

Stone by Stone

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Clergy Corner:

What a glorious Eastertide we have experienced. What joy we have shared and what sorrows we have known. Life in Christ is always a mixture of dying and rising, but it is always lived in the process of moving forward to the consummation of all things in our risen Lord. In Him and with Him and through Him we are participating in the mystery by which he is making all things new.

This morning, Carole Talman, Juanita Dixon and I met with Millie Hershenson, Executive Directory of the Canton Community Kitchen, to present that organization with a grant from our diocese in the amount of \$5,000. This grant is from the Human Hurt and Hope Fund and represents the second grant in this amount of a three year cycle which should total \$15,000 when we re-apply next year for the final request. This diocesan fund was created specifically to assist local Episcopal congregations in the start-up of outreach ministries to serve the "least of these" in their communities. This is the second start-up for which St. Andrew's has been able to secure funding, the first being the Good Samaritan Clinic, to which ministry we also supply the building on a rent-free basis under the terms of a 20 year lease that we signed with the Clinic in 1999. These are signs of our risen Lord alive and working in our parish and through our parish, in the community.

In our parish, faithful folks too numerous to mention (lest I forget someone) have worked and are working so hard to keep our little congregation vibrant and viable. I am always amazed at the amount of sacrificial giving and love that pours from the hearts and hands of the remarkable group of folks called together by God in this congregation. In this past week alone we have provided food, prayers, pastoral presence and holy worship for two families in our parish who have suffered the loss (as have we all) of two amazingly strong and saintly women, Patsy Devlin and Joan Garland. The way that this parish loves and serves its own is likewise an offering holy to the Lord. This witness is also the fruit of our obedience to Jesus' command in St. John's Gospel (13:34-35): I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." St. Andrew's lives out this commandment so beautifully. Again, these things are our witnesses as Easter People that Jesus is risen and in our midst. Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To all who have worked so hard on the project to provide new floor covering for the undercroft, nursery, hallways and bathrooms. What a wonderful difference your efforts make in our most

public space where we provide the bulk of our hospitality. To Gary Morehouse, Carole Talman, David Clark and all who worked with them moving things in and out. To Terry Rose, Sr. Warden, and Bob Klettner, Jr. Warden, who traveled to the Diocesan Office to pitch our project to the Fiscal Ministries Committee for the securing of the loan which made the work possible. To all who have cleaned, vacuumed, dusted, washed tables, dishes and counter tops. To those who have swept and mopped and prepared coffee hour in strange places, THANK YOU! The end result is beautiful.

OUR NEW PLAYGROUND IS ALMOST READY FOR DEDICATION!

Our beautiful new playground, given in memory of Jeffery West and Tony Monaghan, is nearly complete and is already being used by the children of St. Andrew's. Constructed and fenced by Charlie Crawford and his crew at J & S Construction, this is a lovely and welcoming addition to our campus. Great job, Charlie! All that remains is some landscaping work including plantings, a crosstie border around the fence to better hold the wood chips, and a sign to memorialize those two wonderful saints in whose name it is given. This happy place will bring joy to children for generations to come. Again, we thank God for all who have participated in this project.

Senior Warden Corner

Terry Rose

Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Easter was beautiful at St. Andrew's. Thank you to all the little elves who worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to provide us with a truly joyous Easter season.

Now we look forward to Spring and all that's happening at St. Andrew's. The playground is almost complete and open for business. Plans are in the works for the "pretty up" work – shrubbery, stucco and signs. The Fiscal Ministries Committee of the Diocese has granted us a five year, no interest loan and, as I type this, NEO Corporation is removing all traces of asbestos in the undercroft. New flooring will be installed next week. Our undercroft is having a whole new makeover!

Bishop Porter Taylor will be making his annual visit to St. Andrew's on May 12 for a confirmation/reception. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the service following at 7:00. Jan Denton, Oliver Marth, and Bransford Rose will be confirmed. Barbara

Monaghan will be received into our parish. There is even a possibility of a Baptism that night!

Holy Smoke is working on the food for a St. Andrew's on-the-Hill BBQ dinner, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a Parish wide fund raiser that will benefit the General Fund. We need all hands on deck to help. Contact Nancy and Terry Rice or your Vestry Representative to find out how you can help.

Special, holy things are happening at St. Andrew's. If you're not already involved, call the office or contact the Vestry Liaison named on the yellow sheets in the undercroft. Easter and Spring are times of renewal and rebirth. Find a spot for yourself in the uplifting activities going on at St. Andrew's. I promise you'll find it rewarding.

Junior Warden Report

Bob Klettner, Jr. Warden

Have you seen our new playground? It is 95% complete. Some landscaping will finish it off. The cost of this project was totally funded by the West and Monaghan Memorials. What a nice tribute to these families. If you see Charlie Crawford please thank for such a nice job constructing our new playground.

You will also notice that we have started the remodeling of the undercroft. The first step is to remove the old asbestos tile and carpet. We have hired an asbestos abatement company to complete this task. Then the floor will be sealed and new carpet will be put down. The funding for this project came from a "no interest" five year loan from the diocese. Completion is scheduled for the 23th of April. Your vestry is excited for each of you to enjoy our new undercroft.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Reminder

Joan Bemis

When you are doing your spring cleaning, remember the Christmas bazaar on December 4, 2010. The following people are in charge of the tables we will have, and if you have anything for their table please let them know.. Remember we will be collecting items from now on, until the bazaar, as we have a place to put what ever you have.

**Bake Table: Kathy Flett, 1-828-349-3102
Barbara Monaghan 648-5466**

Craft Table: Eleanor Hazell 452-4596

Christmas Table: Jan Denton 400-9461

**White Elephant: Joyce Lackey 648-2352
Carole Talman 648-2430**

Plants: Marilyn Nicholls 648-3768

Jewelry (new or used, also jewelry boxes) Nancy Rice 356-6643

**Children Christmas corner: (need items for them to buy) Mary Morehouse
648-8451 Rose Rich**

**Santa's Café: Deah Branson Jeanne
Morton Joan Bemis**

Publicity: Michael Rich and Karen Hall

Decorating: volunteers, please

Barbara Bates Smith Presents "Confessions of a Deacon's Wife" at National Deacons' Conference

Actress Barbara Bates Smith, wife of Deacon Russell Smith, will perform her original monologue, "Confessions of a Deacon's Wife," at the Annual Assembly of the North American Association of the Diaconate in Chicago on June 26. In this candid and humorous spiritual journey, she questions her husband, her priest, and her therapist, while quoting Thich Nhat Hanh, Joseph Campbell, Bishop Porter Taylor and Bishop John Shelby Spong.

The dramatic presentation has been the focus of Diocesan retreats, fundraisers, church services, and lively parish discussions, often accompanied by hammered dulcimer musician Jeff Sebens. Barbara offers it without charge for any programming in the Diocese of Western

North Carolina. The 45-minute presentation is often followed by an informal discussion.

Repairing the Breach

A Diocesan Pilgrimage of Healing and Hope
Stephanie Dennard

On March 20, 2010 I was privileged and blessed to attend a workshop presented by Constance and Dain Perry, a descendant of Slaves married to a descendant of America's foremost slave trading family, dedicated to repairing the breach cause by our history of slavery, segregation and discrimination. I was originally called to this program at the last Diocesan Convention when it was initially presented. While this program focuses on the damage done by the slave trade, as someone that has suffered discrimination on several levels it speaks to my heart as a beginning to confront and hopefully reconcile discrimination of all sorts.

At the workshop, we viewed a documentary entitled *Traces of the Trade* – a documentary of the DeWolf family's voyage to retrace the steps of their ancestors, some of the foremost slave traders in history. They gathered in Bristol, RI – the actual center of the American Slave Trade; traveled to Ghana and went through the "Door of No Return" as the entrance to the fort holding slaves for export was called; then to a sugar cane plantation to experience a day in the life of a field slave. To say the very least it was an eye opening experience for them; and also for those of us viewing the film. Upon their return to their regular live, the film goes on to document their feelings and reactions to their journey and the General Convention during which the Resolution was made to move forward with this pilgrimage.

After this gut-wrenching, emotion-twisting film that makes you look at yourself in a new light regardless of the color of your skin; the Perrys led a discussion revolving around "feeling words". The one that came to my mind was conflicted, mainly due to the story I have to share about my best childhood friend – essentially my sister in all but blood. T (not her full name, but I don't have her permission to use her identity) is African American and the most beautiful person I have ever seen. She has gorgeous hazel eyes that blaze from a complexion of the smoothest cocoa. She is intelligent, funny, sarcastic, wry and wonderful in general. We were inseparable throughout high school, sharing secrets, and just being typical high school teenagers. The conflict arose/arises for me – keep in mind that hindsight is 20/20 – regarding two separate family gatherings. One was a birthday party for her grandmother to which I was invited and upon arriving, was treated as one of the family. The other was an invitation to my cousin's house to partake of smoked turkey and homegrown vegetables directly from the garden. I asked my mom and dad if T could come with us; she was at our house at the time. The answer was no and the decision was made that none of us would go. The reason being – my cousin had a lawn jockey on his front porch.

This story sounds mild in light of the greater view and all of the atrocities committed against those of other than Caucasian lineage, but think about it - the conflict of T's family accepting me as one of their own; and then my inability to share an experience with my family because of blatant disrespect to her heritage. How could I reconcile that within myself, especially at such a young age? The answer, in my opinion, is to acknowledge, accept, and move forward. This also, I believe, is the aim of the Church in

implementing this program of Repairing the Breach.

I want all of you that have similar stories whether they are from your family history or personal experience to share them with me. I want to compile our parish history for our Archives and to share with the rest of the Diocese and Church. I would like volunteers to share their stories with me, but I will call and pester you if I think you might have something to offer. I hope this has reached out to you as it reached out to me, and I hope together we can repair the breach; not just within the Church as a whole, but within ourselves.

Holy Smoke

We are thrilled to announce three new members to the Holy Smoke Ministry Team. They are Barbara Monaghan, Stan Justice and Brian Byrd. We are so very grateful that they have agreed to join our other team members to help us with another successful season.

Below you will find a list of dates for your calendars. Please make note of these, we should have sign up sheets in the next two weeks.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Holy Smoke 2010 Dates

May 1 - Maggie Valley Trout Festival

May 21 - St. A's BBQ Dinner - 11-7- Holy Smoke Cooking - Vestry sponsored

June 26 - Dr. and Mrs. Kirby daughter's wedding reception - 3rd Generation Barn - 4pm

July 31 - International Festival Day, Waynesville

August 6 & 7 - Materfest, Canton, NC

August 8 - Church of the Advocate, Asheville, homeless congregation as Outreach

August 21 or 28 - Elizabeth Chapel

September 17- St. A's BBQ Dinner - 11-7 - Holy Smoke Cooking - Vestry sponsored

October 9 - Church Street, Waynesville

October 16 - Apple Harvest Festival - Waynesville

November 21 - Cookie Tour - not Holy Smoke

November 24 - Thanksgiving Orders

December 23 - Christmas Orders
God's Peace,
Nancy Lee Rice
828-356-6643

St. Andrew's on-the-Hill BBQ Dinner

Friday, May 21, 11am - 7pm. This is a fund raising dinner open to the public with proceeds going to the General Fund. This is a parish wide event. Please help us make it a success. The cooking will be done by Holy Smoke, but we need volunteers to help with serving, kitchen help etc. Nancy and Terry Rice have the sign up sheets. We are encouraging **reservations** made through the church office but it is not entirely necessary. Also if you want take-out lunches or dinners, please call ahead with the number and time for pick-up. Prices are: \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for children under 10 years of age. The menu will be

Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Roll, Banana Pudding and a drink. Chicken Leg Quarters can be substituted by reservation only. We will be selling tickets, please take some home with you and sell to friends and neighbors. Pre-selling tickets will be a great help to Holy Smoke for estimating food quantities. Thank you.

Ministry & Mission Conference

The Ministry & Mission Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church, Asheville, on Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. This year's theme is *Reconciliation: A Path for the Decades to Come*. The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland, will be the guest speaker. Registration is \$25, due May 14. Late registrations are \$30 (they are being very strict this year). Please contact the office for individual registration forms.

Children's Christian Formation

Carole Talman

Father Harlie Bemis has been conducting a wonderful study series on Spiritual Gifts. We all know that Fr. Tim has many of these gifts, but to me the most obvious lately has been his gift as a visionary.

For years, he has wanted to use that slanted, weed infested piece of land behind the Christian Education building as a playground. He knows the importance of providing facilities for young people if we want to be a growing church. Since this was the only parcel of land available to us, Fr. Tim could visualize a wonderful playground....Not me! It still looked like "jump-off-rock" to me. Thank you God for Fr. Tim's gift! We now have a great playground for our young folks who enjoyed it for the first time Easter morning.

I also would like to thank the families of Jeff West and Tony Monaghan who graciously donated the memorial funds for this project

We were lucky to have a member of the parish, Charlie Crawford, who confirmed that Fr. Tim's vision was feasible. He and his men worked very hard on this project.

Other than a few finishing touches, Fr. Tim's vision is now a reality....no thanks to me. On behalf of all the children at St. Andrew's now and in the future, I thank you for the fun times they will have growing up in such a caring parish.

May & June Anniversaries

5/17 Allison & Mark Kaserman
 5/17 Mollie & Richard Lance
 5/19 Judy & Reimer Steffen
 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 Jane & Dave Gladden
 6/21 Frances & John Williams
 6/22 Tammy & Bill Whited
 6/25 Elizabeth & Charles Crawford
 6/29 Debra & James Morton

May Birthdays

5/3 Cobie Willis
 5/7 Anna Beall
 5/10 Tommy Smathers
 5/12 Matthew Sanderson
 5/14 Bailey Dennard
 5/15 Aidan Patton
 5/16 Kathy Flett
 5/18 Ted Hendrickson
 5/24 Jane Gladden
 5/26 Oliver Marth
 5/28 Rev. Harlan Bemis
 5/29 Tobie Ledford
 5/29 Karen Prebble

5/30 Carole Talman
 5/31 Joan Bemis
 5/31 Kevin Schaefer

6/15 Eliza Marth
 6/15 Sally Schaefer
 6/19 Marcia Klettner
 6/23 Libby Culbreth
 6/27 Geoffrey Lance
 6/28 Evan Byrd
 6/28 Christopher Escott
 6/29 Juanita Dixon
 6/30 Charles Crawford

June Birthdays

6/5 Greyson Ledford
 6/6 Terry Rice
 6/7 Amerie Helton
 6/8 Elizabeth Crawford
 6/9 Walter West
 6/10 James Morton
 6/13 Samantha Sutton
 6/15 Bill Edwards

CALENDAR

5/09 Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
 Canton Community Kitchen
 5/12 Bishop’s Visit, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 Confirmation Servie
 5/14 Relay for Life, 6:00 p.m. Canton Recreation Park
 M & M Conference Registrations due to Diocese
 5/20 Vestry meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 5/21 St. Andrew’s BBQ Fund Raiser Dinner, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 5/28-30 Fr. Tim away at Valle Crucis
 6/05 M & M Conference, Asheville
 6/06 Youth Sunday, Recognition of Seniors
 6/14 -8/14 Fr. Tim’s away on Sabbatical
 6/13 Fellowship Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.
 Canton Community Kitchen
 6/17 Vestry meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 6/20 Newsletter articles due
 6/26 Diocesan picnic, Lake Logan, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 6/27 Shower for Nichole West Revis during coffee hour

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS

Eucharist	Sunday	8:00 AM
Fellowship Breakfast	2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 AM
Eucharist	Sunday	10:30 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
Healing Eucharist	Thursday	11:30 AM
Finance Committee	2 nd Thursday, quarterly	7:00 PM
Vestry	3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM
D o K	3 rd Saturday	10:00 AM

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

2008-2010
David Clark
Kathy Flett
Karen Hall

2009-2011
Joe Branson
Stephanie Dennard
Bob Klettner, Jr. Warden

2010-2012
Eleanor Hazell
Terry Rose, Sr. Warden
Carole Talman

Jean Santucci, Clerk of Vestry

John Donnelly, Treasurer

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