

The Saltire



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rector's Reflections

By now most of you have seen our new parish logo. It is on our weekly service bulletin, on this newsletter, and will soon be on our revised website. I hope that you like it and that it captures for you something of the spirit of St. Andrew's.

What I like most about the logo is its sense of movement. The boat is not docked; it is on the open water, with billowing sail. The implication is that the church, this church, is ever on a journey. It is a voyage that we make together, all hands on deck, trusting in God and one another as we head toward the horizon.

This year marks a particularly exciting moment of our journey at St. Andrew's, as we celebrate our centennial anniversary. In the coming months we will take time to honor the past; at the same time, we will also look forward to the voyage ahead. Over the last few years, we have worked together to identify the mission and vision that will guide us into a second century.

Extensive surveys and focus groups during a time of clergy transition led to a Parish Profile. That same data helped the Vestry shape a Strategic Plan last summer, which in turn has informed some initial brainstorming of potential capital projects that would facilitate our present and future mission.

We now have entered a time of parish-wide discernment, as we determine together whether and how to go forward with a capital campaign. The first step in this process was an open meeting on Sunday, May 15 with Andi Tilmann, a consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation who is advising us in this effort. For those who could not attend that day, please visit our website to download the materials that we discussed, or you may also see them posted on the Vestry News section of the bulletin board outside of White Hall.

The next step is to solicit ideas and input from various ministry and constituent groups in the congregation. Ann Dodson has more information in the adjacent article about this feedback process, which will help us

Sr. Warden's Letter

On Sunday, May 15, 54 parishioners - curious, skeptical, interested, dubious, excited (take your pick – they were all present) - attended an open meeting after church to begin exploring the possibility of a capital campaign for St. Andrew's. Please note the word "possibility"! This is not a done deal or a forgone conclusion, by any means, but the subject has come up among the Vestry as we have worked on setting goals and thinking about our second century.

Based on the goals of our Strategic Plan and the feedback generated by focus groups last fall, the Vestry has identified a number of projects and initiatives to implement over the coming years. Some of these projects are simple fixes; others require time and talent. A number of them, however, would involve expense beyond what could reasonably be covered in our annual operating budget. One aspect is that we have an elderly physical plant, which needs significant attention if it's to meet the needs of our growing congregation into the future. An equally important aspect is that we have an active, engaged congregation, with lots of excitement and vision and great ideas. We need and want everyone's ideas and input as we explore (1) what projects might be included in a capital campaign, and (2) whether the congregation would favor and support a capital campaign over a period of several years.

During the next few months we will explore these possibilities through a "discernment" process. You will have opportunities to review the Vestry's initial "wish list" of possible projects (posted on the Vestry News section of the bulletin board outside White Hall) and to give us your ideas. We are looking for your own suggestions for additional or different projects, as well as reaction/feedback to the Vestry's list. The various committees and ministry groups will meet to discuss their ideas, and we will schedule additional group sessions so that everyone has a chance to participate in this process. The Vestry will take this feedback, research costs and feasibility, and come up with a revised list of possible projects. By September, we would expect to be well-positioned, as a parish, to

imagine and prioritize the elements of a possible campaign.

We do not know exactly where this voyage might lead. Perhaps the waters will seem too rough and we will decide to turn back. Or perhaps, and this is my hope, we will discover uncharted joys and excitement as we dream together about how to sustain and strengthen our mission in the years ahead. Either way, of one thing I am certain: it is a blessing to be on this journey with you.

Faithfully,

John



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
2011 FLOWER FESTIVAL
November 4-6**

**TIME TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE 2011
FLOWER FESTIVAL!**

This year's Flower Festival will kick off our Centennial Celebration. If you are interested in serving on the Committee and/or you have comments/suggestions, please contact Amber Pickrell at 627-9258 or pickrell3@cox.net.

The Flower Festival is an opportunity for the St. Andrew's parish family to work and grow together as a community. The Festival also gives members of this church an opportunity to reach out to the surrounding community. The Flower Festival is, above all, a means of giving glory to God.

Annual Church Picnic on June, 5

Join us for our annual picnic on Sunday, June 5 in White Hall after the 10:15 service. Come dressed in your picnic attire (shorts are very good). Hamburgers and hotdogs (meat and veggie) will be provided with the fixins. We are bringing back the table heavy covered dish picnic so bring a covered dish to share with all. Please sign up in White Hall with what you are bringing so we can make sure all the basics are provided. There be will games and fun for all. Mark your calendars today and don't forget to sign up. For more info (or to help) contact Steve Blevins at 489-0854 or sblevins6@cox.net

decide whether to take the next step towards a capital campaign, which would be to commission a feasibility study with the assistance of the Episcopal Church Foundation. Only after seeing the results of the feasibility study would we be ready to decide whether to undertake a capital campaign.

To quote our President, "Let me be clear:" No one is going to ask you for money at this exploratory stage! We're looking for ideas, feedback, and a general sense of whether folks think a capital campaign would be a good idea for St. Andrew's. This is meant to be a fun, exciting process. From the feedback I've heard, the 54 parishioners who attended the meeting on May 15 mostly left feeling excited and energized by the discussion. Andi Tilmann, the consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation who is guiding us through the process, likes to call this stage "dreamcatching," and that's a good description. Let your imagination soar as you think about what would help us achieve our vision!

Ann Dodson

EfM at St. Andrew's

Ever wondered about EfM? It stands for "Education for Ministry," a hands-on seminar course of adults learning together, emphasizing discussion, readings, and Christian reflection. Well organized by the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, an experienced Mentor guides participants through major topics: the Old Testament, the New Testament, church history, and theological choices. Each segment is offered on an annual basis, in sequence, with persons studying different segments meeting together in weekly seminar. This course is exceptional in fostering a deeper, more meaningful connection between our faith and our everyday lives. Plus it's fun! We share hospitality (wine and snacks), lively discussions, and life together! Note that while the program provides excellent preparation for Christian lay ministry, it does not evaluate or recommend individuals for ordination.

The 2010-2011 class is completing work now and will be recognized at the 10:15 service on Sunday, June 5. Now is the time for us to solicit the interest of others in the congregation, and beyond, to sign up for next year's group. Registration should be completed by August, with the course starting up in early September. A list of St. Andrew's EfM graduates is posted on the EfM bulletin board in the parish house. Any of the current students (Sid Roberts, Ann Dodson, Gloria Wilkinson, Joyce Swindell, Deane Sobol, Margaret Bishop, Robin Kruger, and Paul Kovalcik) would gladly talk with anyone interested about the merits of the program. A reasonable annual tuition is charged, and there are funds available for partial or total scholarships.

Please contact Deane Sobol, 623-0796 or sobold43@gmail.com, for further information.

Women of St. Andrew's Game Day

Please join us on Saturday, June 11 for our next Game Day (men are invited) in White Hall from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided (wraps, chips, chili, salad, beverages and dessert). Tables of 4 can be reserved. Bring the games you love to play. Signup sheets are located in White Hall (please sign up by June 5). All proceeds will go to the Outreach Program of the Women of St. Andrew's.

Outreach Ministries

The Outreach Ministries Committee is sponsoring "Undies Sundays" during June. The "Undies" will go to Ghent Area Ministry (GAM) which is a program run by a coalition of Ghent area churches to more efficiently serve the needs of the poor in our area of the city.

The program is always in need of packages of new men's and ladies' underwear. If you can donate, GAM would like for men - L and XL white t-shirts and size 34/36/38 boxers or briefs. White work socks, crew type like those found in bulk packages, are also needed. The most requested sizes of ladies underwear are 7/8/9. Baskets for donations will be available in the Narthex and outside of Dennis' office during June. Monetary donations are always welcome as well.

Rebuilding the Soul of a Nation

The Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church and home to nearly 100,000 Episcopalians with 97 parishes and 200 schools. In 2008 the Diocese celebrated over 200 baptisms and 700 confirmations. Per capita income is about \$480. When the January 2010 earthquake hit Haiti, people turned to the church. They knew they would find help there even though nearly all the church buildings, including Holy Trinity Cathedral, had been reduced to rubble. The Bishop, clergy and Cathedral staff offered what food and water they had, and handed out tents until their supply was exhausted.

St. Andrew's has joined in the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti campaign to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral one brick at a time so that there will always be a place people can go during times of trouble, a place that will lift them up both spiritually and physically. Rebuild Our Church is a national project launched by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church to encourage every parish to participate in resurrecting the poorest and most populous diocese in the Episcopal Church. Our Diocese has set a goal of one brick (\$10) for each parishioner in the Diocese (30,000). On Easter Sunday the special Easter offering and loose offering was designated to go to this effort. As a result, St. Andrew's collected approximately \$1800 for Holy Trinity Cathedral. This drive will go on through the end of June, so if you haven't contributed, the opportunity is still there. Remember \$10 buys a brick, and it takes a lot of bricks to build a church.

St. Andrew's Coffee Hour

We are so happy to see and meet new comers to St. Andrew's. Every Sunday someone hosts coffee hour. The church serves the coffee and sodas. Every Sunday a different host or hostess serves the food. Sometimes there are sandwiches small or large, sometimes cookies, cake or both, tasty chips and dip and lots of times fruit or veggies. This is such a kind, generous helpful way to become part of the St. Andrew's family. It can be done by you, with a friend or a spouse or a group of 2, 3 or 6 people. It is so much appreciated by everyone in the Church.

All you have to do is SIGN UP! The signup sheet is in White Hall. Do it today!

Dot Stedfast (I will help you)

GHENT CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE At ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH September 14, 2011 (1:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

The annual blood drive at St. Andrew's will be held on September 14th from 1:30 – 7:30 in White Hall. Our goal is 50 units of blood. For that we will need 60 donors. Please mark your calendar and plan on donating blood for your church and your community. It may be the most important activity you will do all year.

For those of you who might be concerned about your hemoglobin levels, now is the time to start eating those iron rich foods. To find out which foods are rich in iron, go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org/learn-about-blood/health-and-wellness/iron-rich-foods>.

Book Sale in September

It is time to think about our annual book sale in September. We will be accepting all types of books as long as they are in good shape – covers intact, no ripped or loose pages, no writing in book. In addition, we will accept commercial CDs and DVDs that are free of scratches. Additional items that we are accepting include games (as long as all the pieces are present), puzzles (ditto on the pieces being present), crafting and cooking magazines, and greeting cards and notepaper. So begin perusing all those books you've read over the winter but may not want to keep. You may start bringing the books and other items to the church in **July**. They may be placed outside of the Administrative office or on the stage in the auditorium. By the way, if you have access to boxes with tops (the ones that photocopy paper comes in) please bring them in – they are great for packing the books.

Parish Office Volunteers

The Parish Administrator will be on vacation the following dates in June, July and August and we will need coverage in the Parish Office to greet visitors and answer the phone from 9 a.m. - Noon. If you are available for any of these dates, please contact the Parish Office at 622-5530.

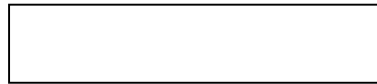
June 27 – July 1, July 18 – 22, and August 29 – September 2

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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
A Look Back . . .**

Although our official Centennial celebration kicks off this coming November, our parish really got its start 100 years ago this month. According to *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church: The First Seventy Years*,

"At four-thirty o'clock on the afternoon of June sixteenth, Judge William Bruce Martin called to order in his chambers a meeting of ten men representing families in the then newly developed Ghent section of Norfolk. Jointly they were to consider the advisability of building a chapel in their immediate neighborhood. . . Their intention was to develop not a mission of Saint Luke's church (which Judge Martin had many years earlier helped to establish) but a new and entirely independent parish to accommodate the Episcopal population which was moving into this rapidly growing section of the city. . . In a matter of weeks each committee member had pledged either \$50 or \$100, Mr. Drummond had leased two of his Westover Company lots for the chapel site, and a Mr. Dear had begun construction of a frame building to seat about 300 people and to cost no more than \$2,000."

Today, 100 years later, we're grateful for the efforts of those committee members and all those who have supported and sustained St. Andrew's over the years. In the months to come, we will commemorate that beginning with an anniversary service, a birthday party, special music programs and much more. In the fall, look for a complete schedule of the special events we have planned to celebrate and share those "blessings from heaven since 1911."