

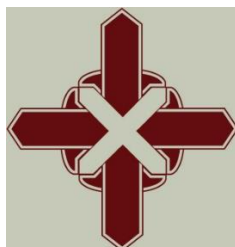


The Parish Messenger

May 2016

The Newsletter of the People of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College, Pennsylvania

FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends,

There is much in this newsletter of interest and importance, and I have such news to share too, but I resolve at the outset of this message to be as concise as possible, due to all the other interesting and important news! So here goes!

With Robin's retirement, I am pleased to share that Darlene Nordoff, our youth ministry coordinator, has agreed to take responsibility for our children's ministry too. This is a natural fit for Darlene, who was a leader for our children's programs before becoming our staff member for youth. Darlene's new title will be Director for Children and Youth, and we are so fortunate to have her overseeing our programs for children and youth. These areas are so important to the vitality and life of our church.

Barb Aalberts, who joined the church staff in January 2015 has resigned, in order to have more time for herself and family. While on staff, Barb became the welcoming voice and face for St. Andrew's, and her ministry of hospitality to parishioners and non-parishioners alike was always exceptional. Fortunately, Barb and her husband Bob continue as parishioners, so we still will be seeing them!

Allison Shea will be filling the position of Administrative Assistant, with Barb's departure. Allison has been a regular in the office since the interim began and brings that experience, as well as experience in computer data entry, event planning and working with the public from her previous employment in the insurance industry and the retail sector. Allison too provides a very welcoming presence for our church, and it is a joy to have her join our staff!

That's all for staff changes and from me for now. As always, please do offer your personal words of support and thanks to Darlene, Barb and Allison for their contributions to our church family. They and the rest of our staff give selflessly to our church, and expressions of encouragement and gratitude are always in order.

Doug+

LETTER FROM THE WARDENS



Dear Friends in Christ at St. Andrews,

During this time of transition, communication is so very important. Just as we communicated with you on a regular basis during the interim search, you will now be hearing from us regularly again in order to update you on where we are in the process of calling our next settled rector.

When the call for the interim was made to Father Doug in October, 2015, the Vestry asked him for a 1 ½ to 2-year commitment. This still seems to be fairly accurate. We envisioned that his tenure and the call process would take us through the summer and possibly into the fall of 2017.

The first two steps that must take place in the process are the creation of our parish profile and the formation of a search committee. We are glad to report that these two things will take place simultaneously and the initial stages for both have begun.

We are working with the diocesan Transition Officer, Rev. Lauren Schoeck to identify a consultant that will help us through the “listening” process. The listening process will guide us in developing our parish profile. The profile, based on the views and opinions shared through the listening process, will detail how we see our parish now and our hopes for the future, while also giving insight into the gifts we seek in our next rector. The profile is shared with prospective candidates once the position is advertised. The listening process will begin as soon as a consultant is in place.

The preliminary discussion has begun in the formation of the search committee. This committee is appointed by the vestry and will be representative of the entire parish with approximately 10 members. Once the church profile is complete, the search committee will advertise the position using this profile. Interested candidates will be vetted and a short list of two or three candidates will be presented to the vestry.

We are excited that the work has been started but know it will take at least a year to complete. We ask for your patience during this journey. Our communication together must be a two-way street. Therefore, we also ask for and seek your input. Please do not hesitate to talk to either of us or any vestry member with thoughts, concerns, or needs.

Please keep the vestry, Rev. Schoeck, and Father Doug in your prayers as we seek to do God’s will.

Blessings,
Wendi Keeler, Senior Warden
David Spencer, Junior Warden

FROM THE CLERK OF THE VESTRY:
April 2016



Vestry met on Monday, April 18. The financial picture was still positive, but it was noted that special offerings for Holy Week and Easter were noticeably less than last year. At the end of the first quarter, March 31, income was on track at 25% of the annual budget. On a bright note, the various bequests placed in the Centre Foundation continue to generate funds for their intended purposes. Such bequests are much appreciated and provide valuable support for specific needs in the parish.

The recent Town Meeting about formation programs at St. Andrew's prompted lively discussion among the vestry members. Discussion of the proposed changes in service times as well as changes in the young adult program curriculum served to liven up the meeting. As a result of the Town Meeting, committees have been formed to make recommendations for programs for children, young adults, and adults.

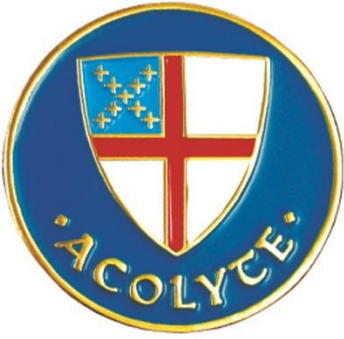
Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 7, with a rain date of May 14, and ALL in the parish are invited and encouraged to participate in the clean-up projects and in sprucing up St. Andrew's.

New banners for the outside of the front of the church are being developed, and a rainbow banner will be in place for National Gay Pride Month in June.

The wardens are moving forward with preparations for a parish listening event to collect information for an updated parish profile. After completion of the profile, the search for a new rector will begin.

Respectfully,
Rick Hoover

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES!



Serving the altar as an acolyte is a much-needed and long-revered portion of the Episcopal service. All youth who are capable of carrying the torch (usually those entering fifth grade) are invited to train to be an acolyte. Even if you are older and have never been trained, or have trained in the past and need a refresher, **we want you!** A training session will be held on **Saturday, May 21**. If you are interested, please email Tony Kwasnica at kwasnica@psu.edu as soon as possible so he can arrange a training time that works with peoples' schedules.

In addition, all newly-trained and experienced acolytes are encouraged to join us on **Sunday, May 22 during the 10:00 AM** service, as we commission acolytes. We will also wish good-bye to graduating senior David Rovansek. Details of the service will be forthcoming.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Big things are happening at the Café! We hope you have all gotten a chance to see our new aprons. We think they are quite striking, so please feel free to use them. They are not just for the Café. Also, we have heard some say that they are too nice to use. Don't be afraid! That's what they were purchased for and if they get worn out in the service of others, we will be very happy.

Also, Ron has been invited to be the Keynote Speaker at the THRIVE Feed My Sheep gathering in State College on June 4. The Feed My Sheep ministry is intended to connect parishes throughout the diocese in the ministry of feeding those in need by supplying resources and net-working opportunities. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, it can be found at: <http://www.diocesecpa.org/mission/feedmysheep#sthash.aGxpUSmk.dpu>

Finally, now that spring is here, hopefully you are all looking ahead to the gardening season. If you are gardening this summer, and plant another row or two, the Café would love any donations of extra vegetables you may have. Just bring them into the kitchen and leave them with a note that they are for the Café, and we will take care of the rest.

If you would like to learn more about the Café or to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovansek at rrovansek@pacewater.com. The Café is open for business from 5 PM to 7 PM every Thursday. The meal is free, everyone is welcome, and donations are accepted, but they are not expected.

ST. ANDREW'S ART PORTAL

This Month: a new article on Arts @ St. Andrews (<http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com>), "The Late Quartets of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)", by longtime parishioner and emeritus professor of music, Donald Hopkins.



Also scroll down the main page for previous blogs: Walter Wells & Gwen Catchen on Thomas Beveridge's Yizkor Requiem (1994), and Matthew Thompson on Charles Darwin as a thinker and writer. The authors welcome your comments and welcome conversation on the site.

The new website is sponsored by parishioners involved in the creation, interpretation, and teaching of the arts, and devoted to the exploration of the relationship between Christian faith and the arts. Its aim is to stimulate interest in the capacity of imagination to express, examine, and enrich our spiritual journey. The website currently contains several sections, including a blog ("Articles") featuring various discussions by our own parishioners, and information ("Announcements") of forthcoming events at the church or elsewhere in the community. The "Articles", "Announcements", and other tabs appear just below the Arts @ St. Andrews title at the top of the page.

For inquiries, comments, or contributions to the site, please contact Marion & Sanford Schwartz at standrewarts@gmail.com

SILENT AUCTION
TO BENEFIT
INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES

May 6-7
Nittany Mall



Support Interfaith Human Services by visiting its Silent Auction at the Nittany Mall (in the old Gardener's Candies location). Bid on items including jewelry, certificates, handbags, spa baskets and more! The auction begins on Friday, May 6 from noon to 9 PM and continues on May 7 from 10 AM to 8 PM. For more information, visit www.IHS-CentreCountry.org.

FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS



May 13
***Blade Runner* (1982)**
Rated: R

6:30 PM: Snacks and Drinks
7:00 PM: Film

In 2019 Los Angeles, Rick Deckard is forced to be a Blade Runner by the totalitarian government. His latest assignment: eliminate four escaped Replicants from the colonies who have returned to Earth to find their creator. As Deckard closes in on the renegade group, his true hatred toward artificial intelligence makes him question his own identity in this future world, including what's human and what's not.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet Saturday, May 7, at noon in Room 119 in the Trost Wing. If you can sew, either by machine or by hand, and you are looking for ministry to become a part of, please join us this Saturday. We are continuing to piece baptismal quilts and to work on prayer quilts for those who may have need of them in the future. If you have any questions please call Michele Marini at (814) 574-9639.

KNITTING MINISTRY

May 22

After the 10 AM service- 1 PM

Room 325



If you knit or crochet and are interested in sharing your gifts by creating items for others, please join us. A light lunch will be served before we start our meeting.

Our widespread community also includes thousands of women and children in local and global areas of conflict who receive our items of hope, healing, and peace. We are dedicated to making a difference in the world by "knitting together" the global Beloved Community, stitch by stitch by

stitch, day after day after day. Please join us and spread the love of God through our handmade work.

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to become part of our "Peace Pod".

Contact Vicky Ponish, vponish1@comcast.net for any other information or questions.

HOPE CHEST COLLECTION RESULTS



Thank you so much for your Hope Chest collections (our Lenten almsgiving for Episcopal Relief and Development)! The little boxes have been coming in steadily since Easter and we're very happy to announce the results. You all contributed **\$1,052.23**, which will pay for **70 people** at **health clinics** to receive critical care near their homes. Our children and youth heard several options for almsgiving at the beginning of Lent, but were most concerned about the problem of people needing a

doctor's care living far away from a health clinic. They voted for St. Andrew's to collect during Lent for these folks, and now our gift will provide essential health services down the road for seventy people! That's about three elementary school classrooms of kids, or 10 full pews at St. Andrew's Sunday morning, or nine tables of people in Canterbury Hall! Thank you again to everyone.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



On May 9, the Order of the Daughters of the King will meet in Room 324 at 7 PM to make sheep for the upcoming diocesan THRIVE to be held at the Ramada Inn on June 4, 2016. Please join us -- many hands make light work!

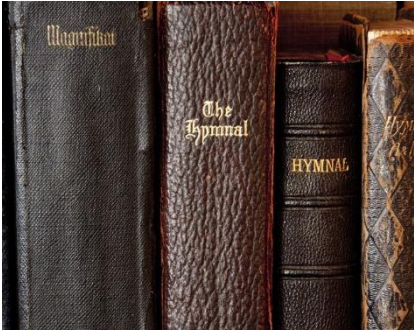
On April 15-17, 2016, Daughters from the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, led by Diocesan President Michele Marini, hosted 178 members of the Daughters of the King from Province III at the Claggett Retreat Center in Adamstown, Maryland, for a spirit-filled weekend.

In attendance were Daughters of the King from the thirteen dioceses in the province as well as several national officers. Highlights of the retreat included a workshop on Praying in Color presented by Donna Snyder, Linda Hoover, and Kitty Mussett and musical entertainment led by Dr. Anthony Leach, professor of music and music education at Penn State.

The Daughters of the King and Love, Inc. heartily thank St. Andrew's for providing items to support families undergoing treatment at the Hershey Medical Center. Your contributions will ease the stress on families of patients at the medical center.

Pictured above are the Daughters from St. Andrew's in the Valley, St. Andrew's State College, St. James Lancaster, St. John the Baptist York, All Saints Hanover as well as Diocesan Chaplain Barbara Hutchinson from St. Andrew's Shippensburg.

CHOIR: A SERVICE OF EVENSONG



On Sunday, May 1, at 5 PM, the Adult Choir offered a service of choral evensong according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This book is still the official prayer book of the Church of England. Music in the service included a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Alec Wyton, and the anthem LAUDATE NOMEN DOMINO by Christopher Tye. Thomas Tallis provided us with a setting of the Preces and Responses for the service. Organ music included music by Pachelbel and Andrew Clarke. Rev. Gene Tucker, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania was the officiant.

Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world.

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to soothe us and to draw us closer to the presence of God. The congregation also joins in the spoken parts of the liturgy: the reciting of the Confession and the Creed, as well as singing the hymns.

Thank you to those who joined us at this service, and for those unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you at the next Evensong.

LESSONS FROM LECTIO



Last month we sat with Philippians 2:5-11 13:1-9.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Through this passage we glimpsed the relationship between God and Jesus, where each person of the God-head acts humbly and makes space for the other. In this mutual deference to the other, they are both exalted. This idea, that the glory of God is evident through our mutual humility in respect for each other, is beautiful but can be difficult for us to live out.

Sitting with this passage we noticed some of our individual broken places. Places where our relationships to each other do not mirror the relationship between God and Jesus. Places where our self-made plans can make it difficult to make space for God. Places where we find it difficult to confess what Jesus means to us. We also noticed some broken places in our national community – most notably the violent tone of the current political climate.

In the midst of the brokenness we were reminded to invite God into the mess. We are neither alone in our human condition nor does the brokenness have the final word. Jesus emptied himself and was born in human likeness. Through this action, God has issued us an invitation to empty ourselves and be born in the likeness of Jesus – showing us a new way of relating to each other and giving us hope for transformation.

Dear God, thank you for gifting the world with your son, Jesus Christ, and allowing us to witness a relationship of mutual glory through humility. We pray for your guidance in our lives so that we might reflect this mutuality in our relationships with others. We also pray for our nation, that those in authority may demonstrate loving kindness toward those whom they govern. Please remind us to look to you in times of distress and show us what it means to empty ourselves so that our minds might be one with the mind of Christ. All this we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

If you feel the spirit moving you to join us for Lectio Divina, our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 29 at 9 AM in Room 324.

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursdays, May 5, May 19 and June 2
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Room 325



We have three more meetings for this academic year. If you have been wanting to attend and were unable, but now have the opportunity, please come! Share in the community of women, the prayers and the discussion.

The Women of Compassionate life made a donation in my name to the Episcopal Relief and Development for the gift of a donkey, plow and cart to help a female farmer succeed. Donkeys are smaller and less expensive than oxen, making them easier for women to acquire and manage. The plow and cart allow for greater productivity

and potential income if rented to others. This gift reminds me that Mary, pregnant with Jesus, rode into Bethlehem on a donkey; and Jesus, our king, rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. I pray that the recipient of this donkey finds the richness this animal can bring to one's life physically and spiritually. Written by: Robin Bagby.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN UPDATE:

Thank you to St. Andrew's parishioners Kate Freeman, Ted Jaenicke, Anna Kwasnica, Patrick Osborne and Mavis Stapleford who attended our recent class on Sunday, April 17th. There were 20 others who completed training: eight parishioners from Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Hawk Run, four from St. Paul's in Phillipsburg, and eight from St. Paul's in Lock Haven. We enjoyed meeting so many Episcopalians from other areas!

VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Rich Marini for converting our teaching materials into Power Point. Thanks also to John Bagby and Rick Hoover and Scott Luzier who worked to help us set up the Power Point and our videos to run through the projector in Canterbury Hall. Scott spent long hours to make certain our class functioned smoothly. We are grateful to all who were our helpers and to those in attendance!!

Barb and Vicky

AN INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY TRAINING



Godly Play Training will be available Saturdays, June 11 and September 24 at St. Andrew's in Shippensburg. A third training session is to be determined. Please consider becoming part of the Godly Play team! See Darlene Nordoff if you feel this ministry may be for you.

REFLECTIONS FROM ROBIN BAGBY



I give thanks for God's love and the blessings of our lives together as the Church. It was Father Hofer's vision to build up our Christian Education programs. I am indebted to him for his confidence in me and his guidance. Remembering Father Jack Kline coaching me on my delivery of children's sermons brings delight. I honor and thank all those priests who taught me valuable lessons along the way in my ministry: Father Larry Hofer, Father Jack Kline, Father Jim Zmyslo, Father Richard Virgil, Mother Robyn Szoke-Coolidge, Father Charles Hoffacker, Father Richard Wall, Father Fred Miller, and last but not least, Father Doug Dailey.

As the Church, it is our duty to get involved to do God's work. With God's help we work together as one body, the Body of Christ. Together we serve, together we get the jobs done! I want to acknowledge all those who have made our programs successful over the time I was serving as Director. The point of naming is to make obvious that Christian Education/Formation is about working together – no one works alone! If I have overlooked someone, please let me know, so that I may personally say thank you. In the following reflections there are a list of names; some people have moved away, but they bring back memories!

Christian Education Commission

From the start and throughout the years the Christian Education Commission members encouraged and supported my work along the way. The members who served on the first Commission that I owe so much thanks to include: George Browning, George Chisholm, Andrea deCarle, Gene Gartrell, Fr. Larry Hofer, Madeline Johnson, Thomas McHenry, Katherine Pekruhn, Draper Read, and Jean Shirey. In the years to come when we had various Education Commission those who also served were: JR Damus, Alison Jaenicke, Meredith Kirby, Julie Kwasnica, Cindy Linzell, Jean Najjar, Sylvia Neely, David O'Hara, Mitch Schmidt, Ford McNutt, Charlotte Zmyslo, Lori McGarry, Barb Downs, Philip Jenkins, Gary Knoppers, David Knoppers, David Myers, Darlene Nordoff, David O'Hara, Tom Saiers, Marcia Saiers, Sandy Schwartz, Ed Thompson, Father Richard Wall, and Laurel Zydney.

Infants, Toddlers, Children and Youth



There is an ebb and flow in life. Over the last few years, we had a low number of newborns, which equates to a low number of infant baptisms. The good news is in 2015 our nursery roll has increased by eight new children, six of which are infants. On Easter Day Fr. Doug baptized four children! These children bring new life and a responsibility for us to do all in our power to support

them in their lives in Christ. How exciting to be on the front of this new up-swing in our church population! This means embracing an environment that shares God's love through nurturing teachers, experiencing the joy of music, and welcoming all ages in worship and parish life. This is something to celebrate!

I was told that a bishop once said – you can tell a great deal about a parish by just walking into the nursery! Our nursery is welcoming, safe, bright, colorful and clean. Julie Kwasnica has been an outstanding Nursery Coordinator since 2006. Through my years overseeing the nursery there were two other valued Nursery Coordinators before Julie; they were Bekki Thompson and Sarah Zydney - all contributed to the nurturing of our infants and toddlers. There are many men and women who have volunteered in our nursery over the years – thank you for the care you shared.

Church School



Church School teachers tend to have busy lives -- navigating children, family pets, scouts, athletic events and music lessons, and a work schedule. They know the value of Church School. Our teachers are dedicated - many have taught more than ten years. My gratitude to: Amy Allison, Mary Andrew, Melissa Arnett, Barb Ballinger, Sandy Barney, Robin Bastress, Jo Bevilacqua, Rose Bohn, Hannah Boston, Betha Christopher, Cindy Conron, John Correll, Pam Couch, Caitlin Couch, Mindy Crandall, Tess Crossen, Christie Damus, JR Damus, Jane Danz, Chris Dash, Susan Dawson, Andrea deCarle, Angela DelSignore, Sharon DelSignore, Marielle

Donahue, Jeff Eaton, Marisa Ferger, Mary Foster, Carolyn Fries, Katie Gaines, John Gerber, Pam Hankey-Giblin, Kathy Hickner, Mary Beth Hoffman, Molly Hoover, Steve Hopkins, Paul Humphreys, Becky Jackson, Peter Jackson, Alison Jaenicke, Ted Jaenicke, Madeline Johnson, Anna Jones, Beth Jones, Joan Karp, Jeff Karp, Julia Kasdorf, Christine Kransnansky, Rob Kunz, Julie Kwasnica, Tony Kwasnica, Carolyn Larrabee, Elise LeTendre, Darla Lindberg, Dan Linzell, Cindy Linzell, Greg Loviscky, Jeff Karp, Joan Karp, Meredith Kirby, Paul Markowski, Andrea McCloskey, Jason McCloskey, Kevin McGarry, Ford McNutt, Michele McNutt, Kris Miller, Meira Minard, Tiffany Muller, Kitty Mussett, Sheri Neale, Jean Najjar, Darlene Nordoff, Christina O'Hara, Brian Opt'Holt, Kim Pagett, Matt Petrarca, Kathy Poll, Elyse Ponish, Michele Randall, Joyce Robinson, Tina Ruberto, Jenna Ruberto, Greg Ruberto, Mitch Schmidt, Carrie Schwarz, Jack Selzer, Allison Shea, Ann Shepherd, Kerry Small, Meg Small, Nan Stoekl, Christina Tolliver, Donna Trapp, Anne-Marie Turnage, Sue Van Kirk, Jennifer Wasson, Frank Vergamini, Sarah Vergamini, and Julie Wunz.

Nine years ago, behind the church school scene, Garrett Mitchell and Walt Zimmerman used their wood-working skills to make the wooden figures still in use for our Young Children and Worship program. These wooden figures aid to tell the Bible story and provide a means for the children to play with the story. Our Godly Play class uses figures that were purchased from the generous contributions given for the Father Hofer Education Endowment. The Godly Play method of greeting children, storytelling and reflection was created for children. However, it is engaging for use in nursing homes, in EfM, and with adults and youth. I am grateful for Paul Humphreys, Darlene Nordoff and Kathy Hickner, who have completed the Godly Play Core Training.

Music gives way for children to praise God. Credit goes to Walter and Gwen for inspiring the children to make a joyful noise. Over the years the following people brought the delight of music into the church school classrooms: Betha Christopher, Kathy Hickner, Paul Humphreys, Zach Humphreys, Eli Jaenicke, Anna Jones, Colleen Kennedy, Lori McGarry, Kitty Mussett, Cynthia Myers, Ray Najjar, Darlene Nordoff, and Joyce Robinson. A special thanks to Gwen Catchen for sharing the organ and song time with the children during several communion appreciation classes. The children enjoy those special opportunities. I hope the future brings more opportunities for the children to sing in church school.

Youth Program



Our Middle School and High School program took off with the onset of Journey to Adulthood. Thanks to the initial support from Father Hofer and the coordination of Meredith Kirby, we were on track to keep our youth involved in the church life. When Meredith's family moved to Chicago, she was followed by the leadership of Kelley Paulsen, Julie Kwasnica and currently Darlene Nordoff. Each worked coordinating leaders, class lessons, social activities, fundraisers, retreats, pilgrimages, mission trips and many lunches and dinners. Those individuals that helped to grow our youth program were: Amy Allison, Mary Andrew, Frank Barksdale, Andrew Bergstein, Alison Boston, Kristen Buss-Bakken, Chris Brady, Elizabeth Brady,

Ted Christopher, John Correll, Susan Dawson, Andrea deCarle, Medora Ebersole, Marisa Ferger, Christina Ford, Tara Gerber, Kathy Hickner, Paul Humphreys, Alison Jaenicke, Ted Janeicke, Beth Jones, Chrissy Krasnansky, Rich Marini, Jason McCloskey, Kevin McGarry, Lori McGarry, Jean Najjar, Caitlin Osborne, Matt Petrarca, Kelley Paulsen, Greg Paulsen, Clive Randall, Summer Radzanowski, Joyce Robinson, Sharon Rovanseck, Ellen Schwede, Dennis Shea, Kerry Small, Meg Small, Norman Spivey, and Karl Zimmerer.

Vacation Church School (or Vacation Bible School)



We had a long run of great VBS summer programs in collaboration with Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church. Thanks to Jack Selzer, who initiated our sharing relationship; we worked together for nearly fifteen years. We could always depend upon Madeline Johnson to coordinate our teachers and Doug Mace to take

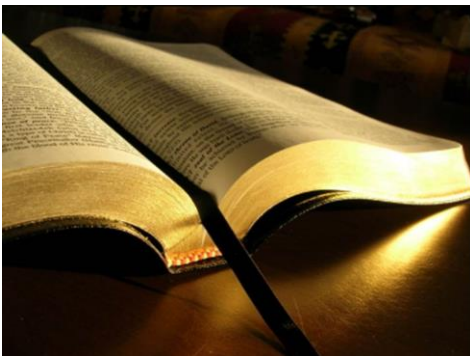
and reproduce the videos and photographs of the children's music program and activities. Our faithful volunteers included Pam and Caitlin Couch, Andrea deCarle, Lorna DonTigny, Barb Downs, Marisa Ferger, Kathy Hickner, Julie Kwasnica, Tony Kwasnica, Cindy Linzell, Betsy Llewellyn, Ford McNutt, Caitlin Osborne, Ann Shepherd and many others who were there! Youth helpers were; Julia Bagby, Izzy Brady, David Gericke, Alex and Haley Couch, Greg Johnson, Kelsey Linzell, Aly Ruberto, Caroline Schwartz, Maggie and Molly Selzer, and

Michele and Brady Spencer. In the recent past we have tried our best to hold VBS here. Thanks to Julie Kwasnica's and Darlene Nordoff's creativity and passion, we provided several fun-filled weeks. Some of those who facilitated were: Pam/Caitlin/Alex/Ryan Couch, Gwen Catchen, Jane Danz, Medora Ebersole, Marisa Ferger, Pam Ferguson, Laura Fernandez, Christina Ford, Jake Hall, Kathy Hickner, Mary Beth & Helen Grace Hoffman, Abbey Humphreys, Zach Humphreys, Alison Jaenicke, Anna Jones, Mena Jones, Anna Kwasnica, Tony Kwasnica, Seung Eun Lee, Betsy Llewellyn, Zach Paulsen, Elyse Ponish, Katri Randall, Sharon Rovansek, Ellen Schwede, Linda Wallace, Walter Wells, Julie Wunz, Walt Zimmerman – whew! Who knows what the future hold for VBS? There are so many possibilities!

Safeguarding God's Children is more than just a requirement by our church insurance - it is valued and at the core of caring for our children and youth ministry. Barbara Downs and Vicky Ponish have been fully dedicated to the mentoring of this program for our diocese, parish family and our staff in their coordination and delivery of this program. Anyone on staff, vestry and all working with children and youth have or will have completed this course and an on-line update every three years.

Adult Formation

Through the years there have been various offerings to facilitate adult education. Here are just some of the examples of ways we fill our imaginations and guide our minds: Sunday Morning Forums addressed questions of faith, political and moral issues, environmental concerns, church music, art, Episcopal traditions in faith and practice, spirituality and health, God in literature, etc. Many were led by Philip Jenkins and David Myers. Other presenters include John Bagby, Rose Bohn, Fr. Chris Brady, The Rev. Dee Calhoun, Ted Christopher, David Code, Christina Ford, Gabriel Ford, Kate Freeman, Gene Gartrell, Ryan Hackenbracht, Michele Hamilton, Carolyn Hatley, Elwood Hatley, Fr. Larry Hofer, Don Hopkins, Julia Kasdorf, Sandy McBride, Sylvia Neely, Brandt Pope, Carol Robie, Sandy Schwarz, Marion Schwartz, Fr. Dan Selvage, Denis Shea, Meg Small, Ed Thompson, and Fr. Jim Zymslo.



Lectio Divina, praying with scripture, has been facilitated in the past by Rose Bohn and currently with Christina Ford. We had several occasions when we met at Palmer Museum of Art for a group guided presentation by Curator Joyce Robinson or a discussion on religious art by Philip Jenkins. Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year program for education and cultivating lay leadership, has been the longest running group in our diocese. Started by Fr. Jack Kline and then Margery Fleming we are thankful that Rick and Linda Hoover have taken over as the mentors for this formation program.

Recently pot-lucks and presentations have been enjoyed when Philip Jenkins, Marion Schwartz, and Father Doug presented and also through the years during Advent and Lent. Our appreciation to the Edward L. Vogelsong Memorial Seminars family for the seminars presented over the years.

Christian Education is about all of us! You are in my prayers as you are inspired to be involved and move forward to exciting new offerings. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve and be served by this parish. When it is all said and done, I must say "God bless Gloria Meder!"

REFLECTIONS ON ROBIN'S PARTY

By Linda Mace

That was a superb celebration Saturday night! It is impossible to select one thing I liked best. One thing is certain - the feeling of family and celebration was very strong that evening. I do not recall any other event in the 36 years (yikes!) that we have been at St. Andrew's that was so very well attended and projected such a wonderful feeling of family as the one on Saturday night.

Not only was this a good retirement event to recognize Robin, it was a good time for us all to experience and appreciate our St. Andrew's family - from all Sunday service cohorts.

Thank you to everyone who planned the party and to all who attended. What wonderful memories you have given to us!



JOURNEY TO ADULthood

Rite-13

In April, Rite-13 youth studied from the Self Unit and discussed what it means to them to be a member of a family. In the Prayer unit, they reviewed prayers of supplication. In May, they will finish their two-year Rite-13 cycle with lessons from the Prayer Unit (Lives Dedicated to Prayer: Religious Orders and Pray without Ceasing), from the Spirituality Unit (Let Your Doubt Sprout!) and from the Self Unit (I Am Made in God's Image – A Living Sacrifice and Let's Get Physical & Practical).



On Sunday, April 24, five youth, Colton Dash, Abbey Humphreys, Dylan Novotny, Katherine Van Kirk and Jack Wunz, were blessed in the Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood. A celebratory breakfast was enjoyed in Canterbury Hall; thank you to kitchen helpers Nat and Susan Dawson, Amelia and Julia Kasdorf, Anna and Elise LeTendre, and Katie and Kitty Mussett; and musician Zach Humphreys. Each youth received a certificate and Prayers Before an Awesome God: The Psalms for Teenagers by David Haas to mark the occasion.

J2A

Thank you to Rite-13 leader Christina Ford for leading the J2A youth and leaders in an experience of Lectio Divina on April 3. On April 17 and 24, leaders Sharon Rovansek, Amy Allison and Paul Humphreys led the group in meditation and discussions about pilgrimage, Earth Day and caring for God's creation. In May, most of the class discussions will focus on preparing for pilgrimage.

As part of preparation for Youth Sunday, Anna Kwasnica, Patrick Osborne, and Katrina Wanner met with leaders Frank Barksdale, Paul Humphreys and Darlene Nordoff, after a kick start from Amy Allison, to create and practice a talk about their J2A program and experiences. Their talk follows:

Good morning, my name is Patrick Osborne, and I am a member of St. Andrew's J2A Journey to Adulthood program, a two-year program, which this year consists of grade 9 and 10 youths. We meet each Sunday after church for class, often beginning with a candle-lit meditation in the chapel. In our program we do a mix of Christian education, faith development, group activities and community building, service to our church and community... and you see us as we worship together in the front pews.

Our class is a safe place to share. Everybody is listening and no one is judging. Sometimes we talk about Bible stories and sometimes we talk about what is going on in our lives. Our lessons are from units about Society, Prayer, the Self, Spirituality, and a book called

Pilgrimage – the sacred art – Journey to the Center of the Heart. Our leaders prepare lessons and share insights that show us how we could see the world through a framework of Christian faith.

Hello my name is Katrina Wanner! I am also a member of J2A. Over the past two years, we've grown very close to each other. Our group activities have included: laser tag; Bunco; the barbecue and boat rides at Bald Eagle, and the corn maze and bonfire. Retreats and lock-ins have helped our group build trust and friendships. Our faith has grown as we served our church and the community by polishing the pews, stuffing Easter eggs, cleaning the Sidney Friedman parklet, walking in the CROP Walk, writing Christmas cards for prison inmates and military members, and making snowflakes and singing Christmas carols to nursing home residents. We opened and closed our activities in prayer, either ones that we created or prayers from the Book of Common Prayer. I also participated in Happening, a diocesan retreat. All of these opportunities helped me to find God in everyone!

It's honestly hard to put into words how these experiences have changed my view on life, community, my understanding of God, and the people around me. In J2A we have practiced compassion, celebration, and growing in the love and mystery of God. We will be going on a Holy Pilgrimage to Oregon this summer and will be staying at the Fr. Barnard Youth Retreat Center which is part of Mount Angel Abbey. This experience of unfamiliar travel, and new feelings and friends will hopefully help us further define ourselves as Christ's own.

Hello, my name is Anna Kwasnica. Over the past two years, our J2A group has done A LOT of fundraising to earn enough money to support our leaders and ourselves to go on our pilgrimage, a spiritual journey. Some of this fundraising has helped our local and St. Andrew's communities; for example, we hosted the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, a rummage sale and a book sale. We have also made and sold pies in the summer and fall, chili and Christmas cookies in the winter, and sold Christmas greenery. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers, especially the EpiscoPAWlian calendar contest!

Pilgrimage is not a vacation. Sure, we will do fun activities, but we will be searching for God in places not familiar to us. We will be doing service work along the coast. We will be praying together and journaling our experiences and insights. We are taking this pilgrimage to become spiritually connected with God and the people we have grown to trust, while having fun at the same time! Also, some of this journey is a surprise; we have to trust while not knowing.

We'd like to thank our five leaders: Amy Allison, Frank Barksdale, Paul Humphreys, Sharon Rovansek and Ted Jaenicke. We appreciate their hard work and Christian love for us as they lead us through our journey to adulthood. We'd also like to thank everyone from the parish, especially our families, who supported our fundraisers and are making this pilgrimage possible. We'd also like to thank Fr. Doug, our interim rector, and Darlene Nordoff, our coordinator of youth ministry, for supporting us and our leaders.

Activities

J2A: Saturday, May 14 ~ 6-8 PM

Pilgrim dinner at leader Paul Humphreys' home

Rite-13: Sunday, May 15 ~ Noon to 2 PM

Details to follow

All Rite-13, J2A and YAC Leaders and Youth

Sunday, June 5 ~ Noon to 2 PM

End-of-Cycle Celebration

Barbecue and Potluck at Circleville Park

Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk



On Sunday, April 24, over 20 people walked in memory of Jake Correll in the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health through education and community programs, develops suicide prevention through research and advocacy, and provides support for those affected by suicide. Learn more about AFSP and join the conversation by following AFSP on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Mission Trip to Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity – West Virginia

Save the Date ~ July 17-23, 2016

Parishioners and YAC (Young Adults in Church)

Be a volunteer this summer! You will be the hands and feet of Christ helping others.



Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard poverty housing and homelessness, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Get involved in this worthwhile ministry! Work alongside the families who are the future homeowners. Build and renovate houses, which are then sold to partner families at no profit and with no interest on the mortgage. Cost: \$150 for the first family member; \$100 for each subsequent family member.

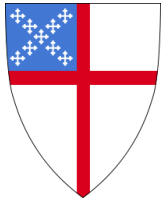
Contact: Darlene Nordoff or Kelley Paulsen for more information.

FROM THE PARISH
REGISTRY

HOLY BAPTISM
April 24, 2016



DAPHNE GRACE DAVIS
Born September 21, 2015
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist (church school, childcare)

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Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

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