

Stone by Stone

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Clergy Corner:

Lent, 2010

“Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil ...” (Joel 2:13 and Opening Sentences for Lent, Daily Morning Prayer, Rite II BCP 76).

We have before us an annual window of opportunity stretching from Ash Wednesday to Easter to engage this project. It is up to each of us to prayerfully decide how to use God’s time in this holy season. How shall we tear open our hearts? How shall we turn back to Christ? What fruit will we bear to reveal the working of the Holy Spirit in our broken hearts during these forty days in the wilderness? Opportunities abound for this kind of hard spiritual work during Lent at St. Andrew’s. The Schedule printed below enumerates our many offerings for spiritual growth. Please avail yourselves of as many of them as you are able; for again, the Church sets this time apart each year as our days again lengthen, to make ourselves – our deepest selves – open once more to the transforming mystery of grace. Come and see, grow and change.

WINTER WEATHER AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL REPORT

The opening line of Hymn 112 states, “In the bleak midwinter, frosty winds made moan. Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.” Sounds like Haywood County in the winter of 2009 – 2010, doesn’t it? On several of these snow days, I worked on the Annual Parochial Report for our diocese and the national Church. I do the membership and attendance statistics and John Donnelly, our Treasurer, does the financial statistics for the report. On Thursday, February 18, the Vestry approved the report to be signed and returned to the diocesan office and the Episcopal Church Center in New York. The following synopsis is a snapshot of our parish life and health in the year 2009.

Members reported in 2008	297
Increases in 2009 (Baptism, Confirmation/Reception, Transfer In)	14
Decreases in 2009 (Transfer Out, Death, Moved to Inactive Status)	39
Total Active Baptized Members for 2009	272
Average Sunday Attendance in 2008	88
Average Sunday Attendance in 2009	72
Easter Sunday Attendance (Great Vigil and Easter Day combined)	166
Total Sunday Eucharists	104
Total Weekday Eucharists	22
Total Private Eucharists (Home, Hospital, Nursing Home, Hospice Communion)	176
Daily Offices on Sunday	2
Daily Offices on Weekdays	65
Marriages Conducted in 2009	2
Burials Conducted in 2009	5
Baptisms in 2009	4
Confirmations in 2009	3
Received from Another Communion/Christian Tradition in 2009	3

Financial Statistics for 2009

Total Operating Revenues (Pledge, Plate, Investment Income, Other Gifts)	\$162,973
Capital Funds, Gifts and Additions + Transmittals to other Organizations	12,894
Total All Revenues	175,867

Diocesan Pledge	10,000
All Other Operating Expenses	158, 592

Major Improvements and Capital Expenditures

18,299	
Expenses for Outreach and Mission	1,256
Funds Sent to Other Organizations	1,420
Funds contributed to Episcopal Seminaries	0

Non-Operating Expenses Total	20,975
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Total Expenses	\$189, 567
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As of December 31, 2009:

Total Cash in Checking & Savings Accounts	
41,006	
Total Investments at Market Value	25,149
Total Liquid Assets at Year's End	66,155

Thank You

Dear St. Andrew's,

I can't express my gratitude for all you did during James' illness and later memorial service and reception. I appreciate all the cards, food, phone calls.

Our families were very impressed with all you did for us. The reception was wonderful.

Someone was always ready to help with directions to the elevator or any question.

They all said they were touched with the service. I am proud to belong to such a wonderful church family.

Yours in Christ,
Beverly Arrington

Parish Life

Karen Hall

Parish Life at St. Andrew's isn't just a committee - it involves all of us who worship, learn and enjoy fellowship together. Our undercroft and kitchen buzz with activity on a regular basis. From weekly Coffee Hours, Wednesday night suppers during Lent and Advent to funerals and feeding the flock when the Bishop visits - it takes a lot of work to plan and shop and cook and clean our busy home on Academy Street. Thank you to everyone who gives their time and talents to keep the Life in our Parish. If you would like to be more involved please let me know. We can always use your help.

Senior Warden Corner

Terry Rose

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow. What a crazy winter! And despite all the bad weather, St. Andrew's marches on. We've gone through a lot of changes this last year, but as I look back, I see the Holy Spirit at work at St. Andrew's. We have more volunteers that we've ever had in the five years I've been here. Volunteers in the office, cleaning up behind the scenes, meals prepared, altars arranged, flowers ordered, supplies stocked, accounting done, lay ministry carried on, teaching, fellowship. As Fr. Tim is fond of saying there is something holy going on in our church.

Your Vestry is hard at work. The new playground is well underway thanks to the generous

memorials given for Jeff West and Tony Monaghan. This will greatly benefit our children and serve as a warm welcome to children yet to come. Plans are underway to fix and replace the flooring in the undercroft -- a project long overdue. Please contact your Vestry representative if you have questions or ideas for other works. Thanks to Joan Bemis and Jeanne Morton, the Christmas Bazaar is already planned and just waiting for the season.

Fr. Harlan Bemis is all set to teach his program, *The Gifts of God for the People of God*, during the Wednesday night Lenten Series. This program will help parishioners identify their particular gifts. I encourage you to attend these sessions. Once you've found your gifts, take a few minutes to look over the Ministry teams for 2010 posted in the undercroft. Contact the Vestry liaison for that team and volunteer. Just because we have volunteers, it doesn't mean we can't use more!

There's more work to be done as we worship God through St. Andrew's (to borrow a phrase from last year's Stewardship Campaign). So jump on board and let's get busy!

Children's / Youth Christian Education and Formation Ministry

Carole Talman

I'm glad to be the vestry liaison this year for the Christian Education and Formation of our St. Andrew's children and youth. This has always been a ministry near and dear to my heart.

Our young people are our future and thus, our responsibility. I assure you that I will work hard to support and encourage all involved in this ministry and I hope you will also.

Junior Warden Report

Bob Klettner

My name is Bob Klettner and I have been named your junior warden for 2010. Your vestry has some exciting plans for the year. To start with, you may have noticed that construction has started on our new children playground. It should be noted that the project is being funded totally by two memorials. Therefore it will not have any impact on our operating budget. We are also in the evaluation stage to determine the costs to remodel the 'undercroft'. This project is long overdue however we will move quickly and prudently as we can. I'm excited about the upcoming year, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 235-2050. Have a blessed day, Bob

Vestry Meeting Minutes
St. Andrew's On-The-Hill Episcopal Church
January 10, 2010
Vestry Retreat, Valle Crucis Conference Center

Present: Fr. Tim McRee, Dn. Russell Smith, Terry Rose, Bob Klettner, Joe Branson, Kathy Flett, Stephanie Dennard, Karen Hall, John Donnelly, Eleanor Hazell, Wendy Curley

Absent: Dn. Ray Escott, David Clark, Jean Santucci, Carole Talman

Minutes: The minutes of the December 17th meeting were accepted with corrections. The motion for acceptance was made by Terry, seconded by Bob and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Tim, seconded by Eleanor and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by John.

John read a letter from the Mennonites asking for our permission to use St. Andrew's Episcopal Church's name in their advertisements. This was approved by the Vestry. Holy Smoke has an overage of \$1400 which they would like pay on the mortgage principal amount.

Rector's remarks: Fr. Tim offered the following slate of Vestry officers for 2010: Sr. Warden – Terry Rose, Jr. Warden – Bob Klettner, Treasurer – John Donnelly, Clerk to the Vestry – Jean Santucci. These appointments were approved.

Ministry teams were announced and their duties reviewed and revised (see attached). Vestry liaisons were named. It was decided that a Worship Ministry Team meeting would be scheduled as quickly as possible.

Old Business:

Playground: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to accept and sign the contract with Charlie Crawford for \$10,325.00. This would include the total preparation work except for the cost of the play equipment. This will be purchased separately.

Bryan Nicholls' Discernment: This is on-going with Carole, Gary Morehouse, and Eleanor on the committee so far.

External Hard Drive: A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Kathy to allow Michael Rich to purchase an external hard drive for the office computer.

New Business:

Ray Escott Deaconal Covenant: This covenant was approved, motion by Bob, second by Kathy.

Wendy Curley Discernment: Wendy presented herself to the Vestry as a person discerning a call to Holy Orders. The Vestry wanted to speak to Wendy and her husband, Richard. A meeting has been set up for Thursday, January 14, 2010 in the undercroft.

Capital Campaign: Fr. Tim presented the idea of a capital campaign to be used for capital improvements, such as, undercroft/nursery/office/sacristy floor covering replacement, mortgage retirement, and organ replacement. The Vestry felt that this was not a good time to pursue this idea. It was felt that we should inform parishioners of the church's needs for future donations.

Note Cards: Terry has contacted Michael Rich to take pictures of the two windows in the church, the Pisgah window and the "Come unto Me" window. She reported that 1,000 note cards would cost approximately \$250. A parishioner has offered to pay this cost. Terry was instructed to move ahead with this project.

Diocesan Loan: A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Stephanie to pay off the diocesan loan out of general funds (\$3600). The motion passed unanimously.

Year End Gifts: Year end gifts totaling \$2500 were accepted and designated for the general fund.

Phil Garland: The Vestry will send flowers to the funeral for Phil Garland, Joan Garland's son.

Check Reconciliation: Terry was given permission to ask Nancy and Terry Rice to take over the monthly check reconciliations for all accounts except the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This fund will be reconciled by the Senior Warden and audited by the Audit Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. for Holy Eucharist.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Flett

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rather cleverly done. This is in two parts, the prayer

(in blue type) and GOD (in red type) in response.

Our Father Who Art In Heaven.

Yes?

Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.

But -- you called ME!

Called you?

No, I didn't call you.

I'm praying.

Our Father who art in Heaven.

There -- you did it again!

Did what?

Called ME.

You said,

"Our Father who art in Heaven"

Well, here I am.

What's on your mind?

But I didn't mean anything by it.

I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day.

I always say the Lord's Prayer.

*It makes me feel good,
kind of like fulfilling a duty.*

Well, all right.

Go on.

Okay, Hallowed be thy name .

Hold it right there.

What do you mean by that?

By what?

By "Hallowed be thy name"?

It means, it means . . . good grief,

I don't know what it means.

How in the world should I know?

It's just a part of the prayer.

By the way, what does it mean?

It means honored, holy, wonderful.

Hey, that makes sense.

I never thought about what 'hallowed' meant before.

Thanks.

Thy Kingdom come,

*Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.*

Do you really mean that?

Sure, why not?

What are you doing about it?

Doing? Why, nothing, I guess.

I just think it would be kind of neat if you got

control, of everything down here like you have up

there. We're kinda in a mess down here you know.

Yes, I know;

but, have I got control of you?

Well, I go to church.

That isn't what I asked you.

What about your bad temper?

You've really got a problem there, you know.

And then there's the way you spend your money -

-

all on yourself.

And what about the kind of books you read ?

Now hold on just a minute!

*Stop picking on me!
I'm just as good as some of the rest of those
People at church!*

*Excuse ME.
I thought you were praying
for my will to be done.
If that is to happen,
it will have to start with the ones
who are praying for it.
Like you -- for example ..*

*Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups.
Now that you mention it,
I could probably name some others.
So could I.
I haven't thought about it very much until now,
but I really would like to cut out some of those
things.
I would like to, you know, be really free.
Good.
Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together
-- You and ME.
I'm proud of You.
Look, Lord, if you don't mind,
I need to finish up here.
This is taking a lot longer than it usually does.
Give us this day, our daily bread.
You need to cut out the bread.
You're overweight as it is.
Hey, wait a minute! What is this?
Here I was doing my religious duty,
and all of a sudden you break in
and remind me of all my hang-ups.
Praying is a dangerous thing.
You just might get what you ask for.
Remember,
you called ME -- and here I am.
It's too late to stop now.
Keep praying. (. pause . .)
Well, go on.
I'm scared to.
Scared? Of what?
I know what you'll say.*

*Try ME.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us.
What about Ann?
See? I knew it!
I knew you would bring her up!
Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread
stories.
She never paid back the money she owes me.
I've sworn to get even with her!
But -- your prayer --
What about your prayer?
I didn't -- mean it.
Well, at least you're honest.
But, it's quite a load carrying around all that
bitterness
and resentment isn't it?
Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I get even with
her.
Boy, have I got some plans for her.
She'll wish she had never been born.
No, you won't feel any better.
You'll feel worse.
Revenge isn't sweet.
You know how unhappy you are --
Well, I can change that.
You can? How?
Forgive Ann.
Then, I'll forgive you;
And the hate and the sin,
will be Ann's problem -- not yours.
You will have settled the problem
as far as you are concerned.
Oh, you know, you're right.
You always are.
And more than I want revenge,
I want to be right with You . . (sigh).
All right all right . .
I forgive her.
There now!
Wonderful!
How do you feel?
Hmmm. Well, not bad.*

Not bad at all!
In fact, I feel pretty great!
You know, I don't think I'll go to bed uptight
tonight.
I haven't been getting much rest, you know.
Yeah, I know.
But, you're not through with your prayer are you?
Go on.
Oh, all right.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Good! Good! I'll do that.
Just don't put yourself in a place
where you can be tempted.
What do you mean by that?
You know what I mean.
Yeah. I know.
Okay.
Go ahead. Finish your prayer.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen.
Do you know what would bring me glory --
What would really make me happy?
No, but I'd like to know.
I want to please you now.
I've really made a mess of things.
I want to truly follow you.
I can see now how great that would be.
So, tell me . . .
How do I make you happy?
YOU just did.

- 3/6 Beverly McRee
- 3/7 Pat Fulbright
- 3/10 Roy Gass
- 3/10 Ashleigh Wells
- 3/15 Kevin Wells
- 3/18 Jeanie Lafone
- 3/23 Vicki Russell
- 3/24 Brett Hartline
- 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

March Anniversaries

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

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Marjorie Hayes
- 4/1 Erin McRee
- 4/3 Hope Crawford
- 4/4 Elizabeth Curley
- 4/5 Dolly Byrd
- 4/10 Kitty Sanderson
- 4/14 Laney Hinshaw
- 4/15 The Rev. Tim McRee
- 4/18 Deah Branson
- 4/19 Ellery Byrd
- 4/19 Karen West
- 4/20 Smith Nicholls
- 4/21 Joe Branson
- 4/23 Mary Haynes
- 4/26 Olivia Sanderson
- 4/28 Crystal Rice

April Anniversaries

- 4/6 Margaret & David Mathewes
- 4/14 Alma & Kevin Wells
- 4/23 Linda & C. B. Finger

March Birthdays

**CALENDAR
 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 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

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Choir PM	Wednesday	4:30
Morning Prayer	Wednesday	9:00 AM
Bible Study	Thursday	10:00 AM
Finance Committee	2 nd Thursday	7:00 PM
Vestry	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM
Nimble Fingers	2 nd Saturday	10:00 AM
D o K	3 rd Saturday	10:00 AM

- Mar 11 Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 11 Ecumenical Lenten Service, Noon, First United Methodist Church , St. Andrew's hosting
- Mar 14 Fellowship breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 14 Canton Community Kitchen
- Mar 15-19 Fr. Tim away at Mepkin Abbey
- Apr 8 Finance, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 11 Fellowship breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 11 Canton Community Kitchen
- Apr 22 Vestry, 7:00 a.m.
- Apr 25 Blessing of the Animals

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

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

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