



February 11, 2006

**St. Andrew's Third Annual
OPEN HOUSE**

4 - 6 p.m.

Fun for the Children!

Fun for the Adults!

Fun for the Whole Community!

Great opportunity for you, your family, friends and neighbors to learn more about the Church, Nursery School & Kindergarten and Camp while enjoying hors d'ouvres, wine & cheese, soft drinks and of course juice boxes. Tours of the school will be on-going. Let your friends know this is a fun way to see the facilities! For more information, please call Carolyn Glatz at 908-790-8682 or Joe LaPara at 908-508-0577. Activities for children include arts & crafts, a balloonist and more!

A message from the Rector

Our community of St. Andrew's Church and School is very much in *the process of becoming*. We enter the year 2006 as a community open to growing; open to new life in Christ.

Our Presiding Bishop, Frank Griswold, recently said, "The Church is constantly in the process of becoming," Griswold said. "Together we seek openness to this transforming work of the Spirit."

Griswold announced that this theme of *becoming* would set the tone for the national Episcopal Church's General Convention, to be held in Columbus, Ohio this June. He underscored his point by quoting the French Jesuit scientist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: "For us God is eternal discovery and eternal growth."

The theme selection was inspired by the New Testament text of Ephesians 4:15, in which St. Paul calls believers to seek full Christian maturity: "... Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ."

This powerful goal suits our local church as well as the national church. St. Andrew's transitions of the last few years have required major changes, which have often proved painful. However, the realization that change was and is necessary for health and growth allowed the community to move forward.

We have good reasons to feel hopeful in this new year. Worship attendance, pledging, and school enrollment are climbing. The reorganization of budget priorities has proven to be stabilizing in both the church and school. A renewed commitment to outreach projects reminds us of our obligation to serve those who may not be as fortunate as we are. New leaders are emerging

on our vestry, knowing they are supported by experienced outgoing leadership.

There is a sense of energy and purpose to build anew our community of St. Andrew's. That purpose originates in the Gospel text surrounding our patron saint. Andrew the apostle took the risk to change his life, and to become a follower of Christ. He worked in community with only twelve others to develop faithful discipleship that would bring others into God's gracious presence. Our mission is the same: to follow the call to build Christian community. May we be prayerful and open to the Holy Spirit in this endeavor.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Margaret Hodgkins, Rector

Warden's Word

The annual meeting is upon us. What a year it has been! The parish hall is heated, the roof doesn't leak as much anymore, Marshall and Laura, along with Skip and Joyce, have left us and the Hodgkin's have arrived. BFNC is a closed affair, the facilities are in the best shape they've been in years, new youth programs are beginning, pledges are up, and the total value of pledges is up over last year. Our music program continues to "rock," and the nursery school is as active and busy as ever. We are beginning to wean ourselves off of financial dependence on the school, and are facing up to our challenges and opportunities in new and cooperative ways.

Oh! Issues are still staring us starkly in the face. We aren't yet a parish with a strong enough outreach program, we aren't yet fiscally solvent, and despite the fact that the Diocese has raised us from a level 1 parish to a level 2, there remains much to be accomplished. Your vestry has

addressed some of these difficult and complex matters and addressed them head on. As Warden, it has been an extreme pleasure to work with a group of leaders who are tuned in, able to debate, disagree, agree, and act. Oh! Yes, we are in need of a major Fundraiser in this calendar year. We are in need of more parish involvement in the life and activities of our nursery school, we are in need of a more defined vision for the future of our institution, and we need a more focused thrust regarding our involvement in the local community.

It has often been said that doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results is the definition of insanity. With our new Rector, we have the opportunity to experience new beginnings in our Church life and in our life. My fear is that we retreat to our comfort zones and resist change, the only constant in life.

We need to re-evaluate and change the Canterbury Fair as the Vestry has indicated. We need to be more responsible about our own financial and personal commitment to our faith. We need to be more aware of others, how they feel, what they think, what they need, and what we can do. We need to reflect on the abundance that God has gifted to us here at St. Andrew's.

-- Dave Morris, Warden

**A Vestry Day
with Bishop Councill
March 11, 2006
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Trinity Cathedral in Trenton**

Presented by the Congregational Development
Committee of the diocese:
"Three lessons on faithful ministry"

*all that I am, all that I
have, all of the time
belongs to God*



Stewardship Standpoints

Heartfelt thanks to all who pledged for 2006. Overall, pledges were up by 11.7% as of January 8th with 83 units pledging a total of \$218,996. Repeat contributors increased their giving by an average of 18%. Individuals who had previously pledged \$13,720 are no longer members of St. Andrew's, but their contribution was more than offset by new contributors, who committed \$23,608 to support God's work in New Providence.

As of January 8th, there were still a few families who pledged last year and who have not renewed their pledges for 2006. I ask that they turn in their pledge cards as soon as possible, as the Vestry needs an accurate pledge income projection to plan for the coming year. We are still over \$30,000 short of the income we need to continue all the programs we have come to love and expect from St. Andrew's.

God has promised to reward us for being faithful in our commitment to the work of the Church. If you are not already paying a full tithe, I beseech you to prayerfully consider your commitment for the coming year. I'm not asking for a full 10% of your increase, merely that you make a commitment to move toward that standard by increasing the amount you have considered giving so far.

-- Dave Waite, Stewardship Chair

A Message from the Minister of Music

Choir

Our major work over the past month or so included the Lessons and Carols on the fourth Sunday of Advent and the Christmas services. The choir did a fabulous job at all those events. Many thanks to the extra people who joined us. With some of our regulars missing, the extra people were super. We are now working on music for the Epiphany season. We are also planning a Lenten Evensong on the second Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2006. Mark that date on your calendars for a beautiful Anglican service followed by wine and cheese.

We continue to look for additional voices. You do not have to be a soloist or someone who has sung with a professional chorus to join us. See any choir member or me if you would like to discuss joining with us. Or come to a Thursday rehearsal on a trial basis. You will be surprised how much enjoyment you will get out of the company and the musical experience.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir is having another splendid year. They have sung several times in church, the most recent being as part of the Lessons and Carols on the fourth Sunday in Advent. They will next sing on Sunday, January 22, 2006.

Additional members are always welcome to join this group of wonderful young people. If you have a child who is in the second grade or above and would like to sing with us, please see any member or the Junior Choir or me.

Concert

Our previously planned choir concert will not be held this year due to an adjusted budget. We are hoping we will be able to restart the concert series in 2007.

-- Howard Dreizler, Minister of Music

Adult Christian Education

Join us every Sunday morning for an adult education forum in the Library. Always an interesting topic and conversation over coffee or tea.

Coming up on **Feb. 5th** and **Feb. 12th** at 9 a.m.: "*Defining Theology*," Led by Carl Santiago, graduate student of theology at Notre Dame, and a member of our choir! --Peggy+

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood continues to meet on the third Saturday of the month and is pleased that on January 21st at 9:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall we will be hosting the first 2006 meeting of the Assembly of the Brotherhood. The Assembly, installed by the Bishop in November, is the coming together of the four chapters in our Diocese.

Since our last NET, we have actively participated in events focused on our parish and have also committed to exploring evangelizing other potential chapters within the Episcopal Church in northern New Jersey. We are optimistically awaiting consent from the Dean of our Convocation to offer to the clergy in our Convocation, the opportunity to meet with us and 5 or 6 men from their parish to explore the establishment of a chapter in the parish.

We continue to grow and welcomed more new members at our last meeting. Our Chapter installation, documented by the photo on the back page, suggests that we are alive and growing, although since the photograph we have lost to relocation, Brother Robert Craig.

Our disciplines of prayer, study, and service are

clearly evident at each meeting and spill over into our daily lives. It is a real experience to participate in an organization where men speak candidly about spiritual matters and grow to trust and appreciate the multiple gifts we have. Come join us, or at least check us out! --Dave Morris

Scripture Study Group

The Scripture Study Group (formerly Cellmates) continues to meet in the new conference room on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. We use the Synthesis as our study guide. Pick up a copy before the meeting, read it in order to be prepared and join us on Wednesdays. We look forward to welcoming ALL who find they have the time to join us as we discuss the readings.

--Frances Bellak (908) 233-6779
and Marian Bahler (908) 464-5743.

Sunday School Spirit

By Joyce Kern, DRE

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL...A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR LIFE

As we reflect on Christmas, we had 40 children of all ages participate in the Christmas Narrative at St. Andrew's! My appreciation to everyone involved with the Christmas Narrative this year including the outstanding direction of Eileen Fairchild, Kevin, and the enthusiasm of the Student Assistant Directors; the wonder of the Cast; the story by the Narrators; the large Woolly Sheep; the support of the Student Props Managers, Rick Anderson, Props Manager and Volunteers; the fine Costume Crew, the delicious refreshments provided by Volunteer Parents; the beautiful Christmas Narrative Bulletin, the music of Howard Dreizler and Carl Santiago; the fine leadership of our new minister Peggy Hodgkins, and the amazing photography of Carol King. I want to express my gratitude to all of you for creating a Christmas Story for all ages to enjoy

at St. Andrew's Church and sharing the "Spirit of Christmas!"

Epiphany Church Season

We are now in the church season of Epiphany. What does the word Epiphany mean? The New Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, explains, "The feast of the Epiphany, or the Manifestation (revelation) of Christ to the Gentiles, is observed on January 6. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning 'showing forth', appearance, manifestation, revelation". Here is some useful information from this book that tells about the church season and to help explain to your child about the meaning of Epiphany:

- *The Feast of Epiphany proclaims the good news that Jesus revealed GOD to all humanity.*
- *At Christmas, the church celebrates the birth of Jesus, when God entered fully into the human experience.*
- *The Feast of the Epiphany takes the Christmas proclamation one step further, when the divine revelation in Jesus was revealed to the world. This is the story of the three magi who came from the East following a special Star, bringing gifts to the child Jesus. They were Gentiles, not Jews, and they worshiped him.*
- *Names of the three magi or three Wise men were Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar. They brought gifts of: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.*
- *The eve of the Epiphany (Twelfth Night) marks the end of the Christmas celebration.*

Epiphany through the eyes of a child:

What Jesus did and said, helps us to know who God is and what God is doing for us.

- *Jesus called his friends to be with him and to help him with his work;*
- *Jesus came for all the people of the world;*
- *Jesus is like a light, helping us to see better;*

- *We are baptized into God's family, the church.*

Epiphany at St. Andrew's, January 8th

We had a visit by three magi or wise men in our church service! In Sunday School, children learned about Epiphany, decorated homemade star cookies, made special ornaments, talked about stars, and made sparkle angel stick puppets. Parents made special Epiphany refreshments for all to enjoy on this first Sunday of Epiphany.

Welcome Winter Term Teachers!

We are thankful to the following volunteer teachers for their service to the Children's Ministry. **Preschool:** Mary Englebrechtsen, Janet Michaels and parent assistants Carolyn Glatz and David Hasenkopf; **Kindergarten:** Jennifer Carriker and Amanda Smith; **Grade 1:** Anne Marie Hannaford and Jeanne Mirabella; **Grades 2-3:** Maryanne Kunyz, Diane La Para, and Christine Burgher; **Grades 4-5:** Eileen Fairchild and Maggy Taylor.

Supplementary Studies -I have made a Supplementary Studies Chart for all age appropriate grade levels, of scriptures for children to learn over the coming years. This will be learned along with the LTGN curriculum and the My Episcopal Faith Series lessons we use in Sunday School. The chart will cover major teachings from the Bible to make sure children learn about them over the years. This chart includes Scripture verses, Lord's Prayer, Golden Rule, Ten Commandments, Psalm 23 and Church Seasons. Also studying about the Bible, Prayer Book, Hymnal, and the Creeds. We will begin with the classes in February.

Diocese of New Jersey Workshop on March 21 at St. Andrew's

We are grateful to you for your service to our youth in the church as their youth leaders and Sunday School teachers. We at Andrew's want the Church and School to be a place of safety, sanctuary,

respect and Christian love for all people. The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey is holding an Abuse Awareness Training course, called Sexual Misconduct Workshop, at St. Andrew's Church on March 21 from 9am -3pm. It is and in service day required for ALL nursery school teachers. Our rector, Peggy Hodgkins has advised that the volunteer Church Youth Group Leaders for J2A Rite 13 and Senior High are *required* to have the course and it is *recommended* for volunteer Sunday School teachers. The Diocese has developed a new manual called RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING. This manual is available to the church at large. I have attended several of these valuable informative courses held by the church in the past years. Every person who works with youth at St. Andrew's has received a packet about the workshop.

Lent Outreach Project - Our youth will be learning about caring for others with our annual FOOD FOR ANIMALS pet food collection for dogs and cats. It will be held from March 5-26. Everyone is invited to participate! The food collection area will be in the back corner of the Parish Hall. Please put your donation of can or dry food near the decorated box. I am looking forward to the rest of the year of Sunday School together and time with the children, teachers, and parents. My best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New year to all!

Senior High Group Save the date!



**February 24, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Mardi Gras Party
All Saints' Church, Scotch Plains
RSVP: 908-464-4875**

The Journey to Adulthood (J2A) is off to a good start under the leadership of Pete Muriello and Cynthia Macdonald. Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders meet on Sunday mornings following communion. No meetings the first Sunday of each month. ...**Rite 13 Parent Meeting, Sunday, February 5**

following the 10 a.m. service. Meet our leaders and have questions answered by them and Rev. Peggy. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!! -- Eileen Bishop Van Duzer Scholarship Program

A Scholarship Fund for High School Seniors ... High school seniors may apply for the Bishop Van Duzer Scholarship, which is established by the Episcopal Diocese of NJ to assist as they prepare for the first year of accredited post-secondary education.

Criteria considered are service to the local and wider church, community service, academic achievement, and financial need. Please call the parish office 908-464-4875 or email the rector at hodgkinsp@gmail.com for an application. The deadline is March 1, 2006 to submit the application.

Nursery School

by Diane Kostibos, Director

St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten celebrating 40 years of

"always putting children first."

The children celebrated many holidays and traditions during the month of December. The classes were actively involved with art projects, literature and activities related to Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza. I am certain that all the moms and dads loved that very special gift created by their child!

Many thanks to the outpouring of support from our school and church community for the Giving Tree. 125 gifts were donated to the St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Many thanks to Mary Engelbrechtsen, Debra Farley, and Susan Daly for organizing and delivering the gifts to Adele Reiley, our contact person in New Providence.

How excited each child was to choose that very special ornament to hang on their tree or favorite place. Many thanks to Diane Buono, Dawn Paskalides, and Therese Farid for a successful Ornament Sale!!

January will be very active with registration for 2006-2007. Applications have been mailed to the school community, parishioners, siblings and the community at large. If you are or know someone who is interested in the school, please call the office at 908-464-4875 for a tour.

Our Holiday Day Care on December 19, 20, and 21 was a huge success! The children enjoyed 4 hours of parish hall and classroom activities, holiday DVD's, and having lunch at school. I am certain that many parents were able to do their last minute shopping or baking while we supervised their children.

The new year saw a new program begin -- a January term 2 ½ program which started on January 2. The class has 10 children enrolled. They arrived on Monday afternoon smiling and were actively involved in exploring the many manipulatives in the room as well as getting to know their teachers. This will be a time for each child to explore, experiment, discover and enjoy relationships.

Once again, the school is grateful to the church community for all their support and involvement in all our events. Everything that you do is "truly a work of heart" --Diane Kostibos

Change for Games

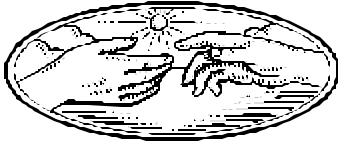
"Every penny counts!"

We are happy to announce that the school raised \$230.50 for the "Change for Games" outreach project. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we have helped 78 students who were displaced after Hurricane Katrina enjoy a family game night of activities and fun food at Trinity Episcopal Day School, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Total raised by

the School, Church School, and Church Bake Sale was \$1420.50.

Pastoral Care

Cookies and juice for coffee hour == \$15
Time to deliver flowers to parishioner == 20 minutes
Smile ☺ and *Thank You* == Priceless



The Pastoral Care committees are busy helping fellow parishioners and delivering acts of kindness with food, flowers, cards, visits and transportation.

The correspondence committee sends cards almost each week to various parishioners, nursery school employees and nursery school children and their families. The cards range includes but is not limited to Congratulations, Thinking of you and Sympathy to name a few. We are working on establishing a birthday greeting portion for those parishioners celebrating a "milestone" birthday. Anyone wishing to have St. Andrews send a greeting should contact either Bridgett in the church office or Jacque Hasenkopf at (908)508-0820 Or jchaskopf@comcast.net.

Coffee Hour has welcomed some new hosts including The Brotherhood, the Stewardship Committee and the Fourth & Fifth Grade Sunday School class as well as the Herr family, Doug and Linda Pitney and Joe and Beth Pontius. Check the bulletin board outside Parish Hall for the signup sheet and instructions, and then recruit family, friends, or someone you would like to get to know, to co-host. You will receive many thanks for brewing coffee, pouring juice and serving goodies. Interested, or any questions, contact Diane LaPara at 908-508-0577 or dlapara@comcast.net.

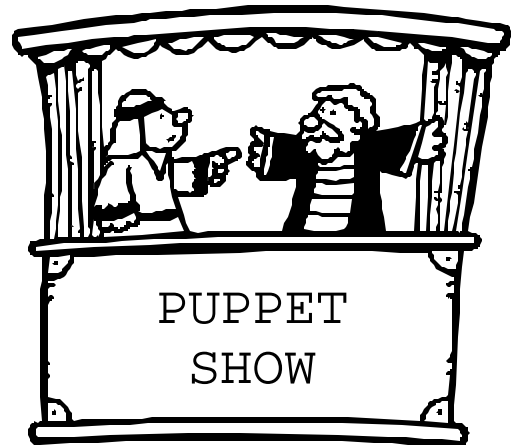
The Pastoral Care committee chairs are:

- Nancy Cropper – Meals & Delivery
- Carolyn Glatz – Transportation
- Helen Smink – Visits
- Marian Bahler – Flower Delivery
- Diane LaPara – Coffee Hour
- Mary Engelbrechtsen & Diane LaPara – Receptions
- Jacque Hasenkopf – Correspondence

Please contact any one of us with any need, or if you are interested in volunteering for any committee. The effort is SMALL and reward is GREAT! --Diane LaPara

Children's Winter Entertainment

February 7 & 8
9:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.



"Uncle John's Traveling
Musical Puppets
Sponsored by: St. Andrew's
Nursery School Parents
Association
Place: Parish Hall

Come and join the fun!

Outreach

Many thanks to those of you who donated gifts to the Community Service Association's Christmas Wish List endeavor for local needy families. Remembering those less fortunate than ourselves is especially important during the holiday season. Please read the gracious letters thanking us for our support posted on the bulletin board by the parish hall from the Community Service Association and Trinitas Hospital

Lent is soon upon us. During this season, the Outreach Committee will be collecting travel items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.) The box will be in the back hall near the parish hall. Save your items now! They will be used to make bags for the homeless at the end of Lent. – Sarah White

Christmas at Sea

Thanks to all who knitted so diligently in 2005.

Maybe some of you saw the article on the program in a recent Star Ledger. Now that the long winter evenings are upon us, I hope we can gear up for a great 2006. As a result of a generous gift of yarn from Mary Dudley, our closet is brimming over with a huge variety of tempting colors.

Thanks for continuing to support this important ministry ...and ... keep up the good work!
-- June deBang & Georgia Jervey

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd
That's Relationship...
I shall not want
That's Supply...
He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures
That's Rest...
He leadeth me beside the still waters
That's Refreshment...
He restoreth my soul
That's Healing...
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
That's Guidance...
For His name sake
That's Purpose...
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death
That's Testing...
I will fear no evil
That's Hope...
Thou anointest my head with oil
That's Consecration...
My cup runneth over
That's Abundance...
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life
That's Blessing...
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
That's Security...
Forever
That's Eternity!

25 December 2005

Dear Reverend,

As a merchant mariner, I certainly appreciated receiving the Christmas package from the Seaman's Church Institute of NY/NJ. However, I was most deeply touched by the gift provided by a member of your congregation. It is one thing to give money or to buy a gift for someone you do not know. But to take the time and effort to provide a very personal gift by knitting this wonderful cap is truly a display of Christian charity, a true act of selfless love. I shall truly treasure this gift. Please pass on my sincere gratitude to everyone who took their time to prepare the special gifts for all of us. It is nice to know that we seamen are remembered and appreciated for the service we provide everyone. as well as for recognizing our substantial sacrifices. May God bless you all.

taking on such a burdensome task as caring about and for our property. --Dave Morris

Website Update

St. Andrew's Church website averaged over 2,500 unique visitors per month in 2005 with a peak usage of 3,144 visitors in October. Visitors were most-interested in viewing our home page, followed by pages describing the Nursery School, our activities, our calendar and our events. Many people also visited the page describing our pet cemetery.

Members may want to bookmark the calendar page at <http://standrewschurch.org/episcopal-church-calendar.htm>, so that they can retrieve the latest updates to the church calendar. This page is updated weekly to reflect new information that is published in the weekly take-home reminder bulletin, so if you misplace your bulletin or miss a Sunday, this web page will give you the latest update on what's happening at St. Andrew's in the coming weeks. Committee chairs and meeting organizers may submit new calendar entries directly to webmaster@standrewschurch.org and updates will be posted during the week as they are received.

Maintaining the Church's website is an easy way to contribute to our ministry in the community. Anyone who is interested in helping out, either youth or adult members, may contact David Waite or Peggy Hodgkins for more information.

GOSA NEWS

Thanks to all who supported our 2005 Gardeners Of St. Andrew's (GOSA) projects and activities. GOSA is taking a winter break; but look for early spring gardening news in March.

We welcome gardening volunteers, to help us maintain the lovely St. Andrew's gardens and

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Thanks Everyone!

Since our last NET we accomplished the fall cleanup of the property, which thanks to the Boy Scouts, the Summit Cub Scouts, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and GOSA, was a spectacular event. The property is cleaner than ever in preparation for Cold weather and the sheer man-hours of work that day, exceeded 150. Along with the cleanup, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew with much help from the Boy Scouts, moved approximately 1,800 lbs. of slate slabs (2'x3') on to the campus in preparation of finishing the bell tower patio. More leaves were removed to the curb than anyone of us could count in our lifetime.

Further, extraordinary thanks to all donors to the Parish Wish List. We received contributions to add chancel lights to front of the sanctuary, install a new furnace in the Kinderhouse, and install appropriate furniture in the new conference (Shreve) room. It is truly astonishing what the Spirit brings to bear in our midst.

Except for tweaking a few thermostats, we are well on our way to improving our heat situation. Our usage is dropping although heating costs continue to rise. We still have squirrels in the attic, but as Barbara Pape mentioned, "that beats bats in the belfry."

All in all, it was a great autumn, with particular thanks to Rick Anderson and Joyce Kern for

grounds. Green thumbs not required, just some busy fingers!

Joyce Kern & Rick Anderson
GOSA Chairpersons

Volunteers

Altar Guild Have you noticed during our services how nice the altar looks during the different seasons of the church year? Well, your altar guild ladies are responsible for that. Now we need your help because Martha Craig has moved away and Dot Gade has retired after 45 years working on the guild.

You can work either the 8 a.m. or the 10 a.m. service. Please consider the altar guild and help St. Andrew's keep up their good work. Call me at 908-464-8763. --Clarice Milbrodt

Coffee Hour! Volunteers are needed. A new sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board by the Parish Hall entry. If you can brew coffee and put cookies on plates, you have all the necessary skills. Pick a friend and do it together! Set it up on Saturday to avoid the Sunday rush! Volunteering for Coffee Hour is a rewarding way to serve our St. Andrew's family. Questions or suggestions, please call Diane LaPara at 908-508-0577.

Adult and Youth Ushers With winter officially here, some of our ushers have flown south, till spring. I am seeking additional adult as well as youth ushers to assist in the 10 AM service. Ushering is an important part of the service, but not a difficult task for anyone. Please help us out. We are flexible, and our monthly ushering schedule will fit your schedule. We

welcome young members to also help out, from time to time.

Attend the 8 a.m. Service? Would you like to help with ushering? See Les Medford. He can always use help as well. Usher guide available. Please contact Rick Anderson, 464-8911.

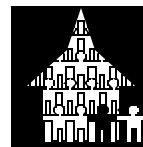
Name Tags Please! The 10:00 a.m. ushers encourage parishioners to please wear your name tags, while attending church service. This helps the ushers, as well as other parishioners, easily identify you; and remember your name. Name tags are located on narthex table. Thanks very much. Rick Anderson

Make a joyful sound! Adult and Children's Choir members WANTED. See Howard Dreizler or a choir member for details.

Church Activities Photographer - St. Andrew's has had a number of parish activities, since Rev. Peggy's installation, last October. Unfortunately, there are few photographic or image media records; of these church activities. It would have been great to have photos of baptisms; junior choir; Chrismon tree decorating; Narrative; Afternoon Tea; Cabaret performance; Children's Time, during 10AM service; and other events.

If you are an active member of the parish, who enjoys photography; take photos of various church events throughout the year please contact the parish office at 908-464-4875. These images could be stored, for use on posters, publicity, church website; and St. Andrew's historical archives. Anyone interested? Rick Anderson.

Mark your calendars!



Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2006, Parish Hall
9 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Nursery and Special Program - 9 a.m.
Special fun planned for kids:
(Hint: Lights, Camera, Action)

3rd Annual Open House
Saturday, February 11 – 4 to 6 p.m.

Food * Drink* Music
Activities for children
***Balloons * Fun**

Celebrating the Brotherhood of St. Andrew



Our parish chapter of the national Episcopal fellowship for men called The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, was officially installed on November 30, 2005 (above). New officers are: David Morris, President; Joe LaPara, Vice-president; Howard Dreizler, Treasurer. All men of the church are invited to participate in study, service, fellowship, and a great monthly breakfast!