

New Life + New Mission + New Providence = St. Andrew's!

Signs of **new life** were in evidence at St. Andrew's this summer:

- We rejoiced to baptize five children into our church during June and July
- The newly elected Presiding Bishop of the national Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, we discovered was confirmed in the faith here at St. Andrew's in 1965 when she was thirteen by Canon Shreve!
- Action Campers had a record number of children attend this summer! Our Nursery School and Kindergarten looks forward to a fine year ahead.
- Important building improvements are underway on the exterior of the Church and at Carriage House. We enjoy beautiful gardens thanks to our volunteers.
- The Vestry grappled with the serious question, "*Where is God calling us?*" as they continue to seek and identify the mission of our parish.

What's going on this fall?

- **New Worship:** a special new service geared toward the young, but fulfilling to all ages, on the first Wednesday evening of the month (see details inside!)
- **New Members**, whom we welcome into our fellowship, as we offer the four pillars of church life: worship, education, pastoral care, and outreach.
- **New Mission:** talk to your church leadership on the vestry about your thoughts on discipleship at St. Andrew's going forward. We have much to be thankful for in this community of faithful and loving people.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins

Worship Schedule



Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Rite II with choir

First Sunday of Month

Healing Service
following the 10 a.m.
Service

First Wednesday of Month Evening Service

Potluck Dinner
5:30 p.m. Evening Service
6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner

Wednesday morning

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
with prayers for healing
(New Time!)

Warden's Word

Another September is upon us. We spend the first decades of our lives as students when September means “back to school”. It means back to routines, to schedules, to homework, to extra-curricular activities. As an adult, September has come to represent “back to normal” for me. Back to my own routines, back to hectic schedules, back to meetings, etc. But it is also more than that. The more relaxed pace of summer, the longer days, maybe some relaxing time at the shore or some other vacation destination, affords most of us the opportunity to reflect on our lives and to think about how things are going. What is going well? What needs to change? I find that the first of September is more of a “new year” for me than the first of January is, full of resolve and resolutions. And although I am not usually ready for the relaxed days of summer to end, there is something about the still warm sunshine combined with the crisper air of autumn that is refreshing and energizing...the perfect climate for growth and renewal.

It is September at St. Andrew's. It is a time for us to resume our normal schedules and routines. The children go back to Sunday school, the choirs return, the nursery school begins another year, and very shortly it will be difficult to find an empty room at St. Andrew's because all the various groups will be meeting regularly. But hopefully at the same time we are going back to our usual routines and ways of doing things, we will be thinking about how this program year might be different and better than last year. What is going well? What needs to change? How do we want to grow spiritually this year, as individuals and as a community? These are some of the questions that your vestry has been considering for some time and will really be honing in on over the coming weeks and months.

Welcome back to what is sure to be a great year at St. Andrew's! – Amy Evans, Warden

Stewardship Standpoints

Labor Day is the traditional end of summer and start of school and church activity in our region, but the transition from summer to autumn seems particularly nearby in the last week or two as the days have grown cooler and shorter. With this change of season, we find ourselves again approaching the time of year when we emphasize stewardship at St. Andrew's and prepare to solicit your pledges for 2007.

Your Stewardship Committee has already held a number of advance planning sessions to prepare for this fall's campaign and will become even more active as the start of “Stewardship Season” arrives. Our campaign for this fall will utilize the theme “Let Your Light Shine,” which seems especially appropriate in a time of year when sunlight is diminished and we turn to other forms of illumination. Electric lights, flashlights and candles become more and more a part of daily routines, but there is another light that I ask you to consider as well, the Light of Christ.

One cannot watch or listen to a news broadcast or read a newspaper or magazine without being strongly reminded just how fortunate we are at St. Andrew's. We are all saddened by the reports we read of wars, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, mudslides, tornados, terrorism, poverty and injustice. All these reports should also serve to remind us of just how profusely God has blessed us in this country, state and community. Now comes the time of year when we stop to assess what God has given us and what we will share with God in the coming year.

We are blessed. God calls on us to share that blessing with the Church and with others. Let us celebrate our abundance by pledging generously and with joyful hearts. I look forward to seeing you in the weeks to come, letting you know what our pledge goals are for this fall, and advising you of the progress we make toward those goals.
--Dave Waite, Stewardship Chair

Supporting our Diocese

Saint Andrew's Spiritual and Economic Relationship with the Diocese of New Jersey

Dear Parishioners of Saint Andrew's Church,

The purpose of this letter is to describe the mission of our Diocese, how that mission is funded, the economic challenges it faces and the decision Saint Andrew's must make this fall regarding the size of our Diocesan pledge.

Our Full Fair Share Pledge is calculated by a formula agreed upon three years ago at the NJ Diocesan Convention. Our 2004-2006 Diocesan pledges were \$0, \$20,000 and \$25,000 respectively. In 2006, the \$25,000 we pledged was 43% of our \$58,000 Full Fair Share.

As you read this letter, it is my hope that you will think about Saint Andrew's relationship with the wider mission of the NJ Church and voice to Vestry members your opinion about our level of financial support to the NJ Diocese as we grapple with economic challenges within our own parish this budget season (Saint Andrew's 2007 budget is formulated Sep-Nov 2006).

Mission

The Diocese of New Jersey's Mission is an extension of Saint Andrew's mission, using generous gifts of money and talent and time to carry out the Lord's work in and beyond New Jersey. In 2006, the NJ Diocese accomplished the following mission-related goals¹:

- Funded its FULL diocesan fair share commitment to The National Episcopal Church
- Funded the full amount requested by the Board of Missions for mission congregations
- Supported our Cathedral in Trenton with 2% of Fair Share income
- Supported outreach ministries in Africa and other parts of the world that address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals with 0.7% of Fair Share income
- Continued benefits for our retired clergy, clergy widows and orphans
- Expanded its communications program, led by a full-time Director of Communications; opened a new Ministry Institute in the fall, provided education, formation and training for lay ministry in the Church and in the world
- Sustained programs for youth, training seminarians, partnership with El Salvador, anti-racism, congregational development and other ministries
- Supported our Bishop and a small, dedicated diocesan staff in Trenton
- Initiated a diocesan visioning process to discern how our Lord is leading us to develop our mission in New Jersey over the next chapter in its 220 year history.

As an example of the Diocese's mission work outside of NJ, at Convention two years ago, "the Companion Diocese Committee proposed we pledge \$200,000 to build 50 houses to be a part of the response to rebuild homes after devastating earthquakes that year. Last year by Convention 29 parishes had pledged a total of \$68,000 toward that rebuilding. This December, \$130,000 has been pledged. The Diocese of New Jersey will pay for all 34 homes that make up the first ERD-Diocese of El Salvador project. It will include infrastructure -a school, a church, and a community center/clinic in the town of Izalco."¹

¹The Right Reverend George E. Cuncell's presentation to the 2006 NJ Diocesan Convention.

Funding

The NJ Diocese is funded the same way Saint Andrew's is funded, with pledges modestly supplemented by investment income. Pledges are requested from the 166 parishes within the Diocese. Each parish is asked to give a calculated Full Fair Share Pledge based on number of parishioners and parish revenue. There are currently no penalties for those churches that do not meet the Full Fair Share Pledge.

NJ has many small poorer parishes and few large wealthier ones. Therefore, most Diocesan income is supported by these few larger churches. For example, of the 166 congregations in the NJ Diocese, pledges from the largest, richest twenty supported 44% of the 2006 Diocesan income, or \$1.2m of \$2.7m to fund NJ's Church Mission. Saint Andrew's was the seventeenth (17th) richest parish in the NJ Diocese in 2006 based on parish and revenue size.

Financial Challenges

"The Episcopal Church has fewer people than it did even ten years ago. Active membership has declined by seven percent over the years 1994-2004. Average Sunday attendance has declined by four percent in that same ten year period. Like all other mainline churches, the Episcopal Church is largely made up of an older membership... There is some good news. The average annual pledge rose for the seventh straight year in 2004, to \$1881, and outpaced inflation. Even better, the percentage of active baptized members who attend church weekly is nearly 35% -- a number that is within the same range as some of the fastest growing denominations. (The Living Church, Nov. 27, 2005)."²

When wealthier parishes do not give their Full Fair Share, the financial impact is significantly greater than when smaller poorer parishes give less. In 2006, parishes pledged only 69% of what was requested (\$2.7m vs. \$3.9m). Actual giving is sometimes less than the amount pledged. The richest 20 parishes pledged 78% of fair share requests, better than average, but still less than Full Fair Share.

At Saint Andrew's, pledging our Full Fair Share and breaking even financially in 2007 would require an estimated 15% increase in annual pledge receipts. Please voice to Vestry members your opinion about our level of financial support to the NJ Diocese this budget season.

All best. in Christ,



Kurt Jordan
Member of Saint Andrew's Vestry
Trustee of NJ Diocesan Trust Fund

² The Right Reverend George E. Cuncell's presentation to the 2006 NJ Diocesan Convention.

Treasurer's Report

I'm pleased to report that the outlook is good for St. Andrew's to remain on budget for 2006. Based on the mid-year financial statements, forecasted calendar income appears to be lagging a little behind (1.2%) budget, but we should recover nicely from this short-fall with a strong turn out for the upcoming "wine tasting" event combined with the typical generosity shown by Church parishioners with their special offerings at Christmas. I'd also like to extend our appreciation to all those who have contributed in our efforts to reduce and control operating costs. Significant progress has been made in this area, but fortunately this has not limited our ability to continue to go forward with the repairs and improvements the Church is in need of or our ability to continue to remain an active, growing and faithful community. – John Carroll

A Message from the Minister of Music

Senior Choir --The senior choir will resume weekly rehearsals on **Thursday, September 7**, and will sing at the service on September 10. It will be a pleasure to welcome old members back. We would also like to extend a warm invitation for new people to join with us. The choir is a very friendly, supportive group and would welcome additional singers of any part. The weekly rehearsals become something to look forward to, and the Sunday morning worship experience is enhanced by becoming an active participant. Come join with us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

We anticipate another active year. There will be several Evensong services to feature choral music. We anticipate resuming our annual choir concert on March 25, 2007. We will be hosting a fund raising event – date and type to be determined. Several of our choir members will

be joining with the St. Matthew's Church Choir from Edison on a trip to European towns and churches right after Easter in 2007.

Looks like another fun year ahead. Plan to join with us!

Junior Choir --The junior choir will resume rehearsals a week or two after the senior choir. We are planning to start with a choir party, then have regular rehearsals on Friday afternoons at 3:15 pm. There is a fifteen minute "unwinding time", followed by 45 minutes of rehearsal. Here, too, new members are most welcome. We hope several of the young members of the parish will augment our ranks. Come and try us out – you will really enjoy the opportunity. As in previous years, the junior choir will be singing during selected Sunday morning services. Also, the junior choir will be singing at the periodic Wednesday evening services. It should be a great year for us!

Summer Choir --Many thanks to the people who joined us in the summer choir. Sometimes we had a goodly number and sometimes just a few, but in all cases these folks added a lot to the Sunday worship experience. Kudos to all.

Friends of St. Andrew's Music --The purpose of this fund is to help support the music activities at St. Andrew's. The regular church budget cannot support the full scope of the active music program we have at St. Andrew's; additional funding is necessary. The Friends of St. Andrew's Music fund fills this vital role. Contributions are used to support paid choir singers, buy new music for both choirs, present special programs and in general provide a vital ministry to the parish. Donations are welcome at any time, as well as attendance at concerts, dinners and the like. Your past support of the fund has been very much appreciated; your continuing future support is requested. --Howard Dreizler, Minister of Music

Adult Christian Education

The new Women's Group begins a book together: The Cup of our Life Anyone thirsting for a more intimate and disciplined life of prayer will find a rich wellspring in *The Cup of Our Life*. Joyce Rupp shares how the ordinary cups that we use each day can become sacred vessels that connect us with life and draw us ever closer to God. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and all of its blessings. We begin on **Weds. Sept 13 at 7:30 p.m.** thru October 18. Bring a friend!

Synthesis Study – We will continue to meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Shreve Room at 1:30 p.m. If there is interest we can have some meetings in the evening.

The readings for the next Sunday are examined using the Synthesis. We focus on relating this information to our daily lives. In addition, the Synthesis presents thought provoking questions which we include in our discussion.

If you have any questions contact Frances Bellak at 908-233-2899. Please come and join us to enrich your lives through the discussion of the Sunday readings. – Frances Bellak

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has continued to meet during the summer. Among our activities was assisting at Runnell's Hospital with serving lunch to disabled and recovering patients. The Brothers who attended found the event to be an incredibly powerful experience and we intend to explore other areas where we may be of assistance to the Community. During the summer we also resurfaced the walk in the Christopher Garden, completed a slate walkway/entrance to South Street, and cleaned

up all of our mess in time for two weddings. Our quarterly Breakfast was a success, and we look forward to re-energizing and focusing our efforts in fall. Men, please join us, it's good work and fun!

Mark you calendar: Brotherhood breakfast meeting, **Saturday, September 16, 8:30 a.m.**

National Episcopal Church Installs First Woman Presiding Bishop

Our Church welcomes Katharine Jefferts Schori as 26th Presiding Bishop at Washington National Cathedral. The All Saints' Sunday liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on November 5 will include the formal seating of Jefferts Schori -- elected to office June 18 during proceedings of the 75th General Convention -- in the Presiding Bishop's *cathedra*, or official chair. All are welcome to attend the service on a first-come, first-seated basis as capacity allows.

Jefferts Schori's Investiture as 26th Presiding Bishop will occur in the context of a Eucharistic celebration at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 4, when tickets are required due to seating constraints. General-admission tickets may be requested posted online at www.episcopalchurch.org.

During the Investiture, Jefferts Schori will receive symbols of office, including the primatial staff to be presented by the 25th Presiding Bishop, Frank T. Griswold, whose nine-year tenure concludes as Jefferts Schori's begins on November 1.

As Presiding Bishop, Jefferts Schori, 52, will become chief pastor to the U.S.-based Episcopal Church, which includes more than 2.4 million members in some 7,600 congregations in 111 dioceses spanning 16 countries.

She will also join the Anglican Communion's Primates Meeting, a body of principal bishops who oversee the Communion's 38 member Provinces, of which the Episcopal Church is one.

Jefferts Schori is the first woman in Anglicanism's five-century history to serve in this capacity. She has served as bishop of the Diocese of Nevada since 2001. A former university professor, Jefferts Schori is an experienced oceanographer and airplane pilot. She and her husband, Richard Miles Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician, have one daughter, Katharine Johanna, 25, who is a first lieutenant and pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

Our new Presiding Bishop, was confirmed at St. Andrew's New Providence in 1965, along with our current church treasurer, John Carroll! I hope we can represent our parish there. Please see below. –Peggy

A Letter To Our New Presiding Bishop

Dear Bishop Jefferts Schori,

On behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your election as our new Presiding Bishop.

We felt joy for the whole church when we heard about your election on June 18th, before we even knew that you had belonged to our parish in the 1960's. Then emails came our way, from families who knew your family in this Murray Hill and Summit area, saying they remembered your parents, and thought you must have been a part of the St. Andrew's and Calvary communities. So we celebrated your historic new ministry in a personal way at our Sunday services this past month, lifting you up in our intercessions and claiming you as one of our own flock.

Now we follow every interview in the Living Church, on CBS Evening News, and in other media, eager to know who you are, what you are about, and wondering what this all must be like for you. In a *Living Church* interview,

you mentioned Canon Charles Shreve, our first rector, as an important influence on your faith. We feel grateful that somehow he and this community participated in your formation towards ordination, the episcopacy, and now national church leadership.

We would like you to know that you have our committed prayer support each time we gather to worship regularly on Wednesdays and Sundays. You will always be welcome here. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of Her hand, may Christ nurture you in these days to come, and may the Holy Spirit guide and sustain you with love, health, and wholeness as you seek to fulfill the new ministry to which you have been called.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Margaret Hodgkins

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Service Marks 30th Anniversary of Women's Ordination in the Episcopal Church

Celebrate 30 years of women's ministry and leadership at a special service sponsored by our Diocese at Trinity Cathedral on **Sunday, October 22nd at 4 p.m.** in Trenton. See the Diocese of New Jersey website www.nj.anglican.org for directions, or carpool with Rev. Peggy, one of the planners of this service.

All About the Altar Guild

Welcome back after a very hot and busy summer. Thanks to all who helped with the weddings, baptisms, a funeral, and the Sunday services with our guest celebrants!

Also, thanks to Peggy for the wonderful luncheon in July. Almost all attended and it was good to see us all together catching up on any news!

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We invite you to join us to prepare the sanctuary for the Holy Sacraments – it is a good learning experience and also very satisfying. If interested, call Jane Weltmer at 464-3248 or Rev. Peggy at the church.

Altar Flower Guild

Doesn't it look welcoming, to enter St. Andrew's every Sunday morning and be greeted by beautiful fresh flowers on the altar?

Many thanks to all the folks for their generous donations in thanksgiving for family and friends - in memory of loved ones – or in celebration of special occasions. This has helped to keep the flowers on the altar each week. And, special thanks to the Flower Guild members – Jackie Hagerty, Mary Dudley, Denise Preston, Susan Dragos and Sheila Silverstein who have faithfully and beautifully arranged the flowers each Saturday morning.

"The First Cup" is not just an outlet for parents waiting for worship to begin after dropping off their children for Sunday School. It is an opportunity for us as a parish to gather, share and enjoy fellowship.

Please consider a donation this fall as a way of giving thanks for family, friends or our St. Andrew's! Enjoy the sights and sounds of the upcoming fall season. – Sara Jane Vignali, Chair

Sunday School Spirit

By Joyce Kern, DRE

WELCOME CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!

Join us for Sunday School Opening Day –

Opening Day Schedule – September 10

- 9:30AM registration and classes
- 10:30AM Sunday School joins service for Family Eucharist
- Commissioning of Teachers at 10AM church service

Scripture Verse Theme: Children

Jesus takes a child in his arms and says, "Who

ever welcomes a child in my name welcomes me." (Mark 9: 30-37)

Bible Study -- This Bible verse tells us how important children are to Jesus. At St. Andrew's Sunday School by participating in the educational ministry there is a commitment to serve God by passing on our faith as Christians to children. In this season of Pentecost we continue to celebrate the birthday of the church. It is a time to breathe new spirit into the church by teaching children in Sunday School, to continue the mission of the church and to serve God. On June 25, I had the privilege to complete the reading of the Daily Bible in chronological order. The Bible tells from cover to cover how important it is to pass on our

faith to people of all ages and to follow the word of God. In Sunday School we have the opportunity to teach children a Christian education and to provide an experience of a lifetime for each child to learn about God's love.

Registration Package -- Please check the *Sunday School Information and Registration Packet* sent to each family before September 10. The envelope includes a Welcome Letter, Registration and Festival Forms to fill out ahead of time to give to teachers in class. Please read the following suggestions about the packet:

- **Registration Form:** Please fill out the form at home ahead of time. Bring the form to class and give to a teacher.
- **Festival Form:** Select where you can participate and bring this form to class to give to the teacher. Parents and parish volunteers are encouraged to volunteer for activities of your choice. Chris Friedlander and Patti Evans are the Festival chairpersons. They will collect the forms and call ahead of time for the event that you signed up to help with during the year.
- **Sunday School:** Arrive for registration at 9:30am in the classrooms.

Sunday School Classes -- Classes are: Toddlers, Preschool/Kindergarten; Grade: 1; Grade: 2; Grades: 3 and 4; Grades: 5 and 6. Six classes this year!

Sunday School Handbook -- Each family will be given a handbook containing valuable information about our church school to use all year. The Handbook includes guidelines for teachers and classroom rules for parents and children to know about our Sunday School. Please read the pages, learn our vision, and share the classroom rules and discipline policy with your child. You will learn what we are about and what we will be teaching your child each Sunday.

HOW CAN A PARENT HELP ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL?

- Read the Sunday School Handbook...
- Encourage regular attendance...
- Participate in programs and activities...
- Volunteer on the Festival Form... Volunteer to teach...
- Read the "Sunday School Spirit" Net article...
- Read the Weekly Reminder Sunday School notice...

Christian Education Committee -- I want to thank the Christian Education Committee for their support each year. I would like to express my appreciation to Eileen Fairchild and Nancy Murray for their participation and dedication in the past years.

Abuse Awareness Workshops – Both child abuse and adult misconduct awareness classes are scheduled for this fall. Workshops begin at 9 a.m., adjourn at 3 p.m. and are by registration only. For additional information, contact Ann Notte anotte@newjersey.anglican.org or (609) 394-5281, ext. 41.

Workshop dates are for Saturdays:
September 23, St. Uriel the Archangel, Sea Girt;
October 21, St. Luke's Church, Gladstone;

October 28, St. Thomas Church, Glassboro;
November 4, St. Clement's Church, Belford;
November 11, Christ Church, Toms River;
November 18, Grace Church, Pemberton.

Youth

The Journey to Adulthood

(J2A) for Middle School Youth
(Grades 6, 7 & 8)



The summer months found the Rite 13 participants in many different places. They did gather on July 29th for a fun barbecue. We have also seen the busy at church with GOSA, acolyting, and ushering.

Now it's time to turn toward another year of activities. Meeting will recommence on Sunday, September 10th, following Communion in the Shreve Room. The schedule will remain the same as last year with no meeting the first Sunday of each month.

A schedule of social activities is being developed insuring one extra opportunity to get together for fun each month. More will follow on that soon. Things to keep in mind for the fall include St. Andrew's Fall Tea on October 14th (we've been asked to help) and the CROP walk to fight world hunger on October 22nd. There is also a chance we may get to see "Godspell" at Papermill Playhouse in October!! We're looking forward to another year of fun, friendship and spiritual exploration. –Eileen Fairchild

New Family Worship Service Potluck dinner

5:30 p.m. Evening Service

6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner

First Wednesdays:

October 4: St. Francis Service

November 1: All Saints Service

December 6: St. Nicholas Day Service

Action Campers



St. Andrew's Action Campers enjoy a summer of Fun

Our camp season started with much excitement and anticipation as 119 children converged onto the St. Andrew's Campus during that first week. Planning the Action Camp, our goal was to design a curriculum, which would incorporate all the wonders of a child's summer, expand their creative minds to new experiences and at the same time show them there is much to learn outside of books. We had a staff dedicated to this purpose. They worked hard to establish and maintain this philosophy.

They encouraged and interacted with the campers with such positive energy at times you couldn't say who was having more fun. The St. Andrew's Action Campers were able to experience many different levels from animal adventures to the fun and excitement of a carnival. The thrills of the Wild West, a star-spangled celebration and diving into the undersea world will long be remembered as part of the "summer of fun".

It was a joy watching their excitement and their eagerness to participate in all the activities we planned. Dancing, singing and creating new décor for Mom's refrigerator during arts and crafts were just a small part of the activities. They splashed in the pool and ran under the sprinklers as temperatures occasionally hit 105 degrees throughout the summer. Racing coasters and pedaling bicycles were also favorite activities. Other days saw the Action Campers riding ponies, traveling back into the land of dinosaurs and hopping aboard the train for an exciting ride around the grounds.

During Carnival days, they bounced around in a moon bubble, slid down "Winston the Whale"

and explored the world of "Professor Bookworm". Campers took their turns at the games of chance and filled their bags with prizes and candy. Our face painters transformed the Campers into a variety of creatures from cats and dogs to lions and tigers. Laughter, giggles and smiles were the order of the day.

When a change of pace was needed to give our campers a break, they enjoyed many stories such as "Cat in the Hat", "What I did on My Summer Vacation" and "The Grouchy Ladybug". They sang about the "Wheels on the Bus" and learned to trip the light fantastic to the "Macarena", "Y-M-C-A", "Limbo Rock" and did see that the "Hokey Pokey" is really what it's all about. Dean the Magician returned and once again cast his magical spell over the children. This year brought a new visitor to the Action Camp. Enzo the Lizard Guy brought a variety of unusual and interesting animals to meet the campers. The children were able to get up close and personal with animals such as Lizards, snakes including a boa, a gecko and a turtle.

Overall, during our nine weeks, 541 Action Campers blossomed under the care of a warm and loving staff, while experiencing a variety of diverse programs that were both fun and educational.

We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of "playing" with all our wonderful campers this past season. --Terry Machin & all the St. Andrew's Action Campers Staff

Memorial Tree Dedication

You are invited to attend a tree dedication
in memory of

Alice Ferguson

beloved teacher and friend of
St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten
for 34 years

Monday, September 18, 2006

Meet in the garden on the side of the church
at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments follow the dedication

All are welcome

Nursery School

The long hot days of summer are nearing the end and I await the cool, crisp, colorful, days of fall. Another exciting year of school at St. Andrew's will begin on **Thursday, September 7**. We will be greeted with smiles and excitement to meet new teachers and develop new friendships.

Our summer months had us busy preparing for the arrival of new and current families. We have been painting and cleaning all the classrooms. Certified Safety ground fall covering was installed on all playgrounds. New this year is Message Boards on the front of carriage house near each classroom. This is a mode of communication for the parents and visitors about the curriculum, events, and special projects.

September will be a time of introduction and adjustment for the children to the curriculum, routine, and developing new relationships. Class coffees will be held to acquaint the parents with events, fundraisers, classroom parties and other related information they will need for the year. We will introduce two new enrichments, Spanish and Kinder Creations. There will also be a karate demonstration presented by Karate World of New Providence. In addition to our regularly scheduled TLC (The Lunch Club) afternoon program, we will offer a TLC two mornings a week from 10:30am to 12:00pm

Over the past several months, five members of the faculty, Donna Kraft, Terry Machin, Lynn Drury, Maribeth Sherdian, Sandra Whiting, and myself, have revised and updated the St. Andrew's curriculum which will be implemented this September. The curriculum is developmentally appropriate, engaging, challenging, and meets the standards of the New Jersey State Early Childhood Program Expectations "Standards of Quality" developed in 2000 and revised in 2004.

The preparation for the Golf and Tennis Classic on **Monday, October 23** is in full swing. It will

be held at Fairmont Country Club in Chatham. Once again, there will be a dinner and terrific auction items. More information will follow.

I welcome you to visit our classrooms and see the exciting curriculum along with the creativity and enthusiasm generated by each teacher.--Diane Kostibos, Director

Outreach

Food for the Poor – In July, we hosted a preacher from Food for the Poor, the Rev. William Beers, an Episcopal priest and chaplain. As a follow-up to his visit, we can sponsor building a home for \$2000. Brochures are in the narthex.

Middle East Relief The military conflict in the Middle East has created a humanitarian crisis. As you have seen on the news, more than half a million people have been forced to flee their homes in search of safety. Many need food, water and medicine. Episcopal Relief and Development is partnering with Action by Churches Together (ACT) and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to deliver food rations, cleaning supplies, medicines, and diapers and supplementary food for infants and children, to more than 12,000 displaced people. Please respond to this conflict by giving to ERD in the collection plate in the church. Please join us in prayer for those affected by this crisis and make a contribution today.

Outreach for Sailors – Thanks to all of you who brought in toiletries, paperbacks, etc. for the sailors at the Seamen's Institute. St. Andrew's has a long history of helping the Institute. It was a pleasure to give the collected items to the Rev. Andy Moore when he was with us on Sunday, August 20th.

Seamen's Knitting - Thank to all those who have knitted over this hot summer. Now that we are back from our breaks we hope to hit our stride again and get all that great wool knitted up ready

for our delivery to Port Newark in early November. If you need extra wool or patterns, see June de Bang or Georgia Jervey.



The Community Crop Walk is scheduled for October 22, 2006. All are invited to join this 3-mile walk to help end world hunger.

It will start and end at the United Methodist Church, Springfield Avenue, New Providence. Our young people (Rite 13) will be walking so please pledge when they approach you with their envelopes in the Parish Hall. The Crop materials will be given out in later September. See Eileen Fairchild or Sarah White for more information.

14th Annual Port Community Festival - A group from St. Andrew's, including Rick Anderson, Chris Dunning, Marie Cline, June de Bang and Rev. Peggy, attended the Seamen's Festival on Friday, July 28. We had a really fun time, and were able to meet with many members of the Port community; sailors from a US ship docked at Newark; many mariners from foreign ships; and community residents who showed up in force. There was a huge marquee loaded with all kinds of great food, and games for children of all ages. We met with all the branches of the security forces as well as the K9 Unit. Rev. Andy Moore was a terrific host, and we feel that next year it would be a wonderful thing to do with our Youth Group and families with children. Many thanks to Rick for driving. --June de Bang

Church and the Environment



Join us for a special screening of **An Inconvenient Truth**, the powerful film about global warming, made by

Al Gore at St. Andrew's on **Wednesday, October 25** at 7:30 p.m

Increasingly, US citizens are realizing that global warming is one of the most pressing moral issues of our time, and that we are called to act on behalf of the earth and future generations of life.

This screening is an excellent opportunity to educate adults and teenagers about global warming and to bear a public witness about the faith community's commitment to action.

How does our faith relate to the care of the earth? Visit www.greenfaith.org.

The maker of the earth established the earth, not creating it to be a waste, but to be lived in.
Isaiah 45:18

Pastoral Care

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

The casserole club sends cakes, cookies and casseroles to parishioners in time of need and celebration. These special packages are made with care and are received with gratitude.

Carolyn Glatz has engaged several volunteers to help transporting parishioners to church on Sunday as well as weekday appointments. Please contact Carolyn if you can help out.

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.

The Pastoral Care committee chairs are:

- Nancy Cropper – Meals & Delivery
- Carolyn Glatz – Transportation

- Helen Smink – Visits
- Marian Bahler – Flower Delivery
- 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

Pastoral Care reminder:

- **Hospitalizations** Please call the parish office or Rev. Peggy whenever you or a family member go into the hospital. Privacy regulations do not allow the hospital to call the parish.
- **When you are discharged from the hospital**, please call the office and let us know as the hospitals will not inform us of your discharge whether to home or to another facility.
- **Parish Prayer List:** To add to the prayer list, please call the parish office. We update the list monthly. Let us know if a person needs to stay on our list.

Building and Grounds

Your Building and Grounds Committee has been busy over the summer. We are nearing completion of our “Capital Expense Inventory” project, which has identified 90+ projects, which we could and in some cases should, address. Approaching the task with SAFETY as the priority, there are several items that we are near contracting for to correct. Others on the list are in the desirable, aesthetic, urgent, and nice-to-do, but longer-term categories. Driving this effort is the fact that save for a month or six weeks every year we have over 100 children using the campus and facility. We’ve sorely neglected taking care of the grounds (trees) for several years and the result is a SAFETY concern, not an aesthetic issue. The entire property has been canvassed and the results will be discussed with the B&G

Committee at its next meeting. (However, in a perfect world, some of these issues re: trees, would be handled prior to school opening).

Our Committee will be reporting to the Vestry, hopefully in September, with prioritized recommendations about matters which need near-term attention.

The campus, on the other hand, has never looked or been in better shape. The efforts of GOSA (Gardeners of St. Andrew’s) are to be commended yet again, and with the help of the Brotherhood, the driveway near the bell tower was cleared of stone and “dust” after the laying of the slate, and in time for two weddings. Hopefully going forward, the Vestry’s work on “mission and strategy” includes the cost/effort of maintaining our plant. – Dave Morris

GOSA NEWS

Despite the heat wave, GOSA (Gardeners of St. Andrew’s) have been busy in our St. Andrew’s gardens this summer.

Our July and August Garden Work Parties were productive, mainly with weeding, mulching, and pruning chores. The disturbance of a nest of yellow jackets, in August; sent a few of our members running for cover.

You are invited to come out and join us in the gardens, for our upcoming Garden Work Parties on **September 9** and **October 14**. Bring your gloves, and spend some time in our lovely gardens, helping us make them more beautiful.

Fall GOSA Clean-Up, Saturday, **October 28**. Thanks to those GOSA members who have spent time this summer, keeping our gardens well watered, especially during the *heat wave*! GOSA Meeting- Wednesday, **October 18, 7:30 PM**, in church library. Please come see what we are about. We welcome those interested in

various aspects of gardening. Green thumbs NOT required; just a desire to use some fingers to support our efforts.

St. Francis Memorial Garden fountain was maintained this summer by GOSA members Jan Miller and Jim Conover. If another parishioner would like to assist in this task, we welcome helping hands. --Joyce Kern & Rick Anderson, Gardeners Of St. Andrew's chairpersons



Parish Life

THE MUSICAL GODSPELL - Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 PM at the Paper Mill Playhouse!

The Parish Life Committee is pleased to announce that a block of tickets is available for St. Andrew's parishioners, their families and friends. This popular musical depicts the life of Jesus based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. The popular song "Day by Day" is just one of the uplifting, joyous tunes that deliver a message of tolerance, kindness and hope.

Rear orchestra seating is available for only \$34.30 per person. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Jan Miller at millerjanice_@hotmail.com or 908-665-9198 to reserve your tickets now.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC LUNCH
Sunday, September 10 The Wardens and Vestry invite you to join us for a picnic lunch following the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, September 10. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Families with last names beginning with A-L should bring a salad or side dish. Families with last names beginning with M-Z should bring a dessert. Don't feel like cooking? A \$10.00 donation per family will gladly be

accepted. Please see poster and sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE Are you looking for a fun way to be more involved at church? Do you have ideas for activities that will enrich and enliven St. Andrew's? Please attend the next Parish Life Committee meeting on Sunday, September 17. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Library for a brief but productive meeting.

Special Events

WINE TASTING - Come One, Come All, We are having a Wine Tasting and Appetizer Fest!!!! The St. Andrew's Fundraising Committee is sponsoring this special evening on Friday, **September 29** from 7-10 p.m. The Berkeley Wine Company will present 6-8 wine companies, each offering 6-7 different wines. You will be able to sample each wine and discuss its provenance with the dealer. Alternative non-alcoholic beverages will also be offered. This will be accompanied by appetizers that have been selected and screened by our committee. So, please join us for a "Tasteful" evening! Call the church office 464-4875 or Cathy Egan at 665-0113 for more information.

HARVEST TEA - Plans are underway for this fundraiser which will take place on Saturday, **October 14** from 3 - 5 p.m. Reservations are \$15 which will include tea, tasty sandwiches and desserts. Once again there will be a raffle on wonderful Tea Pot Baskets and a 50/50. As you may remember, the ladies have been having these Tea fundraisers to raise money for cushions for the church. We are about half way there and hope to reach their goal before the estimates increase. If you can't attend the Tea, perhaps you might want to give a donation.

You can help in many different ways. If you like to bake help Lucille Pierce. Sandwich makers are needed to help Helen Smink, Marie Cline, and Jane Weltmer as well as someone to head a group

to make the 4th tasty sandwich. We also need someone to make menus for the tables. At the beginning of October we will need help making the theme baskets. Perhaps you would like to make a theme basket or donate something for one that we will put together. Talk to any of the ladies or contact Frances Bellak at 908-233-2899. This is enjoyable work. Come join us and share in the fun.

Parish Milestones

Baptisms

June 4 Gavin Michael Boughton
John Cremins Cropper
July 30 Michael Alexander Calise
Trevor James Calise
Francesca Grace Tallone

Marriages

July 15 Pattie Hector & Greg Viscomi
July 22 Nicole Clark & Jason Bradfield

Burials

June 18 Robert Chalmers, Jr.
June 21 James Walker, rest in peace.

our monthly ushering schedule will fit your schedule. We welcome young members to also help out, from time to time. We enjoyed having Abby Dragos, Scotland Preston, Alex Dragos, and Kevin Fairchild as 10 AM ushers. Usher instructions provided. --Les Medford (8AM) 582-4676 or Rick Anderson (10AM), 464-8911.

Name Tags Please -The 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

Church Activities Photographer - St. Andrew's has a number of parish activities needing image media recordings. It would be great to have Children's Time during 10AM service; and other events. If you are an active member of the parish who enjoys photography and is willing to take photos of various church events throughout the year please call the church office 908-464-4875 or see me following the service. These images could be stored, for use on posters, publicity, church website; and St. Andrew's historical archives. --Rick Anderson.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have Desktop Publishing skills? Do you enjoy editing copy for publication? Please volunteer to help with the publication of the newsletter and new brochures highlighting the many ministries at St. Andrew's. We also need digital pictures of recent events such as weddings, baptisms, parish events, etc. Call Bridgett, 908-464-4875.

Adult & Youth Ushers wanted for both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. Ushering is an important part of the service. We are flexible, and

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Would you like to form a Bible Study Group this fall? Please contact Rev. Peggy (908-464-4875 or hodgkinsp@gmail.com).

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Do you know of any Episcopal students on campuses in the Diocese of New Jersey? If so, please call Rev. Peggy (908-464-4875) so she can connect students to campus ministers at the following colleges: Rutgers (New Brunswick & Camden), Rider, TCNJ & Princeton University.



Calendar of Events September - October

- September 10 Welcome Back Sunday with September 11 memorial prayers,
Parish Picnic, Sunday School & Rite-13 classes begin
- September 11 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service commemorating 9-11
7:30 p.m. Autumn Tea Meeting - PL
8:00 p.m. School Board Meeting - SR
- September 13 7:30 p.m. Women's Group – PL (Weds. thru October 18)
- September 15 3:15 p.m. Junior Choir Rehearsal
- September 17 Parish Life Committee meeting (following the 10 a.m. service)
- September 18 3:30 p.m. Memorial Tree Dedication for Alice Ferguson
- September 19 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting – SR
- September 20 7:00 p.m. Watchung Convocation of Churches, Somerville
- September 24 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum on Cursillo & Christian renewal
- September 28 8:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee - PL
- September 29 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Wine Tasting Fundraiser** – PH
- October 1 Stewardship Campaign kick-off
- October 4 5:30 p.m. Family Service & Dinner
- October 8 10:00 a.m. St. Francis Service – Parish Grounds
- October 14 9:00 a.m. GOSA Work Party – Parish Grounds
3-5:00 p.m. **Autumn Tea** – PH
- October 17 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting - SR
- October 18 7:30 p.m. GOSA Meeting - PL
- October 22 The CROP Walk to fight world hunger
2:00 p.m. **Godspell** at the Paper Mill Playhouse
4:00 p.m. 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Ordination of
Women in the Episcopal Church – Trinity Cathedral
- October 23 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew's Nursery School Golf Outing –
Fairmount Country Club, Chatham – join us for this all-day event!
- October 25 7:30 p.m. Special screening of **An Inconvenient Truth**
- October 26-29 Women's Cursillo - a weekend for women to renew their
faith – Spiritual Life Center, Diocese of Albany, NY
- October 28 9:00 a.m. GOSA Fall Clean-up – Parish Grounds