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	12:00 AM
Healthy Living Support Group	On Vacation until Fall	7:00 PM
Healthy Living Support Group	On Vacation until Fall	5:00 PM
Education for Ministry	Tuesday	6:00 PM
Choir	Wednesday	4:30 PM
Morning Prayer	Wednesday	9:00 AM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM
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

2006-2009	2007-2010	
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

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