

October 2011

Rector's Reflections

I think October is my favorite month. I love fall weather and watching the leaves change color. I'm a sucker for pumpkins and hayrides and apple cider. But most of all, I love playoff baseball.

I love the simplicity of the game and the slowly-building suspense. I love the rivalries and the tradition, the statistics and the strategy. Tim Coyle shares my love of baseball (though not my allegiance to the Red Sox), and he recently forwarded to me a metaphorical reflection that his friend, Toy Savage, wrote about the game. In a society so defined by pace and trajectory, Savage notes, baseball offers something of an antidote. He writes: "I believe straight lines, even those that slant upward, describe in the end intensely less satisfying paths of life than gentle circles. Baseball is a game played on a rounded field. [It's] the only [sport] in which where you start is where you hope to end. The safe havens lead you home."

What a powerful image, one that resonates more than a little with the cyclical life of a parish church. This fall marks a time of homecoming for St. Andrew's. For generations of people, this place has been a safe haven, a refuge amidst the changes and chances of life. Beginning with the Flower Festival on November 4-6, we will enter a season of celebration for our Centennial. We will remember the saints of the past who made this church their home, and we will welcome back former clergy and other friends who have moved away. Together, we will share stories of what this community has meant and continues to mean to us.

All the while, we will also enjoy the richness of our present life together, and later this month we will pledge to support and sustain this community for the year ahead as we embark on our annual stewardship drive. Please join us on Sunday, October 16 for a Stewardship Luncheon following the 10:15 a.m. service. Thank you ahead of time for your ongoing financial support of our shared mission and ministry. I look forward to celebrating with you the past, present and future of St. Andrew's, our parish home.

Faithfully,
John Rohrs

Sr. Warden's Letter

Blessings from heaven since 1911!

What an exciting time to be part of the Saint Andrew's Family!

This coming year will be quite extraordinary as we launch our Centennial Celebration at the Flower Festival in November. The Centennial Committee has put together a full calendar of events with something for everyone, including a block party in April for our surrounding neighborhood of West Ghent. We will celebrate with music and concerts, festivities and community service, and, of course, thanksgiving. As we celebrate our history, we are also looking forward to the next 100 years and continue to explore the feasibility of a capital campaign to make sure our beautiful church home is safe, secure and sound for our next generation.

As we kicked off the season with Welcome Back Sunday and the Activities Fair, I was reminded of all the amazing opportunities that we have at St. Andrew's. There were so many different committees and ministries represented at the Activities Fair - from acolytes, AIDS cook-in and the Altar Guild, to Flower Guild and prayer shawl knitters; from youth and homeless ministries to EFM (Education for Ministry). For the musically inclined, we have the Choir, the Children's Choir, the Gospel Lights and the Bell Choir (who, by the way, could always use a few more ding-a-lings). We have "Wine and the Word", the Flower Festival Committee, and the incomparable Women of St. Andrew's. There is certainly a niche for every itch! Please log on to our newly redesigned website and check out all the things that I forgot to mention www.standrewsnorfolk.org. Many thanks to George Garris and the Communications Committee who worked so hard to get the website done right.

ALL of these groups would welcome a few more willing souls. We can always use a few more cooks and chefs for the cook-ins, polishers for the Silver and Brass Guild, flower arrangers, home visitors, and finance and stewardship committee members.

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November 5-7

The 2011 festival marks the 19th year that our church has produced this magnificent event in celebration of All Saints' weekend. This year's Flower Festival will be the official kick off of our Centennial celebration "Blessing from Heaven since 1911."

Flower Festival Silent Auction Is currently soliciting for items or services for auctioning. If you have something you would like to contribute to the silent auction, please call or email me Allyson Poutasse 489-0530 or email the church at dsipes.staac@verizon.net.

Urgent: If you can spare a morning or evening during the month of October and November (to help cook items to be sold in the **Country Store/Frozen Gourmet Shop at this year's Flower Festival, please call Llew Roberts at 423-6310 or Jenny Brown at 423-4697.**

Flower Festival Booklet: With a touch of Fall in the air and cooler temperature thoughts of visits to Granma's and Granddad's house or home for the holidays spring to mind. Perhaps that is not possible now but we can remember those times by a contribution to the Flower Festival with a dedication in this year's Flower Festival Booklet "in memory of" or "in honor of." If you wish to celebrate a special person, occasion, or anniversary; remember a loved one or place a business ad in the Flower Festival booklet, please contact Dot Stedfast at 451-3201 or Dennis at 622-5530. The donated amount can be whatever you are comfortable with that will help the annual Flower Festival and honor our loved ones. Let us hear as soon as possible (**deadline is October 18th**).

Flower Festival Tickets: Are available for purchase in the Parish Office Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday after each service.

Parish Life Breakfast

The next Parish Life Breakfast
Sunday, October 2
9:00 a.m. ~10:00 a.m.
Please sign up in White Hall

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee can always use a few more folks to we'll need cooks and volunteers for NEST, and, in the lay down mulch, help spruce up the grounds and thin daisies or pull weeds. Coming up in January and February, spring, we'll be looking for volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity House.

With the approach of stewardship season and the discussion about launching a capital campaign, it is easy to focus too much on the "treasure" aspect of the "3 T's", but it is crystal clear that St. Andrews has a heavenly host of ways to allow each of us to give our precious "time and talents" as well.

It is going to be a very busy year, but why not? How often will we turn 100?

Don Lewis

Women of St. Andrew's

The Fourth Annual Book Sale was Bigger than Ever

The Women of St. Andrew's held their fourth annual book sale on September 17th and 18th in White Hall. Worries about not having enough books went out the window early in the collection - we collected over 85 boxes of books. Conservatively, this is 1500 or more books! Many thanks go to all of you who donated books to the cause. We could not have had this sale or met our budgeted goal without your generous donations. More thanks go to all of the volunteers who sorted books, lugged books, set-up books, sold books and then packed them up for shipping out. The book sale would not make it without your help, either.

The main day of the book sale, September 17th, was rainy but a little rain does not dampen a book enthusiast's desire to fill his/her book shelves.

Business was brisk and many books found new homes. The books were kept out until Thursday, September 22nd. At that time, the remaining books went to Up-Center Books (formerly Spotlight Books) whose slogan is Buy a Book, Build a Life. They use book sales to help provide job skills training so that people can work their way out of poverty. As you can see, your donations will have far-reaching impact.

Outreach Ministry

Annual Blood Drive Was a Success

The St. Andrew's Annual Blood Drive was held on September 14th in White Hall from 1:30 p.m. until

7:30 p.m. Our goal was 50 productive units and we collected 46 making the drive a great success. We had 42 donors pre-schedule appointments which is our best sign-up to date. We had a total of 53 donors visit our drive, one of whom donated 2 units of red cells on the double red machine. Thanks to our volunteers who made food, our donors had a veritable smörgåsbord of delights, ranging from tasty sandwiches to fruit and brownies. More kudos go to the volunteers who manned the canteen tables and who watched over the donors and ensured that they were fed and happy. A good time was had by all.

Adult Forum

Faith like a Child

Oct 2 – Kids Ask the Deepest Questions with Caroline Black, Diocesan Canon for Formation.

Oct 9 – Teenage Spirituality with The Rev. Andie Rohrs.

Death and Dying, Grieving and Healing

Oct 16 – The Stages of Death and Dying with The Rev. Sam Williams

Oct 23 – Balancing Love and Logistics in a Time of Loss with The Rev. John Rohrs.

Oct 30 – How People of Faith Deal with Loss and Grief with The Rev. Dr. Segar Gravatt, Associate Rector, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Virginia Beach.

Youth Program (EYC – Episcopal Youth Community)

- October 2nd: Youth Group Dinner and Movie, 5:00-8:00pm -- grades 6-12 meet at church to eat food and watch movie

- October 7th-9th, October Weekend with the Diocese, grades 8-12

- October 16th - Youth Group Trip to Camp Chanco Ropes Course, 12:30-6:30, grades 6-12

- October 29th - High School Halloween Dance at Church of the Ascension for Norfolk area Episcopal Churches, time TBA

Parents of College Students:

The Women of St. Andrew's send care packages twice a year (at exam time) to our undergraduate college students. **Please call or email the church office with your student's mailing address!** If the

address hasn't changed, let us know that as well. The first mailing will go out right after Thanksgiving. **We don't want to leave anyone out!**

Special Prayers on All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday each year, we pray for those who have been buried from this church in the year prior. If you would like to submit the names of others who have died, please list their full Christian names on the form below. Place the form in the offering plate or in the Parish Administrator's box in the library, or you may call the parish office at 622-5530. Also, in celebration of our Centennial this year, we want to include special prayers that day for some of the deceased parishioners who have been "Saints of St. Andrew's." To gather those names, we want to hear from you; please share the names of former members of this church who touched or inspired you in ways large or small, and include a sentence or two about what made them special. The forms are due by October 28.

Please print clearly, include your name & phone number in case there are questions about spelling, etc.

Your name:

Phone:

Christian Name(s) of deceased:

If a "Saint of St. Andrew's", please share a brief reflection:

Handbell Choir

"The Handbell Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 6:30, playing during selected Sunday liturgies. We're always looking for new members. No experience is necessary, so please contact Richard Rigg (487-3655; rrigg1@cox.net) if you are interested in adding a musical note to St. Andrew's."

Reminder! "Annual Stewardship Luncheon" Sunday, October 16, at 11:30 a.m. in White Hall. The nursery will be open, and we'll have lunch and activities for the school-age children.

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"Blessings from Heaven since 1911 – celebrating 100 years"

Vestry 2011

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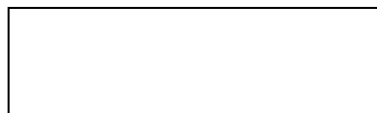
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St. Andrew's Centennial Steering Committee

Celebrating 100 years of St. Andrew's Church

It's almost here! Our centennial celebration will commence officially with Flower Festival in November, and a schedule of our events for the remainder of this year is listed below. Thanks go to our Choir Director/Organist Dr. James Kosnik for arranging a number of exciting music programs for us. Also, a St. Andrew's ornament has been designed for us by a local artist and is available for \$15. Please see Penny Lewis if you would like to purchase one now, or look for our display of ornaments and other commemorative items at the Flower Festival.

Centennial Events for 2011

November 6: Feast of All Saints with the Rt. Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith presiding, 10:15 a.m.

November 6: Organ Concert by Dr. Kosnik, 4:30 p.m., followed by Choral Evensong

November 20: History Presentation and Breakfast at 9 a.m., followed at 10:15 a.m. by commemoration of the first service at St. Andrew's with 1892 liturgy

December 18: Festival of Lessons and Carols featuring Virginia Symphony flautist Debra Cross, 10:15 a.m.

December 24: Christmas Eve Concert, 10 p.m., featuring Roy Muth Brass Ensemble, followed by service at 10:30 p.m.

Join us as we continue to celebrate and share "blessings from heaven since 1911".