



March 2011

Rector's Reflections

As you all now know, on Sunday, March 13 we will welcome Sam Williams as our new vocational deacon. One of the many reasons why I am excited about Sam's ministry here is that a deacon provides a powerful symbol of the servant ministry to which we all are called through our baptism. Each and every one of us is a disciple, a minister, called to the work of the gospel in our daily lives. St. Andrew's is a community full of such disciples, and I want to give the rest of this month's front page to the recognition of one among us.

Faithfully,

John

Betty Wade Coyle Receives Prestigious Award by Carol Branch

When Betty Wade Coyle and Vickie Bilisoly ventured to New York City in late January, it wasn't to shop or catch a Broadway show. They visited the Big Apple because Betty Wade was honored with a 2011 Lewis Hine Award for volunteerism.

Named for photographer Lewis Wickes Hine, who documented deplorable child labor practices in the early 20th century, the awards to 14 recipients from around the country "...underscore the commitment Americans have to assuring the well-being and development of our children," wrote William J. Mullaney, chair of the awards from The National Child Labor Committee. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the awards.

For more than 30 years, Betty Wade has been part-time executive director of Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads. Her contributions to the community include helping start the Child Advocacy Center at CHKD and the website KidsPriorityOne.org.

"I was honored simply to have been nominated for this award," said Betty Wade, longtime chair of St. Andrew's Outreach Committee. "When I won, I was gratified but mindful that the award is shared with all those who have helped me over the years to try to improve the lives of children. My heartfelt thanks go out to my city partners, agency partners and church partners."

Lauri Hogge, Chief Judge, Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, is quoted in the awards brochure: "What distinguishes Betty Wade is her generosity – of time, of experience, of knowledge, and of wisdom."

Vestry News

At the Vestry meeting on Jan. 24, Kacky Bryant resigned because of the demands on her time as she pursues a nursing degree. The Vestry accepted her resignation with regret but with great appreciation for all the good work she has done as a member of the Vestry and as co-chair of the Parish Life Committee. Kacky will continue her service and ministry at St. Andrew's in other ways.

As prescribed in the Canons of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Vestry elects persons to fill unexpired terms. At the same meeting, the Vestry elected Jay Lassiter to fulfill the remainder of Kacky's term. We thank Jay for agreeing to assume this position. Please join the Vestry in thanking Kacky for her ministry, and in welcoming Jay Lassiter.

Vestry Nomination Forms: Reminder! Nomination forms for new Vestry members are due March 15. If you need one, please check at the "Information Table" in White Hall or email the Parish Office at dsipes.staac@verizon.net.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 6 p.m. in White Hall**. Signup sheets are on the "Information Table" in White Hall.

Outreach Ministry Lent Food Drive

This year make your Lent sacrifice count twice. Take the money that a coffee or soda you are giving up for Lent would have cost, and turn it into food for the hungry through a donation to the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia.

During Lent, St. Andrew's will conduct a Food and Fund Drive to help the Food Bank. It will start on Sunday, March 6 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) when grocery bags and donation canisters will be given out at church and end on Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday). Bags and canisters will be available outside of the church office, and donations can be brought to the church anytime during the drive.

For those donating food, please note that the Food Bank cannot take expired food or baby food in glass jars. A list of Most Wanted Foods will be distributed with the grocery bags and can be found on the Outreach Ministries bulletin board and on the Food Bank website.

If you would prefer not to shop, the Food Bank can parlay every \$1.00 donation into \$6 worth of food.

For example, chunky soup retails at about \$2.59/can, but the Food Bank can purchase it for \$.50/can.

The youth of the Church will sort the food and carry it to the Food Bank where they will tour the facility and pack backpacks for hungry children.

Barrels to collect food items will be located in the Narthex, Auditorium, and White Hall. Donation canisters can be turned in each Sunday in White Hall or to the church office. The parish goal is to donate 1500 pounds of food (99 full grocery bags) and \$250 which computes to a ton (2,000 pounds) of food.

The food drive makes Lent a win-win for our souls and for our community.

All Parish Work Day Saturday, April 2 9:00 a.m. - Noon

All parishioners are invited to join us for lunch, fellowship and a little work! Bring the whole family and please join your fellow parishioners from 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. as we care for our wonderful property. Coffee, snacks, lunch and drinks will be provided.

Everyone should sign up at the "Information Table" in White Hall or call the Parish Office in advance to work on various projects. (Please note what project you would like to work on.) The projects include the following:

- Grounds – Clean up, Pruning shrubs
- Planting Annuals
- Landscaping around church signs
- Spring cleaning of the church
- Power-washing exterior

The property of St Andrew's is a vital part of our church community. An assortment of beds need filling with many plants, to have beautiful grounds for our annual Easter egg hunt, and of course, our annual Flower Festival outdoor activities. We believe that part of our duty to St. Andrew's is to assist with its care and maintenance to preserve it for future generations.

Please direct any questions to the Parish Office 622-5530 or Ted Dey at ted@afri.com

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum Series meets on Sunday mornings in Room 207A/B from 9-10 a.m.

March 6 – "Images of God in Art" with Leslie Hennessey

March 13–"Open Forum" with Bishop Holly

March 20 – "Loving Children "(Last Shall Be First) with Betty Wade Coyle

March 27 – "Forgiving Others and Ourselves" with Dr. Jeanne Burger

Youth Education

A tradition in our Sunday School program is to make Valentines for our college students and this year was no different. Both elementary age classes did their best with hearts, glitter and glue. Our nursery toddlers also had several fun Sundays working on their Valentines! Hopefully, you checked them out on the bulletin board heading into White Hall.

Reminder to parents of our nursery, pre-school, and elementary school children: We are holding two "brainstorming" sessions to get ideas and input for worship and Christian formation for our children. The first session will be on Sunday, March 6 from 5-6 p.m. (child care provided) at KK and Nat West's home, 1042 Jamestown Crescent in Norfolk. The second session will be on Sunday, March 20, at 9 a.m. in White Hall. Please come and let us know what you want in the way of worship and Christian formation for your children!

I would like to ask that you consider donating Easter eggs and candy to our annual Easter egg Hunt. For the last 2 years we have hosted an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn of the church and one on the Princess Anne side. So, we need lots of eggs and candy. I am also looking for a few volunteers to help hide the eggs. Last year it took 6 of us to hide the eggs so if you would like to volunteer please let me know. We will place a basket outside the Parish office door a few weeks before Easter.

Another tradition is the Flowering of the Cross, all children are welcome to bring flowers on Easter Sunday and process with us and assist in the Flowering of the Cross. Look for more details as we get closer to Easter.

Thank you for your continued support!

Anita Phipps

--NEST 2011 RECAP--

To all the volunteers who cooked, served, cleaned up, inspected assignment forms, registered guests, monitored smokers, put down mats and blankets, donated food and toiletry items, socialized with our guests, pulled watches and managed the shelter, stuffed ditty bags, donated money for the cause and helped with the numerous other chores involved in hosting the NEST Shelter in January at St. Andrew's, **please accept our heartfelt thanks!!!** It takes the combined efforts of more than 125 individuals to prepare and staff the shelter for a week.

In particular, we were the grateful beneficiaries of a magnificent NEST angel, Anita Phipps, who went far beyond expectations in providing toiletries for our ditty bags.

This year we were especially blessed with an increase in items and variety for breakfast -- and found that breakfast becomes a special event when individuals/families come in to help serve items such as hot oatmeal with brown sugar and raisins, bacon, hard-boiled eggs, grits and hot buttered toast. Our normal fare is a cold breakfast. Who would have believed the impact of multiple toasters, butter, jelly, cream cheese and some imagination!!!! Special "thank you" to Vickie & Frank Bilisoly, Karen & Doug Mitchell, Bob Young and Mark Jones. Thank you also to Vanessa August for that tremendous (and huge) bag of bagels and cream cheese!

Funds are also always needed -- both for our NEST here and for the larger Norfolk organization. Thanks to the efforts of Pat Hodge and her 'Nest Angel Wreath,' we received more than \$1000 in separate donations that go a long way to helping to pay for our cleaning bills (\$700) and paper products (\$618).

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the annual financial support received from both Mission & Ministries and from the Women of St Andrew (WSA).

Finally, with the gift of toiletries that we have from Angel Anita, we are able to set aside products for next year, as well as donate appropriate items to the Ghent Area Ministry and to For Kids. Our hope for next year is that since we have a start on toiletries, we can focus on knit hats and gloves....we only need 23 more hats and 35 more pair of gloves.

We wish all of you could have been present on many of the mornings, when one after another of our guests came forward to thank us for taking care of them.

Jim Rhodes and George Utter

Women of St. Andrew's

During the January meeting a new slate of officers was elected: Judy Blevins and Susan Rogis, co-chairs. Ann Dodson, treasurer, and Judy Utter and Deane Sobol, co-secretaries.

Please mark calendars and plan to attend the Women's' Retreat. This spiritual event scheduled for March 26 in White Hall. The Rev. John Rohrs has graciously agreed to be our speaker again this year. Lunch will be provided.

Judy Blevins

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Vestry 2011

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Ted Dey, **Junior Warden**

Carol Branch, **Register**

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Jerry Butler

Tim Coyle

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Jay Lassiter

Don Lewis

Karen Mitchell

Becky Ruffin

Joyce Swindell

Jim Valone

KK West

St. Andrew's is a parish of worship, spiritual growth, acceptance and healing centered in the Eucharist. We reach beyond ourselves, striving to allow God to work through our hands as Christ's own. In our role as stewards of God's gifts we embrace a comprehensive concept of stewardship as central to our ministry. As a place of hope for all people, we celebrate with joy through grace our oneness in Christ.

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St. Andrew's Centennial Steering Committee

Celebrating our past . . . and looking to the future

Did you know we began our Outreach Ministry at St. Andrew's in March of 1912 when we started giving to the missions? The March 10 and April Easter offerings were committed in advance to go to China. All missions' offerings would go in fractions of one-third to the Diocese and two-thirds to general missions unless otherwise specified.

While our centennial will highlight the rich history of our parish, it will also offer us the opportunity to look to the future and determine what we'd like our legacy to be. What should we do to share our "blessings from heaven" with our community and the world? When our bicentennial is celebrated in 2111, what will be our lasting impact? We welcome your suggestions and ideas. Please share them with Steve Herbert (r.s.herbert@hotmail.com), Penny Lewis (dwlplbl@cox.net), or Dennis Sipes (dsipes.staacc@verizon.net).