



*Our faith and our friendships  
are not shattered by one  
big act, but by many  
small neglects.*

*... J. Gustav White*

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# THE PRESS

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Dear People of Saint Andrew's,

As I write this we have just started back on our full Sunday schedule with choir, Sunday School and being geared up for fuller parish activity. It takes a little time to move out of the summer mode, but one positive thing I noticed (about the summer) was how full church was all summer long. That's a good omen.

I have begun announcing my proposal to create some classes which I would like to facilitate, but I need to know what interest there is. I'll list my proposals and would like to put out some interest sheets for sign up in the Peabody Room and then begin some classes this month.

1) The Church's Ministry of Healing. This is not a new area to the parish but an attempt to revive an active group of prayer ministers who will assist me in intercession (something that can be done by some at home) and a group who will help with praying for others. We already do this on Wednesdays to some extent when we gather at the end of communion around those who ask for prayer for various needs. I would like to find out who God might be calling, putting an impulse to respond to some study and training in praying for others with the laying on of hands.

2) A study in the Gospel of John using the late Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple's classic book on the subject. The fourth gospel is unique among the four and is a wonderful way of drawing closer to an understanding of Jesus and the dynamic message of the early church.

3) A study of Jim Wallis's book, "A Call to Conversion." Jim Wallis is the founder and leader of the Sojourners Community in Washington DC and one of the most important progressive voices in the Evangelical community on issues of peace and justice from a biblical perspective. His book "God's Politics" was on the NY

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TIMES' best seller list for a very long time and was a great source of inspiration to me. The church and the nation would be a lot better off if it listened seriously to Jim Wallis. "A Call to Conversion" is a somewhat shorter book than God's Politics but very solid meat indeed.

What I'd like to know is who might be interested in what. I could have groups meet on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, during the day or in the evening. Right now there is not enough time between the 8 and 10 a.m. services to do justice to a class or to have a "forum" as is done in some parishes. I would also like to hear from those who would like instruction for Confirmation/Membership (including the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows for those who have "come back to church." A teen Confirmation class needs to be formed as well. I hope we can all be learning together this year.

We all need to be praying for peace for Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." The war in Iraq and Afghanistan remind us of how much violence and killing goes on for so many, as the people of Lebanon and Palestine/Israel deal with the horrors of this summer's conflicts, the genocide in Darfur continues, the streets of our cities are where many of our young people end each other's lives in situations of despair and violence and people struggle with poverty, disease and the continuing effects of disasters such as Katrina. We are reminded that our world which God loves is very dangerous for many, and as Christians we are called to work and pray for solutions to human problems that do not depend on violence, coercion. We must not identify the Kingdom of God with a blind and idolatrous worship of "market forces."

We are disciples of Jesus, and we must learn how to be sensitive to the Spirit so that it is His agenda we are committed to. We need to find out what that means, which is an ever-expanding call. Come to think of it, I don't think I have ever lived in a time that wasn't dangerous but being wrapped up in my own little world meant that at times I missed out on hearing God's summons to be a catalyst for change brought about through a fervent commitment to the things that are closest to the heart of Jesus. The Gospel is a whole piece which calls us to faith in Jesus and then to follow him faithfully. May God help all of us in this ongoing adventure.

Faithfully in him



Alan B. MacKillop  
Priest in Residence

## *Apple Pie Day*

is coming up on

**Monday, October 16th**

Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

Bring your paring knife and/or rolling pin and apron and join us for a fun filled day of friendship and laughter. There are jobs for all - novice through experienced. If you've never made a pie come learn. If you're an old hand, come share your insights with us.

Our goal is to make 60 - 70 pies. Come for as short or as long as you can. A light lunch will be served. We'll be at

**St. Andrew's Parish Hall**

**9:00AM - 2:00PM**

If you cannot attend, but would like to help, we would appreciate cash donations for supplies. Look for the sign up sheets in the Peabody room. These pies are a great addition to any meal. They freeze well and cooking instructions will be in the October Xpress. Order early as pies are limited!

We only make enough to keep the day FUN!!

If you have questions or requests call  
Peggy Braat at 978-456-8701.



### *Editor's Note:*

*Next Issue: November 2006*

*Deadline: October 17th*

*Send submissions to: [acahill@hybricon.com](mailto:acahill@hybricon.com), or drop off your submissions at the Church Office during office hours or in the Peabody Room on Sundays.*

*Questions? Please call me at: (978) 448-4053 (home) or (978) 772-5422 x 323 (work).*

*Be sure to include your name and telephone number on **all** submissions!*

# Dinner for the Kids

The Outreach Committee originally committed to providing dinner twice a month, on Wednesdays, for the Young Life meetings. The committee is now not able to come through with this without help. There can be up to 20 people at the meetings but they are not fussy and it's dinner only, no dessert necessary. Yvette and Bryan Nasworthy have already volunteered for a Wednesday. It is a real blessing to Eric Stoltzfus, the director and his wife to have these meals provided, so let's see what we can do! Call the church office or Eric directly at 978-501-2118, e-mail [ericstoltzfus@comcast.net](mailto:ericstoltzfus@comcast.net).

## A St. Andrew's Recipe for Scripture Cake

- 1 cup Judges 5:25 (last clause)
- 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20
- 3 1/2 cups I Kings 4:22
- 2 cups I Samuel 30:12 (second food)
- 1 cup Nahum 3:12 (chopped)
- 1 cup Numbers 17:8 (chopped)
- 1 cup Genesis 24:20
- 6 each Isaiah 10:14
- 1 pinch Leviticus 2:13
- 1 teaspoon Exodus 16:31
- II Chronicles 9:9 (cinnamon and nutmeg, for example)

Mix the ingredients according to Proverbs 23:14 and bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes until done. The Bible can be one's best cookbook.

This version of Scripture Cake was featured in St. Andrew's 100th Anniversary Cookbook, published in 1992.

## Rides Needed

St. Andrew's Church needs to be sure that everyone who want to come to worship services and parish events can get there. IF YOU NEED A RIDE OR CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION please call Judy Adams at 978-448-3598.

# Cleaning up our Act

On **Sunday October 15th**, there will be a clean up day for the Church and the Parish Hall following the 10:00 AM service. Alan Rogers will have a sign up sheet in the Peabody Room for the various projects that need to be completed, and we are asking the help of as many parishioners as possible to spend a couple of hours accomplishing these tasks.

There are tasks to be performed inside and outside. If you can't come on Sunday afternoon, but can come on Saturday, please speak to Alan Rogers, the coordinator, or get in touch with him at 978-772-2758 or [arogers@haystack.mit.edu](mailto:arogers@haystack.mit.edu).

## Loaves & Fishes Clothing Donations Needed

Clothing donations for both adults & children in the Loaves & Fishes program should be brought to the site, located on Devens, on Mondays 10:00 - Noon or 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. It's best to check with them as to what's needed. Their phone # is 978-772-4627, and the web address is [www.devenspantry.org](http://www.devenspantry.org). Click on Donations Info for updated needs. Do NOT leave clothing in the L & F basket at the back of the church. That is for GROCERIES ONLY. The building is an easy drive from Barnum Rd., next to Wendy's @ the Ayer rotary. Their website gives directions from various locations, but once one Barnum Rd. you continue past the railroad bridge, the intersection, then a short distance on your left just over a small hill it'll be on your left. Clearly marked.

Thank you!

## HERBS OR 'ERBS?

Herb plants, graciously supplied by Jody Gilson from her greenhouses in Groton, continue to be for sale in the Peabody Room for \$3.00 each. Proceeds go toward Stewardship's goal of getting a new dishwasher for the church kitchen, so eat healthy and delicious as well as helping St. Andrew's. To learn more about Jody's greenhouses, go to [www.jgilsongreenhouses.com](http://www.jgilsongreenhouses.com)

# Tri-Parish Committee Meeting

September 12, 2006

**Present:** Matt Lyon (Shirley), Paul Wade (Shirley), Mary Medeiros (Ayer), Sue Hildreth (Ayer), Sharron Pothier (Pepperell), Marilyn Hulslander (Pepperell)

## Topic: Information sharing

**Discussion:** Each parish shared the demographics of their parish membership, as well as their Fall calendars. Of interest, is the fact that St. Andrew's has a significant number of retired members. This appears to drive the day-time scheduling of a number of events at St. Andrew's. St. Andrew's also maintains a robust website on which their scheduled events may be found.

**Action:** The group agreed that the following would be helpful:

- 1 The editors of the respective newsletters should share information. Each parish should forward their editor's email address to the others.
- 2 We should share a resource list, i.e. in each parish, the name of the person responsible for each function. (ex. Sunday School coordinator, etc.)
- 3 Add links to the other parishes on each parish website.

## Topic: Shared events

**Discussion:** While we are not in a position to share clergy at this time, there would be advantage to sharing some events.

- 1 The group would like to encourage a shared event for high school students, but it would have to center around an activity chosen by the kids or there will be little hope for success.
- 2 The group is also going to plan a shared evensong on November 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew's.

# Harvest Fair

**November 11, 9 am to 3 pm**

Now is the time when we shift into high gear to get all the parts of this delightful annual fundraiser into place! Several chairpeople have volunteered but there are many important areas still in need of help.

WE NEED YOU! Here are some ways you can help!

## Silent Auction

Quality items needed: small furnishings, art, silver, collectables, glassware, etc. Antique items accepted with pleasure. Please bring everything to the parish office - don't leave them in the parish hall! Several things "walked off:" last year. Talk to Blanche Foss (tel.978-456-8298) or Priscilla Andrews (tel.978-448-5273).

## Jewelry Table (very popular!)

Costume jewelry, old and new, baubles, bangles and beads. Talk to treasure hunters Dolores Louttit (tel.978-840-0788) or Erica MacKillop (tel.603-645-6051 or e-mail [amackillop@earthlink.net](mailto:amackillop@earthlink.net))

## Craft Table

Knitters, stitchers and crafters! If you are crafty and creative, make a few of whatever you do best for this colorful table. If you need supplies (fabric, trimmings etc.) check with Barbara Kamb first, she might have it to share (978-486-4360)

## Raffle Baskets

Diane Bunis will create beautiful theme baskets again this year and will start shopping soon. Cash donations are the way to go here. If you need to talk to Diane, call her at.978-448-4090

## Bakery Shoppe

Chair Judy Veno (tel. 978-3791) assisted by Linn Swain (tel. 978-456-3378) need lots of help baking and selling these goodies. More information about baked goodies and packaging will be in the November X-Press.

## Andrew's Attic

Will be in the basement (!) again. A chairperson is needed to collect and price our castoffs which are someone else's treasures. If nobody steps forward, we will have to hang out an "OUT OF BUSINESS" sign on the door!

## Kitchen Service

Co-chairs Mary Ferrillo and Mary Medeiros will have sign-up sheets in the Peabody Room in October. I think they plan to have the usual mouth-watering beef stew, pies and sandwiches.

AND NOT LEAST!! We will need some able-bodied people to help clean up the hall after the Fair. Just come after 3 p.m., prepared to put our hall back to rights for Sunday!

The FAIR will be a success if everyone helps! Call any chairperson noted above including Barbara Kamb or Sue Hildreth (tel. 978-456-3826).

# October 2006

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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sunday School</p>  | <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Bible Study (Parish Hall)</p>  | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parents Helping Parents</p>                       | <p><b>4</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with healing prayer<br/>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>   | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>12:20 PM St. Andrew's Weavers<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM AA</p>  | <p><b>6</b></p>   | <p><b>7</b></p>   |
| <p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sunday School</p>  | <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Bible Study (Peabody Room)<br/>Office Closed</p>                           | <p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parents Helping Parents</p>                      | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with healing prayer<br/>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal<br/>7:30 PM Vestry</p>   | <p><b>12</b></p> <p>12:20 PM St. Andrew's Weavers<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM AA</p> | <p><b>13</b></p>  | <p><b>14</b></p>  |
| <p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sunday School</p> | <p><b>16</b></p> <p>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Apple Pie Making Day<br/>Bible Study (Peabody Room)</p> | <p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parents Helping Parents<br/>X-Press Deadline</p> | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with healing prayer<br/>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:20 PM St. Andrew's Weavers<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM AA</p> | <p><b>20</b></p>  | <p><b>21</b></p>  |
| <p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sunday School</p> | <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Bible Study (Parish Hall)</p>   | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parents Helping Parents</p>                      | <p><b>25</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with healing prayer<br/>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>  | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>12:20 PM St. Andrew's Weavers<br/>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM AA</p> | <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Diocesan Convention, Trinity Church, Boston</p> | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Diocesan Convention, Trinity Church, Boston</p> |
| <p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I<br/>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sunday School</p> | <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Bible Study (Parish Hall)</p>   | <p><b>31</b></p> <p>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parents Helping Parents</p>                      | <p>Other Parish Hall events:<br/>10/16 6:30-8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders<br/>10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts<br/>10/11, 6:30- 8:00 p.m., Boy Scout Pack</p> |   |   |   |

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