

The St. Andrew's X-Press

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And Jesus went on with his disciples... and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Mark 8:27-28

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Christology is a fancy way of saying a simple thing. It means "words about Christ" or "the study of Christ." Christology is an idea about who Jesus Christ is and what he means. Just as every Christian has a theology, or idea of who God is, so also every Christian has a Christology or view of who Christ is. Christians are people who talk about study and preach about Christ. Who was he, really? What was his message? Who did he say he was? What did he teach and so on? All these things are things we consider as part of Christology. Our Christology is very important because it informs the way we live. How are we supposed to be followers of Christ? What influences our understanding of Jesus outside church on Sunday? Can we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ without injuring or rejecting other faith traditions? How does Christ save us?

During this season of Lent, I invite you to come and build a firmer Christology, and to build it based on knowledge of the gospels, particularly the gospel of Mark. You can do this by joining our Lenten soup suppers which will focus on the Gospels.

But our Lenten soup suppers are not just about intellectual exploration. They are also about community. Meeting together over a simple bowl of homemade soup, telling your own story to someone new, putting names and faces together and just having some good old-fashioned fellowship is also a big part of our Lenten series. So I hope you'll come to discover both Christ and your St. Andrew's neighbor in a deeper way.

The season of Lent invites us to make room for a deeper kind of discipleship. Each year, Lent invites us to get ready to live with Jesus and the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection as well as to celebrate it in our worship and live it in our lives. Each year on Ash Wednesday our liturgy invites us to keep a Holy Lent. I hope you will find an island of holiness here at St. Andrew's both during Lent and at any time.

Peace,

Joyce+

Joyce L. Scherer-Hoock, Priest



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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The Triduum, or the Three Days, is the holiest period of days in our church year. Our worship on these days invites us to walk the way of the cross with Jesus, to celebrate and remember the last days of his life and ministry that culminate in his passion, death and resurrection. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are figuratively all a single act of worship - there is now dismissal on either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

Ordinarily the Triduum is completed with the beautiful worship of The Great Vigil of Easter. This is actually the first celebration of Easter, though in modern America it usually takes place on Saturday in the early evening rather than in the middle of the night or at daybreak. This year, in spite of the beauty and power of this service, unless we have someone coming forward to be baptized, we do not plan to hold a vigil. However, this year, so that we can show our best face to visitors and newcomers, we plan to have a choir at both the 8 and 10 a.m. Easter Day worship services.

FLOWER CHART

The 2012 Flower Chart is posted in the Peabody Room. ***What is the Flower Chart?*** Flowers (and plants) are a wonderful way to add beauty to the sanctuary, to remember a loved one, a special event or to show respect, thanksgiving and appreciation for the blessings of this life. Throughout the year there are numerous opportunities for an individual, a family, or a group to contribute flowers for use during services, whether directly or by making a cash donation. Simply sign up for the day, or days, you wish to donate flowers by registering using the Memorial Flower Chart displayed in the Peabody Room. The Office Administrator, Lynn Ferrillo, will contact you in advance of the date(s) you choose in order to make arrangements.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 22, 2012

- **12:00 noon**
Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Imposition of
Ashes.

- **7:00 pm**
Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Imposition
of Ashes.

ANNUAL MEETING COMMISSION REPORTS

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMISSION REPORT

By George Miller, chair

The St. Andrew's Green Team, under the enthusiastic leadership of Faith Salter, undertook a buttoning-up of the Parish Hall for energy-efficiency purposes. An attic-to-basement energy audit of the building was conducted, including a blower door test. The audit yielded a punch list of projects aimed at plugging air leaks and improving the building's capacity to retain heat.

Project list in hand, Faith inspired parishioners and volunteers who were trained on the job in caulking, repairing, insulating, light-bulb replacement, appliance energy conservation, and other work during a combined Green Workshop/Fall Cleanup Day in November. The effort yielded a nearly 40% improvement in building air changes, down to 8,500 cubic feet per minute from 13,400 cfm. Calculated savings from heat, electric and water are: \$836 per year or \$5,852 over the 7-year life of the improvements. For the first time, we look forward to seeing the fuel and electric bills! Thanks to Faith and the workshop

volunteers for a gift that will keep on giving for years to come.

Another energy-conservation effort began recently: replacement of the Peabody Room doors and glass. High-efficiency double-paned glass and insulated doors will replace the original materials that served so well for so long. The work is thanks in large part to an energy-efficiency grant from the Diocese and funds from contributions to the Church. Special thanks to Buildings Commissioner Lin Goodwin for his many organizational, labor and materials contributions throughout the year on this and many other projects.

Our Fall Cleanup day came shortly after the late October snowstorm. Thanks to our Cub Scout troop and parishioners with power tools, we were able to remove storm debris in addition to tidying up. Much of the property's scrub and weed growth--"volunteers," as Grounds Commissioner Lee Burton calls them—are now gone, providing a much clearer view of the Church from Main Street. Major improvements include the removal of debris and brush by volunteers from behind the Parish Hall parking lot and on the strip of land between Faulkner Street and the railroad tracks. Many thanks are in order to the Scouts, their parents, and an impressive turnout of parishioners. Major hedges were lowered dramatically throughout the year, most notably those in front of the Rectory and those running parallel to the walkway to the Peabody Room.

Capitalizing on the clearer view from Main Street, Reverend Joyce established a program of promoting Church events through the use of 4- by 8-foot banners placed in front of the Parish Hall. Just before Christmas, the Commission installed a permanent, yet removable, banner stand of steel pipe, ready for use when needed but out of sight when not.

Work began on much-needed renovations to the Rectory, which continues to provide income to the Church. Rotted exterior steps have been replaced and work to eliminate health and safety issues related to the bathroom will begin shortly. Planning is underway for additional necessary work pertaining to interior matters, including cracked and decaying plaster, rotted windows, and electrical anomalies.

We are fortunate to have received a second grant from the Adelard A. Roy & Valeda Lea Roy

Foundation to fund accessibility efforts. This second grant has increased our "kitty", allowing us now to initiate a contract with an accessibility architect from a Concord-based firm. The architect will help us with long- and short-term planning, and should facilitate the permitting process. Topping the accessibility-renovation list is the Peabody Room bathroom.

St. Andrew's welcomed a new cleaning company this year, HCD Cleaning Service. We said good-bye to long-time friend and Church cleaner Nancy Mayo, who is now devoting more time to the church she attends.

Throughout 2011, volunteer members of the Buildings & Grounds Commission performed countless repair and maintenance tasks, many on short notice. Collectively, this group saves the Church thousands of dollars each year in labor costs that would otherwise be paid to contractors or an employee. Many of the members also contribute materials used in the projects they undertake. ❁

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REPORT

By Charlotte Whatley, chair

Newsletters – "The X-press"

The monthly X-press newsletter experienced some growing pains during the fourth quarter of 2011 when Leslie Harrower resigned her volunteer post. The newsletter team has lost a valuable member in Leslie and will be working to regroup in the early part of 2012. The quality and quantity of information included by Erica Scattergood and Leslie Harrower throughout 2011 again must be noted. Leslie and Erica have shown a wonderful effort towards spreading the news of St. Andrew's. Both Leslie and Erica have done well to encourage parishioners to contribute and report on parish events, whether upcoming or in recapping.

Many thanks are offered to all of the folks who help with the production of the newsletter on a monthly basis. Production includes compiling the content; reviewing for typographical and grammatical errors; printing the newsletter and labels; folding and stapling the newsletters; affixing the mailing labels; delivering the newsletters to the post office; dealing with the postal staff to ensure that our monthly mailing receives the cheapest postage rate possible; and maintaining a parish

mailing list to ensure that all who wish to receive our newsletter do.

Website and Internet Presence

Dick Dabrowski continues to keep our website attractive while posting important information about the church.

Special Mailings

In conjunction with the membership commission, mailings were produced to the parish and the surrounding communities for special service reminders at Easter, Christmas, the Annual Holiday Fair and "In a Manger".

Local Newspapers and Cable Channels

Thank you to Mary Medeiros for her work with the local newspapers and cable channels. Items publicized included: St. Andrew's Schedule of Services; Annual Backpack Drive; Lenten Series; St. Andrew's Schedule for Holy Week; St. Andrew's Summer Schedule; Ayer Teen & Parker School Student Works His Way to El Salvador; St. Andrew's Fall Schedule; Children's Programs at St. Andrew's; Sunday School Celebration and Open House at St. Andrew's; Energy Efficient Skills - Hands-on Workshop; Go Green to Win; "In a Manager" Exhibition; Holiday Fair; Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services at St. Andrew's; Partners in Health {PIH} Coming to St. Andrew's. ☼

PARISH LIFE **COMMISSION REPORT**

By Erica Scattergood & Audrey Western, co-chairs

Mission Statement and Description:

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Book of Common Prayer

The mission of St. Andrew's Parish Life Commission is that we share an active commitment to love one another as Christ loves us. We welcome and embrace all newcomers and members, celebrating our relationships as a parish family through weekly coffee hours, feast day activities, frequent social events, and providing support to parish families going through crises.

The Parish Life Commission works to ensure that members and visitors alike fully experience the warm welcome that is at the heart of St. Andrew's Church. Hospitality is defined as: "kindness to visitors, a friendly, welcoming, and generous treatment [that is] offered to guests or strangers." This enjoyable and worthwhile ministry can be done as a family or with other parishioners in the church. Those who offer hospitality to the stranger often receive more than they give. Consider how true the following quote is:

"Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

(Hebrews 13:1,2)

2011

We began our work of 2011 with last year's Annual Meeting meal, held on January 30th. The meal, organized by Patsy Rush and Lin Goodwin, was lavish, and more than needed, so this year we have simplified the offerings. This was followed in February with the arranging of both a parish breakfast for the visit by Bishop Gayle and the follow-up luncheon for her meeting with members of the vestry – it is thanks to Karyn Paglierani that these last went so very well. March saw an outing to hear John Ferrillo and the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C Major, K314, preceded by a lovely lunch.

Our initial tasks were to hold the first meeting of the year and to modify the membership list for the website, both of which were done. Other goals included making our own work easier and the hall a more enticing and user-friendly place for other groups to rent. To that end, we culled unneeded items in the kitchen, undercroft and closet; we also took an updated inventory of our plate, linens, cutlery, etc.. We moved the old orange chairs from the side cupboard, putting them under the stage, and replaced them with new plastic storage bins, filled with paper goods, and other items.

We believe that there is a need to create a written plan for the running of this commission that will contain information; this plan will help us delineate what is, and what is not, the appropriate work of Parish Life. This remains an aim for the year 2012. Such a plan will also detail the sort of

planning that goes into each of our annual events as well as what we do for those occasions that are really “one offs.”. A very important part of this is to determine the extent of our part in such occasions as funerals where we want to be supportive and helpful, but we recognize that we lack the “manpower” and financial resources to bear the whole responsibility. We are also collecting current information about local contractors so that families facing sad events like a funeral can turn to these recommendations for help in arranging food, flowers and such (local hotels, etc.). Such information will eventually be available as a link on our website.

In June, we organized the Sunday school picnic, which coincided this year with Pentecost (and, thus, a baptism for the Fendreyer family) and also served as a fundraiser for Kayden Nasworthy’s Youth Leadership Academy trip to El Salvador. It was originally planned as cook-out, but was moved indoors when the weather proved uncooperative. In addition to the usual hot dogs and hamburgers, we found a very successful addition in pulled pork. As a glorious finish, Heather Chandler’s lovely cakes were delicious. Best of all, we exceeded the funds needed to send Kayden off in style!

In early July, some parishioners visited Tanglewood for an outing that was very successful, and it was voted an event that should become annual! Then, in August, a large group got together to construct classy aprons, enough for each member of the commission to sport one. These are still being tweaked but we will stun the congregation today with the eighteen original designs on display, complete with a Parish Life member inside!

Apple Pie Day has been inducted into the roster of Parish Life events to the delight of all on the commission, and member Leslie Harrower continues to lead us in this marvelous activity; demand for our pies is ever-growing, and we would welcome more pie rollers to the party – men are especially welcome to keep neophyte John Haynes company in this impressive art.

The Fair kitchen in November continues to offer our famous beef stew (a la Audrey Western) and corn chowder made again by Charlotte Whatley who will contribute the recipe to our cookbook, we hope. This last project was shelved for 2011, and should be on track for the fall of 2012; the editing

team for this will be Leslie Harrower and Patricia Mayes.

We have shouldered the costs for coffee hour staples, as well as the needed paper goods, etc.. for events such as the Annual Meeting and the Sunday school picnic, each of which falls under the auspices of the commission’s work. This year was notable in that we had NO funerals, a trend that we hope will hold steady for 2012. Regular meetings have been held throughout the year, at the Parish Hall and members’ homes, often accompanied by a meal, and the commission has seen a significant growth in membership. In conjunction with the leadership goals as suggested last March, the commission will be honing our goals and objectives, ably led by Kimberley Hoffman. Foyers and other fellowship activities are planned to augment the activities of 2012, and suggestions are very welcome. ✿

PASTORAL CARE **COMMISSION REPORT**

By Ginger Quarles, outgoing chair

The Pastoral Care Commission reaches out to church members with a wide variety of needs. Commission members assist the Rector in providing this care and support as time would not permit the Rector to provide this exclusively in addition to the many other duties of a part time Rector. Our goal is for all members of St. Andrew’s to feel loved, supported, cared for and prayed for during their time of need. The Commission consists of trained Lay Eucharistic Ministers as well as other dedicated volunteers who share the responsibilities. This group works under the supervision of the Rector to identify those in need. Current members of the commission include: Nancy Barringer, Jeanne Cassin, John Ferrillo, Claudette Hunt, Ginger Quarles and Steve Titus.

In addition to taking communion to those that are unable to attend church, visiting parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or in a long term care setting, delivering Sunday flowers to parishioners who cannot attend services, preparing a meal for someone who has had surgery, a baby or family crisis; the Commission sends cards to church members remembering birthdays, anniversaries and expressing condolences. Lastly, there are several members of St. Andrew’s who need help with

transportation in order to attend services and although the Commission does not have the resources to assume responsibility for this ministry, commission members have assisted in providing rides and in recruiting parish members to help with this important ministry.

The Commission maintains a confidential list of parish members who are in need or some form of pastoral care and members share the work load to the best of their ability.

At the suggestion of the Rector, using memorial funds given in the name of Jan Titus, the Commission purchased and set up a display of "Care Notes" in the Parish Hall and in the Peabody Room on a variety of topics that parishioners and those who use our building might need assistance with.

The Commission would welcome more members to assist in carrying out its many duties and responsibilities and encourage everyone to seriously consider this rewarding ministry. The expectations of a Pastoral Care Commission member are: 1) To be a member of St. Andrew's; 2) To attend worship regularly; 3) To maintain a high degree of confidentiality and limit the use of email in discussing Commission business and updates; 4) attend quarterly meetings.

Lastly, if you know of anyone who has a need for a card, note, phone call or visit from the Pastoral Care Commission, or you yourself could use this support, please contact Reverend Joyce or any Commission member. We want to help and be of assistance, but can only do so if we are aware of a need or concern. Information or concerns disclosed to any member of the PCC will be treated with confidentiality, respect and compassion. ✿

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION REPORT

By Joyce Scherer- Hooch, Linda Kaferle, Lorraine Leonard, Mary Medeiros, John Ott, committee members

Planning for the 2012 annual stewardship campaign began in August, 2011 with the suggestion of a theme, "**All the Believers were together**", taken from the 2nd Chapter of the Books of Acts verses 24-47, suggested by our Rector. Quickly the suggestion sparked the idea of creating a device that would represent that concept, i.e., the production of a 99-piece jigsaw puzzle made up of a

collage of photographs of the members of our church family. This amazing image was produced by Jeff Mayes, an accomplished photographer whose images captured the energy, commitment and broad generational make up of our parish. Using his photos and those of several others, we produced a portrait of our church that says we are a lively place, clearly growing and evolving in His spirit.

The plan was to mail one piece of the puzzle to each past pledging member or family as well as to new members, potential individuals who might begin to pledge and some old friends of St. Andrew's Church. As pledges were received, the puzzle would be reassembled, each piece representing that family or individual's important role in making our parish and puzzle one.

This effort was augmented by a series of postcards and several letters from members of the congregation willing to share their reasons for their commitment to stewardship as well as just a few sermons from the rector with a slight emphasis on stewardship. No hard sell, simply an effort bringing understanding to the act of giving back toward His work among us. We thank all those who wrote, produced, folded, packaged, stamped and mailed those pieces to the parish.

This work was to be followed up by the highly regarded **Stewardship Brunch**, originally to be held on Sunday October 30th. This valiant effort which the Committee was prepared to serve was quietly obliterated by a massive snow storm, forcing the rescheduling of the event to Sunday, November 13th, which then went off without a hitch. Our casserole chefs and stewards served up a hearty meal, and we were blessed with the inspirational words of guest speaker Frank A. Butler, a well known and respected businessman, philanthropist, devout Episcopalian and past President of the Ministry of Money, an organization working to address money issues from a biblical/spiritual perspective. This combined with the concise financial report of Lorraine Leonard, church Treasurer, who deftly explained our need and use of pledged funds was followed by Rev. Joyce's effective power point presentation on the work of the church in pictures and words, all of which made for a very successful launch of the campaign.

On Ingathering Sunday, December 4th pledges were received at both services and the puzzle began to come together as planned, still to be viewed on

AN OUTREACH VISIT BY PARTNERS IN HEALTH

the card table in the Peabody Room. To date we have received 59 pledges from families and individuals totaling \$101,438; this represents increased giving from a number of pledging units, but also takes into account some decrease or loss of giving from a few due to the difficult economy or loss of parishioners due to relocation because of job change or the passing of a few long time members of this church. Our budgeted pledge goal for this year is \$139,000 so it is important that all who received a pledge card and piece consider doing their part. The Stewardship Commission, working with the wardens, will be calling those parishioners we haven't heard from or with anyone who may want to discuss their pledge or their personal circumstances.

In summation, we can say that this commission worked diligently to promote the theme of "All the Believers Were Together." It showed in the spirit of the campaign and in the everyday efforts reflected in the Time, Talent and Treasure given by so many in this parish. So we thank everyone who participated in this year's successful campaign and acknowledge all who help to make St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, a church family enterprise on His behalf. ✨

On January 15, 2012, in a meeting between the services, the St Andrew's Outreach Commission was very pleased to welcome a representative from Partners in Health (PIH), one of the organizations



that we support. Donna J. Barry NP MPH, the Policy and Advocacy Director/Nursing Advisor for Partners In Health (www.pih.org) spoke for thirty minutes about the great work this organization does in

some of the poorest parts of the world.

St. Andrew's supports PIH work in Haiti, particularly related to the devastating earthquake that occurred in 2010. PIH was on the ground in Haiti many years before the earthquake, so they were ideally positioned to have a maximum positive impact there.

In addition to the work in Haiti, PIH also has projects in motion in eleven other countries including Kazakhstan, Russia, and Rwanda. PIH has a unique approach to working in these many countries: the focus is on training and supporting local health care efforts and providers to improve sustainability into the future.

It was clear from the presentation that PIH is an organization that has enjoyed much success in improving the lives of some of the poorest of God's children and is well deserving of further support from St Andrew's Outreach Commission.

This discussion was the first in an occasional series that the St Andrew's Outreach Commission hopes to bring to the parish. The Outreach Commission hopes to better communicate the work of the commission and the organizations that we support as a Church.

A warm thanks to Barbara Kamb and her helpers for an excellent coffee hour repast.

Any feedback on the discussion (topic, logistics, etc.) would be gratefully received by Bill Veno or Jason Salter to improve future discussions of this kind.



*Do you remember seeing this nativity scene this year at **In A Manger**? Hint: it was probably one of the smallest on display. Thank you Carolyn Smith for another wonderful display of the amazingly creative exhibit you provided as part of our Advent observances!*

KUDOS TO OUR KIDS

Congratulations to our own Maggie

Paglierani! The Leominster Elks Club sponsored a “Pledge of Allegiance” essay contest, open to all children in 5th – 8th grade in Leominster. Each entrant was to write about what the Pledge of Allegiance means to them personally. Only six



essays were selected as winners, and Maggie’s was one. Her prize was both a certificate and a cash award. She feels proud of the time and effort that she put into her work, and is surprised by her win. We are not, though, and here is her essay for everyone to enjoy!

Pledge of Allegiance by Maggie Paglierani

The Pledge of Allegiance has a special meaning to me. When I pledge my allegiance, I think of the flag of the United States, I think of God, and I think of liberty and justice for all.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America because the flag is a symbol of the strength and unity of America. To pledge my allegiance means I will be faithful and true to my country. The flag is a symbol to which I pledge my loyalty; this makes me proud. The flag shows how the thirteen colonies and fifty states became one united country. I am happy my state has a star on the flag. I enjoy seeing the flag of the United States all over the country, when I travel. When I go to a baseball game or the drag races, saying the Pledge of the Allegiance is always a happy time for all.

Under God indivisible means all fifty states are united as a single republic. The states cannot be separated under God. Under God indivisible means, to me, no matter what religion I am, I can still be an American. Here, in the United States, I have freedom of religion. I can practice any faith or learn about any other faith. When I pledge my allegiance, I am sharing spiritual strength with all Americans. I have friends who are Episcopalian, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Baptist; we all get along.

With Liberty and Justice for All means, the people of this nation are given the freedom to live how they want. Everyone is treated fairly by the law and the justice system is fair for all. Liberty and Justice for All means, to me, that all people have the same opportunities in the United States. All people share the same legal system, all people have the right to an education, and all have the right to choose their religion. By saying the Pledge of Allegiance, I am saying that I am grateful to the Republic of the US for all it has done. I support the Republic of the United States.

No matter what race, religion, or color, all Americans are under one flag. I believe that God watches over all Americans. I am proud to be an American and to be part of a country like the United States. I am glad that my parents have the choice to send me to a catholic school. I like that I can grow up and be whatever I want.

Congratulations are due to Liam

Sullivan, whose eighth grade basketball team from the Bromfield School has won all but one of its games. A recent exciting game against Clinton went into overtime and led to Bromfield’s winning score of 44-40 and he has also recently played a game that pitted him against a number of friends with whom he’s played recreationally, too. Needless to say, his parents – enthusiastic spectators both – are very proud!



Kim and Olivia Lindo helping at the Holiday Fair



**PLEASE REMEMBER THE
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Those who have requested our prayers:

Mia Bauman	Helen Priest
Wendy Braat	Barbara Murray
John Davies	June Engelking
Angie Ford	Ron Mullan
Bill Puschel	Danny Whalen
Mike Salter	Catherine Wheatley
Bruce Strobel	Laura and Rick
Peter	

Those serving in the military:

Patrick Connor, Seth Dubey

Lift up these groups in your prayers:

Esperanza Academy	4K for Cancer
Loaves and Fishes	Partners in Health
Mass. Council of Churches	
Society of St. Margaret	
Bethel Korean Church and Pastor Kim	

MILESTONES

Birthdays and Birthdays of those we remember:

Feb 2	Bryan Nasworthy
Feb 3	Louise Rogers
Feb 4	Ethan Bissett
Feb 7	Gavin Ryan (<i>Marta Sullivan's grandson</i>)
Feb 13	Daniel Cheesman
Feb 14	Geralyn Miller, Judy Adams
Feb 20	Avery Nasworthy
Feb 22	Peter Warren
Feb 24	Madeleine Marie Braat
Feb 25	Gail Conlin
Feb 27	Karyn Paglierani
Feb 28	Jamieson Colburn (<i>Al & Jill's grandson</i>), Stephen Philip Titus, Peg Rush
Mar 4	Li Erikson Titus, Charlotte Whatley
Mar 7	Verna Hughes

Mar 9	Douglas Marshall Titus
Mar 10	Clarence Titus
Mar 11	Leslie Harrower
Mar 14	Oliver James Titus
Mar 16	Aiden Ryan (<i>Marta Sullivan's grandson</i>)
Mar 19	Hester Newbury
Mar 22	David Rogers
Mar 24	Olivia Lindo
Mar 25	Sara Quarles
Mar 28	Kristine Benere, Brooke Shepard
Mar 31	Bill Veno, Matt Eberle

Anniversaries:

Feb 6	Stephanie and Paul Waite
Feb 24	Alan and Louise Rogers
Mar 22	Claudia and Tom Bissett

Rest in peace:

Feb 1	Walter Reinick (<i>Lili Ott's father</i>)
Feb 7	Theresa Paglierani
Feb 16	Kenneth Burke (<i>Peggy Braat's first husband</i>)
Mar 1	Helen Pinard (<i>mother of Hester Newbury</i>), Harold "Ray" Warren
Mar 2	George Middlebrooke (<i>Faith Salter's grandfather</i>)
Mar 4	Bertha Chapman (<i>Bryan Nasworthy's grandmother</i>)
Mar 9	George Wheatley, Sr.
Mar 14	Elizabeth Scattergood
Mar 15	Bayard Underwood
Mar 16	Paul Dickinson
Mar 19	Louis Ward Franzen (<i>Nancy Barringer's father</i>)
Mar 23	Carmella Casella (<i>Bryan Nasworthy's grandmother</i>)
Mar 28	The Rev. Thomas Gordon Ott
Mar 31	William Kramer (<i>Claudia Bissett's father</i>)



DIOCESAN EVENTS

For more information on the following events, please go to the Upcoming Events page of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts's website:

<http://www.diomass.org/events/upcoming>

Feb 1 Registration deadline for Holy Land Pilgrimage with Bishop Gayle E. Harris

Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Beth Grundy and other members of the Diocese of Massachusetts for a mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, June 2-12, 2012.

The Diocese of Massachusetts is offering this opportunity to connect with the mission of God in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The group will visit holy sites as well as diocesan institutions and churches to examine how the Diocese of Massachusetts might support their ministry and strengthen bonds with brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese of Jerusalem.

For more information or to register by Feb. 1, 2012, contact Diane Pound at 617-482-4826, ext. 349 or dianep@diomass.org.

Feb 3 Diocesan High School Youth Retreat 7:00pm - Sun, 02/05/2012 - 12:30pm Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center 400 Sawmill Rd. Greenfield, NH Register by Jan. 30.

The diocesan Office of Youth Ministries and the Diocesan Youth Council invite high school students (grades 9-12, and members of ongoing youth groups in grade 8) and their adult chaperones to the annual High School Retreat, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 3-5.

Come enjoy the beautiful midwinter outdoors at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., and meet youth and adults from all over the diocese. There will be small group workshops, large group games, worship that gets everyone both moving and thinking, with the live band Attaboy and above all else, time away from

the stress of everyday life in order to pay a little more attention to the Spirit.

Adult chaperones will have a chance to have a retreat of their own. They will have time to share ideas and grow in community with other chaperones and be able to take part in workshops specifically for adults working with youth.

Scholarships and transportation assistance are available (contact Sam Gould at sgould@diomass.org as soon as possible to work out those arrangements).

Direct any questions to Sam Gould, Director of Youth Ministry, at sgould@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 215.

Feb 7 First Tuesday "Meal with Monks" **Tue, 02/07/2012 - 5:30pm** Society of St. John the Evangelist 980 Memorial Drive Cambridge

On the first Tuesday of each month, the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist are holding a special service geared toward students and young adults. After the 5:30 p.m. Eucharist at the monastery (980 Memorial Drive) in Cambridge, the congregation is invited to join the brothers for a light supper and conversation about the evening's sermon.

For more information visit www.ssje.org.

Feb 11 Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) Workshop - 9:00am - 1:00pm Epiphany Parish 62 Front Street Walpole

Sustainable Houses of Worship (SHOW) workshops are a required part of the diocese's Green Improvement Grant application process. (Please note: Applications were expected to be available in early October; due to the budget cycle and fundraising calendar, the application process and deadline are being pushed forward. Dates will be made available when known. Get a head start by coming to one of the scheduled SHOW workshops.)

The third of three SHOW workshops, conducted by representatives of Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light, has been scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 (9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Epiphany Parish (62 Front Street) in Walpole.

Completion of an energy audit before attending a workshop is strongly advised.

During each workshop, participants will learn: how to track energy use, cost and carbon footprint; how to find no-cost and low-cost projects that can have a big impact on electricity and heating bills; how to evaluate major energy-using equipment and systems to know if they should be upgraded; incentives, rebates and other financial help available through utility companies; how to apply for a grant through the diocese's Green Grants Initiative; and what green initiatives other congregations have planned or started.

For more information contact the Rev. Karen Montagno, Director of Congregational Resources and Training, at 617-482-4826, ext. 413 or kmontagno@diomas.org.

Feb 11 Family Day at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul 10:00am - 2:00pm
Cathedral Church of St. Paul 138 Tremont Street
Boston

Shake off the mid-winter doldrums with activities, song, scavenger hunting and more as the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston begins its 100th year. Family Day takes place on Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and children, youth, parents and educators are invited to join the fun and educational activities, including:

- * A gathering and chance for a photo with Bishop Barbara C. Harris (on the anniversary of her 1989 consecration).
- * Time with Bishop Tom Shaw
- * Introduction to "The Abundant Life Garden" children's program by Episcopal Relief and Development
- * Learning about cathedrals through art, song and a scavenger hunt
- * Special activities for middle and high school students

- * Festive worship to culminate the day

Family Day is free and no registration is required.

Feb 11 Hymn Festival - 10:00am - 3:00pm
St. John's Chapel at Episcopal Divinity School 99
Brattle Street Cambridge

A Hymn Festival featuring the texts and tunes of Patrick Michaels, and many works by Carl P. Daw Jr., Thomas Mousin and other contemporary Christian poets, will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12 to 1 p.m.) at St. John's Chapel on the Episcopal Divinity School campus (99 Brattle Street) in Cambridge.

The day will be informal, with commentary on various pieces and most of the time spent singing. No singing experience is necessary, and people of all ages are welcome. So that enough music copies can be prepared, RSVP to patrickgmichaels@aol.com or 617-776-5604.

Mar 3 Spring Learning Event - 9:00am - 4:00pm
Cathedral Church of St. Paul 138 Tremont Street
Boston

Plan to join others from around the diocese and, this year, sister and brother Lutherans as well, for the annual diocesan Spring Learning Event on Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

This year's event will be a mission-focused gathering, with a program that will explore mission formation and how local and global partnerships can merge to become "glocal." Sunitha Mortha, Director of Global Formation and Missions for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will introduce an "accompaniment" model which encourages fuller, more authentic collaboration between groups. Online registration will open soon.

For advance preparation and to enrich the shared experience at the Spring Learning Event, the annual "Epiphany Papers" series is available here as a study resource. For information contact Amy Cook, Resource Center, at acook@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 645.

Mar 10 Congregational Business Practices Workshop - 9:00am - 1:00pm

Cathedral Church of St. Paul 138 Tremont Street
Boston

The diocese's volunteer Congregational Business Consultants will offer their annual Congregational Business Practices Workshop on four Saturdays in March, covering the key components of parish viability and "nuts and bolts" of parish business life: vestry management duties, accounting and auditing, safeguarding of assets, compensation and compliance reports such as the Parochial Report.

The goal of the half-day workshop will be to give parish leaders (treasurers, wardens, other vestry members, clergy, other church employees, such as bookkeepers, accountants, office managers) an overview of their most important business responsibilities and to provide them with tools and resources to make their jobs more manageable. For maximum benefit, the consultants recommend that attending parishes send a team.

The same workshop will be repeated on these Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

March 10: Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston

March 17: St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston

March 24: St. Peter's Church (165 Main Street) in Buzzards Bay

March 31: St. Paul's Church (127 Summer Street) in Lynnfield

The cost is \$25 per participant which will cover materials and light refreshments.

For information contact Chris Meyer at 617-527-2739 or cmeyer@diomass.org.



Upon the Waters Window
*Who Spread Out The Earth
Upon the Waters
His Love Endures Forever
Psalm 136-6
Given to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of
George Doran Sr. and
George Doran Jr.*

LOCAL EVENTS

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Located in the Raymond LaFontaine Fine Arts Center at Mount Wachusett Community College

February 24, 25; March 2, 3 at 8 p.m.

This classic musical is the story of Tevye, a poor dairyman, who tries to instill in his five daughters the traditions of his community as the world outside his village faces great change. Love of family and culture mixed with "laughter and tears" make this Tony Award winner one of America's most beloved musicals of all times. This story is told through wonderful songs such as, "Tradition", "If I Were a Rich Man", "Matchmaker", "To Life", and "Sunrise, Sunset".

The Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert and Sullivan

Groton School

Marion D. Campbell Performing Arts Center

Asen Theater

February 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.

February 18, 2012 at 7 p.m.

February 19, 2012 at 2 p.m.

With favorite songs such as "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General," "Poor Wand'ring One," and "With Cat-Like Tread," this rollicking production of Gilbert and Sullivan's classic light opera introduces us to a jovial band of pirates, a stuffy major-general, his beautiful young daughters, and a wily squadron of police. Romance is in the air as young pirate Frederick and sweet daughter Mabel fall instantly in love. Will Frederick be able to break the bonds of his servitude to the pirates? Will Mabel obtain her father's approval for their marriage? Will the police ever bring the pirate gang to justice? Join us for an evening of heart-warming entertainment at Groton School to find out!

Lenten Word Scramble

Look at each of the scrambled words below, and the clues found at the bottom of the page. Can you put the words in their proper order?

- 1) GEG _____
- 2) RPYRE _____
- 3) SBINAAT _____
- 4) RTOYF _____
- 5) HSAES _____
- 6) IFTSAGN _____
- 7) TNEL _____
- 8) SROCS _____
- 9) PUSRPE _____
- 10) TDRESE _____
- 11) OSSPRVEA _____
- 12) KENPAACS _____
- 13) MPLA _____
- 14) HVSERO DETSUYA

1. Food symbolic of rebirth
2. Part of worship activity
3. Refrain from doing something
4. Period of days in Lent
5. What is left after burning something
6. Time spent without food or drink
7. Season in church year
8. Symbol of Christianity
9. What Jesus shared with his disciples one night
10. Arid (very dry) land
11. Holiday in Jewish faith
12. Traditional food before Lent begins
13. Type of tree
14. Name of night before Lent

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The American Red Cross Blood Services, Northeast Division is encouraging all current eligible and new blood donors to share the love this February and donate blood to help maintain the community blood supply. Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. You never know when that someone in need is someone you love. Donating blood is a simple act; and just one donation can help save up to three lives.

Blood is an essential component for patient care in area hospitals, and the only source of blood is a healthy, volunteer blood donor. Blood is needed throughout the cold winter months; yet due to inclement weather in the Northeast, blood donations can decline during this time. By rolling up your sleeve, you may help provide lifesaving blood to hospital patients in need. This simple, heart-felt act may help save the lives of mothers, fathers, siblings, friends and sweethearts in your community.

Ayer Community Blood Drive

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7 Faulkner Street

Tuesday, February 28th 2PM – 7PM

800 – RED CROSS or RedCrossBlood.org



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St. Andrew's Ayer Calendar

February, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. 12:00 n- HEI	2. 12:20 pm – St. Andrew's Weavers 7:00 pm – Choir 7:15 pm – A.A.	3.	4.
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26. 8:00 am – HEI 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am HEI 1:00 pm Bethel Korean Svc.	27. 10:00 am – Bible Study	28. 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm Ayer Community Blood Drive – Parish Hall	29. 12:00 n – HEI 7:00 pm – Vestry meeting			

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