

Stone by Stone

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Clergy Corner:

We had a great and productive (as well as cold and snowy) annual vestry retreat at our Valle Crucis Conference Center this past weekend, and there is much from that meeting to report. First, I want to announce your officers for this year. Terry Rose is Senior Warden, Bob Klettner is Junior Warden. John Donnelly continues as treasurer and Jean Santucci continues as Clerk. This is a great leadership team and an absolutely first rate Vestry who are passionately committed to work to help St. Andrew's become all that it can be for Christ in this new year and decade. Please call upon any member of your vestry at any time, and please know that all are welcome at any Vestry meeting and that you will be granted seat and voice to address any issue or concern you might have. Likewise, you are always welcome to come as an observer to see how the business of the parish is conducted and to become more informed about the totality of life and ministry at St. Andrew's.

Much of our work and conversations centered around the need for increased and enhanced communication with our membership on all areas of our common life. We talked about the need for enhanced electronic communication tools in this digital age (updated Stone by Stone format and schedule, enhanced weekly e-mail announcements, perhaps even a blog!) Our

desire is that our total membership is as fully informed about all ministries, finances and activities as you care to be, and to provide you with as many avenues for accessing that information as possible.

Some very exciting news is that St. Andrew's has two members who have discerned calls to the Sacred Priesthood in our Church: Bryan Nicholls and Wendy Curley. Bryan is a senior at WCU majoring in Philosophy/Religion and Theater, all of which will stand him in good stead as he pursues his call to ordained ministry. The Vestry initially met with Bryan several months ago and urged him to continue. He and I have met with Bishop Taylor, who has begun a "file" on Bryan, and we have been working to put together a Parish Lay Discernment Committee who will meet with Bryan for a minimum of six months under the guidance of a consultant from the Diocese to assist Bryan in his discernment process. They will make a report to the Bishop and to me at the conclusion of their work together.

Wendy came to Valle Crucis this past Sunday to tell us of her re-awakened sense of being called to the Priesthood. As you know, Wendy is married to Richard and they are blessed with three wonderful children, Mary Margaret, Bernie, and Elizabeth. Wendy first engaged vocational

discernment as a senior in college in Kentucky some years ago. She was affirmed in her sense of call at that time but was told that she needed to garner some life experience before proceeding. Which she has certainly done! The Vestry is meeting again with Wendy and Richard because they will be entering this process as a family unit, unlike Bryan who is single. If invited to proceed by Bishop Taylor, we will be putting together another Parish Lay Discernment Committee for Wendy. You may be invited to participate in the holy and exciting process with her, so be praying about these things. This is such an exciting thing for our parish family to have these two wonderful Christians feel called to offer themselves for this sacrificial ministry! Please keep them in your prayers and we will keep you informed as to their progress.

Another wonderful news item is that St. Andrew's will soon have a safe, fenced playground for our children! The playground will occupy the space on top of the bank behind the Christian Education Building. The project will be funded by the generosity of Jeffrey West's family and Tony Monaghan's family, each of whom have designated the memorial funds given following Jeff's and Tony's deaths to be used for this purpose. The area will be graded, fenced and mulched, with a retaining wall erected on the upper (street) side by Charlie Crawford's construction company. Unfortunately, this work will necessitate the removal of the six spruce trees along the street. The Vestry has voted to accept Charlie's quote and to move forward with this project which will shout, "We welcome your children at St. Andrew's!" Again, this project will be funded entirely by designated memorial gifts and will not impact the general operating fund of

the parish. Please contact your Vestry representatives if you have any questions concerning our parish playground (or any other) project.

Senior Warden:

As I enter the last few weeks of my 'lame duck senior wardenship,' I feel very proud to have been a part of our extraordinary parish family. I've seen members step up and give their time, talents and treasure so that we can all continue doing God's work in the world. I've watched a dedicated vestry work long and hard as lay leaders. We have been blessed with Fr. Tim's guidance and encouragement. Most of all, I think our parish has experienced God's abundant love surrounding us and filling our hearts. Who wouldn't want to be Senior Warden of such a wonderful parish?!

As I say "adieu" to this position, I look forward to the New Year and all the possibilities it will bring. Thank you all and God bless you.
Carole Talman

New Intercessory Prayer Procedure

Beginning the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2009, we will be inaugurating a new service bulletin format together with a new format for our list of intercessory prayers and thanksgivings. There will be a loose-leaf binder in the Narthex with the lists of intercessions and thanksgivings that we know to be constant and regular. On that sheet will be spaces for you to write in each Sunday particular persons or events that you want to be remembered in worship. Before the liturgy begins, the lay reader/intercessor will remove that week's sheet and bring it into the Church so that those prayers can be offered at the

appropriate time. Our goal is to save space in the bulletin, thus saving paper. Another goal is to begin to get a handle on the prayer list which seems to grow without reduction, and which contains the names of folks whose identities and conditions are known only to God and to the person who initially requested their inclusion. We want to pray for any and all who need prayer, but we also want the people of God to be active each Sunday in bringing those names before the congregation. Please be patient with us and please participate in this new system as we get it up and running. Your input and comments are coveted by our liturgy design team.

Adult Formation

Below is the schedule for Adult Formation for January-February 2010:

January 3- 2nd Sunday after Christmas (working with the Lectionary texts for this Sunday)

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
 or Luke 2:41-52
 or Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

Season after the Epiphany

January 10- Baptism of Our Lord (working with the Lectionary texts for this Sunday)

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17- February 14

The plan is to study a book on the Epiphany theme of Mission/Outreach to the world.

We will be reading: **Transforming Congregations** by James Lemler

(available online at episcopalbookstore.com and amazon.com (new and used from about \$10 dollars)

A review:

How can our patterns of congregational life and mission renew themselves and adjust to changing culture without selling out what Episcopalians stand for? How can local faith communities stay resilient and hopeful? What styles and practices of spirituality do most to enrich our mission?

These are some of the questions James Lemler poses in Transforming Congregations on mission for clergy and congregational discussion. As with evangelism, there is both good and bad news about Episcopalians and mission. Lemler also provides a variety of models for moving forward in mission and hope, to a more abundant future.

Season of Lent [from Ash Wednesday (February 17) to Easter (April 4)]

We will be studying various Spiritual Disciplines on Sunday mornings during the season of Lent.

There will also be formation opportunities through the season with Wednesday evening supper and studies.

To keep up with the entire schedule, go to the church website: <http://www.standrewscanton.org> and click on the Adult Formation link.

Michael Rich

Tuesday Evening's Meditation Class

All are invited to join the meditation class

at 5 PM on Tuesdays. Through meditation we are exploring the experiential, esoteric side of worship where one looks within for knowledge of God. Jesus often went into the wilderness to explore this more mystical realm and even told us that "the kingdom of God is within." Christianity is an incarnational religion, so body-centered meditations are the preferred ones in this class. Meditation also as the benefit of bringing our various bodily and mental systems into coherence. Once the warring stops, peace ensues. It's been proven to be a great help to the nervous, cardiovascular, respiratory and digestive systems.

There are three main forms of meditation: awareness forms, concentrative forms and surrender forms. So far we have been concentrating on the awareness forms which involve watching our bodily and mental/emotional responses to an exercise of some kind. Breath exercises have been top on our list. We are also learning some Qi Gong, a meditative form of movement exercise. Come join us!
Melissa Moss

Gratitude and Grace: The Writings of Michael Mayne (University Press of America), is an introduction to and an overview of the five books written by Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster Abbey from 1986-96. Previously, Mayne had served as head of Religious Programmes for BBC Radio, and as Vicar of Great St. Mary's (the University Church), Cambridge. Each of Mayne's books, *A Year Lost and Found* (1987), *This Sunrise of Wonder* (1995), *Pray, Love, Remember* (1998), *Learning to Dance* (2001), and *The Enduring Melody* (2006), was a best seller in the United Kingdom, and each of the books has remained in print from the time of publication. Both during and after his tenure

as Dean of Westminster Abbey, Michael Mayne was in great demand as a guest preacher, lecturer, and retreat leader in the United Kingdom as well as in the United States. No modern spiritual writer addresses both life's joys and its agonies with more poignancy than Michael Mayne. Mayne suffered with recurring bouts of chronic fatigue syndrome, then was diagnosed with cancer of the jaw in 2005. He died in October 2006 at the age of 77.

Gratitude and Grace: The Writings of Michael Mayne, is the first book-length study of Mayne's body of work. Each of his five books is destined to become recognized as a classic of Anglican spirituality.

About the author – The Rev. Dr. Joel W. Huffstetler is Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, TN. He is a graduate of Elon College (1985), and holds graduate degrees (Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology, Doctor of Ministry) from the School of Theology, Sewanee. He and his wife, Debbie, a member of the faculty at Walker Valley High School, live in Cleveland. *Gratitude and Grace: The Writings of Michael Mayne*, is his fourth book. This book may be purchased at univpress.com or at Accent on Books

Parish Life and Pastoral Care Holy Smoke

We are almost at the close of 2009, another very successful year again for our Holy Smoke BBQ Ministry. Another huge thank you to Dave Clark, Bob Klettner, Ted Hendrickson, Nancy and Terry Rice for their constant good work as the Ministry Team. More hours than you can imagine go into the running of this ministry. From filling the wood box, cleaning the smoker, delivering the smoker for cooking and then moving it to

each job site and returning it to storage at Kathy Flett's home in Canton (thank you again Kathy for allowing us to keep the smoker on your property), filling out the forms for the festivals, taking orders and figuring quotes, keeping inventory stocked, shopping, going on ice runs, prepping the meat, making coleslaw (thank you Mary Helen and Sam), getting up at 4am to light the smoker and tend to it every hour for 12 to 18 hours (thank you Terry), putting the meat on at 5am (thank you Terry and Nancy), relieving Terry for nap time (thank you Ted, Dave, Bob and Sally), bagging the meat (we really have that system perfected, thanks Bob, Ted, Nancy and Terry), finally taking the meat off and cleaning up, then off to the festivals the next day. Unload, set up, smile, sell, smile some more, sell, pack up, drive back to church, unload what needs to be tended to immediately, go home, crash, unload the next day and repack for the next festival. Yes, this seems like a lot and it is, but it is for St. Andrew's and that makes it all worthwhile. Almost the entire congregation is involved one way or another in this wonderful ministry, and we will get rid of that Mortgage soon. We must and we will, whether it is one butt at a time, one turkey at a time, or one side of salmon at a time. We are a very committed group and we will not stop until **St. Andrew's is MORTGAGE FREE. THAT IS OUR GOAL. Thank you all again for all of your hard work and hours of dedication. God Bless You All.**

God's Peace,
Nancy Lee Rice

Sometimes God Even Uses the Internet
(I received this e-mail last week. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Carolyn Miller)

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks,

the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening.

The preacher found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire... Guessing the reason for his preachers visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more.. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.'

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

Local Organizations Benefit from Mystery Dinner Revenue

On November 7th the talented and zany actors of St. Andrew's put on a mystery

dinner titled "Honky Tonk Homicide" to raise money for outreach. I'm happy to report that well over \$1,000 dollars were raised to be distributed evenly across four local community service organizations. The organizations include Canton Community Kitchen, Haywood Christian Ministries, Good Samaritan Clinic and the Canton Senior Center. In addition, the Diocese has agreed to match the funds raised by the dinner.

Many thanks go to Terry Rose, Karen Hall and everyone else involved in making the dinner and play a success.
Joe Branson, Outreach

January 2010 Anniversaries

1/1 Susan & Robert Beasley
1/2 Marcia & Bob Klettner

February 2010 Anniversaries

2/1 Marilyn & Smith Nicholls
2/14 Mary Helen & Sam Dunnam
2/22 Tobie & Dewayne Ledford

January 2010 Birthdays

1/1 Nell Hines
1/1 Paul Super
1/7 Andrew Heil
1/8 Emilie Perry
1/14 Rev. Dan Matthews
1/15 John Donnelly
1/15 Bob Klettner
1/17 Story Rice
1/19 Madyson Hendrie
1/20 Charles Marth

1/20 Carolyn Miller
1/20 Anna-Catherine Super
1/21 Erin Patton
1/22 Ian Sutton
1/23 Sandy Clark
1/24 Mary Guthrie
1/24 Lillian Lampros
1/26 Mary Morehouse
1/26 Katherine West
1/28 Lynn Miller

February 2010 Birthdays

2/2 Johnny Keesee
2/5 Marilyn Jones
2/8 Bill Holtzclaw
2/12 Dan Perry
2/13 Brenton Escott
2/13 David Gladden
2/14 Karen Hall
2/15 Dave Clark
2/16 Sam Dunnam
2/19 Mollie Lance
2/19 Reimar Steffen
2/20 Tracy Willis
2/21 Tammy Whited
2/22 Stephanie Dennard
2/23 Robert Super
2/24 Alex West
2/25 Lucy Harrison
2/25 Bransford Rose
2/27 Mary Margaret Curley

CALENDAR

Sat, Jan 2 Open House at the McRee's, 7:00 p.m.
Sun, Jan 3 Craggy Prison Service

Tue, Jan 5	EFM begins new year, 6:00 p.m.
Wed, Jan 6	Epiphany Holy Eucharist, take down the greens
Fri, Jan 8-10	Vestry Retreat
Thu, Jan 14	Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Mon, Jan 18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Thu, Feb 11	Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m.
Tue, Feb 16	Pancake Day
Wed, Feb 17	Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.
Thu, Feb 18	Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 24	Lenten Series, 5:30 p.m. supper, 6:00 program led by the Rev. Harlan Bemis, 7:00 Taize

New Service added

Starting the first Thursday in November, there will be a Healing Eucharist service at 11:30. This Service will follow the Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30AM
Eucharis	Sunday	10:30 AM
Healthy Living Support Group	Monday	7:00 PM
Fun & Meditation Group	Tuesday	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 nd Thursday	7:00 PM
Vestry	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Nimble Fingers	2 nd Saturday	10:00 AM
D o K	3rd Saturday	10:00 AM

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

2007-2010	2007-2010	2009-2012
Dave Clark	Joe Branson	Eleanor Hazell
Kathy Flett	Stephanie Dennard	Terry Rose
	Karen Hall	Bob Klettner
	Jean Santucci, Clerk of Vestry	
	John Donnelly, Treasurer	

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