

# The eNET

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Newsletter

New Providence, NJ

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### LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

### Worship Matters

Dear Friends,  
 The privilege of worshipping with you Sunday by Sunday is never lost on me. From struggling to understand what Scripture is saying to us today, to the sounds of sacred music, to the Eucharistic prayers, our service ritual is all about connecting with God.

The word "liturgy" comes from the Greek *leitourgia*, which means "the work of the people." Each of us at St. Andrew's helps to make worship happen, whether we pray in our pew, assist at the altar, or read a lesson.

Back in the spring, we held a forum to hear what was working for young parents as they held little children in their laps in church. You asked for a shorter service and for an evening contemporary service. In July, the Vestry spent its regular monthly meeting discussing worship. And your church staff has debated frequently the best combination of prayer and praise to make the most coherent service for everyone.

Our conclusion is that while we agree on certain Anglican elements of our service, each of us has preferences of emphasis. For example, some say we can't have too much music (because singing is praying twice!), while others say there should be more readings (it is the Word of God!).

As your worship leader, my goal this fall is to keep the 10am service close to a succinct sixty minutes, ten minutes of which is sermon time and the children's time. We will remove the offertory hymn and place the choir anthem there. Of course it's difficult to please everyone, but do know that your feedback is valuable and your voices are heard.

As we seek the right balance for worship, we might remember that church is for the child. Not just the child is who is four years old, or nine years old, but the child that is in each of us. "Church is for that tender, brave,

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soulful part of us that we bring from heaven and mostly bury on the way to adulthood." [1]

We need to become like children, Jesus said, to enter heaven. The child in us is attracted to what is beautiful and good, and has an instinctual sense of falsehood and evil as well. The child loves playfulness and imaginative ideas. How do we open our worship so that it is not cute or *childish*, but generous in the way of a child, and quick to forgive? The child within believes all things are possible with God.

Faithfully,  
*Peggy+*

The Rev. Margaret Hodgkins  
Rector, St. Andrew's Church and School

[1] Susan Bock, *Liturgy for the Whole Church* (New York: Church Publishing, 2008) p. 1.

## Worship and Education

### SUNDAYS

#### October 5: Pentecost 21 Episcopal Schools Sunday &

#### St. Francis Blessing of the Animals

8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 - Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)

10am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with Choir

11am - Rite 13 & J2A Classes (7-12 Grade)

11:15am - Forum with Dimples, the Seeing-Eye dog

#### October 12 : Pentecost 22

8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 - Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)

10am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with Choir

11am - Rite 13 & J2A Classes (7-12 Grade)

11:15am - Forum about the CROP walk  
and Church World Service

#### October 19: Pentecost 23

8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45 - Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)

10am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with Choir

11am - Rite 13 & J2A Classes (7-12 Grade)

11:15am - Forum "Operation Christmas Child"

1pm - our youth represent us in the CROP Walk!

### **October 26: Pentecost 24**

8am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:45am - Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)

10am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with Choir

11am - Rite 13 & J2A Classes (7-12 Grade)

11:15am - Safety Drill

**Midweek Eucharist** - Every Wednesday at 11:35am

(Timed so that nursery school parents and teachers can join us.)

## **Is Anything Too Wonderful for the Lord?**

### **St. Andrew's Stewardship Campaign 2009**

Thanks to all who joined in fellowship and feasting at the Oktoberfest celebration. It was a great time!

Stewardship officially kicked off on Sunday, Sept. 28 with our guest preacher and friend, Deacon Don Krautter.

The Stewardship pledge brochure is in your mailbox. Our goal is \$325,000 - an increase of 10% over last year. Please reflect and pray about the amount of your pledge for this year. Increase as you are able.

St. Andrew's not only has need of your financial offering, but also of your gifts of time and talents. Please consider signing up to help in one or more of our unique ministries listed on the inside of your pledge form, such as Vestry, Newcomers, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, GOSA and many more.

It is also very important to involve our children and young

people in stewardship and the concept of tithing. We are asking that after Halloween each child donates 10% of their candy from trick-or-treating to a St. Andrew's outreach program. Our pledges will be presented at the In-Gathering on **Sunday, Nov. 2**. We would like to have the children present their offering of candy as well. More information to come.

Please drop your completed pledge card in my church mailbox. The Stewardship Committee will be keeping you informed over the next five weeks on our progress.

Nancy Murray, Chairperson

## **Sunday School Spirit**

Our Sunday School invites children from Nursery to Grade 6 to join us for lessons, activities and programs! Come to our church -- a place to learn about God, Jesus' teachings and Christian values!

Upcoming Events:

### **October 5: St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals and Seeing Eye Puppy Visit!**

Bring your pet or favorite stuffed animal to be blessed at our service for God's very special creatures! There will be Nursery and Sunday School on this day from Preschool to Grade 6. Grades 2-6 will meet in their classrooms and then go to the parish hall from 10-10:30am for a very special Seeing Eye video and program. All grades will join the service for the Blessing of the Animals with their families. Jack Strangfeld and his Seeing Eye puppy "Dimples" will visit the children as they learn about "How Animals Help Us in God's Creation!"

### **Oct. 19-Nov. 23: Sunday School Outreach Project: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift**

Look for a shoebox and join us on an international outreach project! Shoebox gifts of school supplies, necessities, toys and treats will be sent to children around the world as they learn about God's love! A DVD and information will be available on October 19 for everyone to see!

Joyce Kern, Director of Religious Education

## Nursery School & Kindergarten

October ushers in **Fire Prevention** month with a visit from the New Providence Fire Department. Students will see a fire engine up close and personal and as well as all the equipment that comes with the job! We will, of course, discuss fire safety and conduct our first fire drill.

The remainder of the month will center on all things **Halloween**. The children will enjoy all the festive lessons the teachers have planned for this favorite holiday. We will culminate with a parade for all the students in the school, where they will proudly display their costumes. Amazingly, we are already conducting tours for the 2009-2010 school year. Inquiries regarding registration come in daily and we are more than happy to discuss the wonderful energy surrounding all our programs.

Mary Donohue, Director

## A Message from the Minister of Music

Come to the Cabaret, Old Chum...

Reserve **Friday, October 24** or **Saturday October 25** at 8pm for a return of the **St. Andrew's Cabaret!!!** Enjoy another wonderful program of Broadway tunes and other popular music. There will be refreshments as well.

Cabaret participants include Carl Santiago, Shayne Miller, David Jules, Barbara Gursky and John Oghea. Tickets will be \$15 per person and can be obtained from any of the above, or from Bridgett in the church office. Tickets will also be available at the door. Looking forward to seeing you and your friends at either show!

Children & Music: The forum held after church on September 21 showed that it is not feasible at this time to restart a Junior Choir. However, there was considerable interest in pursuing a bell chime group. I am looking into the matter and will report back shortly. A group of this type could be open to all ages, young and old. It would provide an excellent opportunity for those who love music, but who cannot for one reason or another join the adult choir, to participate in the music program. More to come.

Pianos available: a broken grand on the stage and a brown

upright. Please see me for more information.

Howard Dreizler, Minister of Music

## **All about Youth! Junior and Senior Youth Groups**

Grades 6-12: For complete schedules of fall activities, check your email, church mailbox, and the Youth bulletin board in the parish hall.

Our next Rite 13 Liturgy will take place on **Sunday, November 16** honoring the attainment of age 13 by Lexi Evans, Amy Macdonald, Tyler Macdonald, Kim Evans and Jenny Morris.

Our thanks to the Fairchilds for the fun BBQ on Sept. 13!

### **Upcoming Diocesan youth events:**

**T.L.C. Day** (Together, Learning, Caring) is approaching on **October 18!** This wonderful day is for all 6-12 graders in the diocese to spend with residents of The Evergreens, an Episcopal Retirement Community in Moorestown, NJ. Come join us as we gather together to work, worship, and share with our friends at The Evergreens. Cost is only \$15 per person and includes lunch! In order to attend, you must register at [www.newjerseyyouth.org/register](http://www.newjerseyyouth.org/register). Let Rev. Peggy know if you can go.

### **Fight Hunger! Crop Walk is Sunday, October 19.**

Youth in grades 6-12 meet at 1 pm at the United Methodist Church on Springfield Ave. to march through New Providence with other teens and adults from several churches in our town. Sponsor envelopes are in your family's church mailbox. See [cropwalk.org](http://cropwalk.org) for info.

**Fall Youth Event** (also for 6-12 graders) is **November 21-23** at Camp Lebanon in Lebanon, NJ! The theme is AIDS - Crisis and Compassion. Since it was first identified in 1981, AIDS has become a global pandemic that affects everyone. How can we, as human beings and Christians, respond with compassion and care to those living with this disease? Come join us in the beautiful setting of Camp Lebanon for great programs, music, creative worship, fun games, relaxing free time, and more.

Cost is only \$66 per person and includes all programs, meals and lodging. Scholarships are available. In order to attend, you must register at [www.newjerseyyouth.org/register\\_online](http://www.newjerseyyouth.org/register_online). Rev. Peggy will be participating as chaplain, and can help drive our youth. Please let her know if you'd like to go.

**Search for A Youth Minister** - An active search is in process. Do you know of a qualified candidate who feels called to serve in this special ministry? Please contact Rev. Peggy, currently serving as our youth minister.

## **We Couldn't Have Done it without You!**

### **Thank you!**

Thanks to Jan Miller and Joyce Kern for organizing the parish picnic on Sept. 14. The food was great, and the balloon man was a big hit!

Thanks to the Stewardship Committee for the wonderful Oktoberfest on Sept. 27, chaired by Nancy Murray.

Thanks to Bob Evans for scraping, prepping and painting the nursery porch.

Thanks to our volunteer office staff, especially the Thursday crew: June deBang, Pat Strasser and Pat Barry; and the Friday crew: Sara Jane Regan and Vera Schwebel.

And kudos to Barbara Pape, Jan Miller, Sarah Jane Regan, Mr. Enrique, and all who organized our kitchen last week. Items you left behind are waiting to be picked up in the parish hall...see if there's a serving bowl or tray that you are missing. Items will be given to charity after Oct. 20.

GOSA Team! You make our grounds a delight to behold and wander through. Thank you for your great work.

## **Miracle Walk**

Dear Fellow St. Andrew's Parishioners,  
On Sunday, October 5, I will be participating in the 8th Annual **Miracle Walk** to benefit the **Saint Barnabas Medical Center Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**.

The short scenic walk will take place rain or shine at 10am in Verona Park, Verona. I will be walking and want to raise money to support the walk. Feel free to join me!

The money raised will be put towards technologically advanced newborn intensive care equipment and services so that new NICU babies can be treated and cared for as wonderfully as I was.

I seek sponsors for this good cause. Contributions are tax deductible. Employer-matching gifts are also appreciated. To make an online donation go to [www.miraclegwalk.com](http://www.miraclegwalk.com). Click on the pink Donatebox. When you get to Donation Opportunities, click on Sponsor a participant or a team. When you get to the Sponsor a Walker page, click on search for a team and enter my team name, **Kim's Lucky 19**. Then click on my team name. Click on my name which will bring you to my personal page and click on Make a gift! If you would prefer to write a check, please make checks payable to Saint Barnabas Medical Center Foundation and write Miracle Walk on the memo line. I will hand those donations in on the day of the event.

Thank you for your support of the Miracle Walk!

Kim Evans  
Age 12

## Hospitality

Welcome back! We hope your summer was relaxing and enjoyable. The Summer Hospitality crew, led by Rick Anderson and Jan Miller, has been busy assuring that churchgoers have enjoyed refreshments every Sunday since early June. Thank you to everyone who hosted during June, July and August!

Now it's time to plan for our Fall and Winter Sunday Hospitality. Coffee Hour Hosts are currently being scheduled for September, October, November and December. Please check your calendars to see if an upcoming Sunday might work for you, your family or your church organization to host our Sunday Coffee Hour.

**Available dates include: Oct. 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28.**

To reserve your preferred Sunday, please contact Margery Ashmun at [rash1111@aol.com](mailto:rash1111@aol.com) or at (908) 598-0254 with a selected date. Thank you in advance to everyone who is planning to participate in making this important part of our parish life a success!

Margery Ashmun

## Adult Christian Education

The Synthesis Study Group had their first fall meeting on September 11. They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the library at 1:30 pm. The worksheets they use are in the leaflet holder to the left of the church doors. Please take one for the 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month. Read it over and join us to glean the meaning of God's Word.

If you have any questions, please call Frances Bellak at (908) 233-2899.

## Outreach

### FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR AREA!

Last month, the Outreach Committee launched a new food drive campaign to help provide food for the Star-Fish Pantry in Plainfield. As we all know food supplies at the pantries are critically low. We can all do our part in helping our fellow neighbors obtain the essential nutrients they need. In order to do this we will set aside the third Sunday of each month to collect food for the pantry. After the food is collected we will organize the food and deliver it to the pantry. Anyone who wishes to volunteer in helping with this drive, please contact either Sandy Davies or Diane Lapara.

**Food drive dates: Oct. 19, Nov. 16 & Dec. 21.**

### THE GIFT OF BLOOD IS LIFE!

Roll up your sleeves for St Andrew's first blood drive. On **October 7** from 2-8pm in the parish hall, you will have the opportunity to save a life as St. Andrew's hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross. Visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) for more info and eligibility.

Sandy Davies and Diane LaPara, Outreach Co-Chairs

## A Special Note of Thanks

To our very special and caring St. Andrew's family,

Thank you for all your get well and birthday cards for Rich.

Above all, we thank you for your prayers. I know God listens...

Fondly,  
Allie Weidener

### **Your Name Is...?**

The ushers encourage parishioners to please wear your name tags while attending church activities. This helps the ushers, as well as other parishioners, easily identify you and remember your name. Name tags, in various tints, are located on the narthex table.  
Thanks very much. Rick Anderson

### **Smile for the Camera!**

#### **Church Function Photographers Needed**

Our parish activities need image media recordings, such as baptisms, special services, St. Francis Blessing of the Animals, fundraisers, Children's Time during 10am service, Bishop's visit, Confirmation, Welcome Back Picnic, etc. We seek an active member of the parish, who enjoys photography, to take photos of various church events throughout the year, sometimes on a candid, impromptu basis. These images would be stored, for use on posters, publicity, eNET, church website, and St. Andrew's historical archives. Any interest, please contact Rick Anderson.

### **Usher News**

#### **ONLY ONE HOUR A MONTH IS ALL IT TAKES TO BE AN USHER !**

We are seeking adult and youth ushers for both the 8am and 10am services. 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 youth members to help with ushering, too. GIVE IT A TRY !

Please contact Les Medford (8am) at 582-4676 or Rick Anderson (10am) at 464-8911. Usher instructions are provided.

## Gardening News

Next Garden Work Parties: **Saturdays, Oct. 11 & Nov. 1**(tentative); PLEASE join us!

Next GOSA meeting: **Sunday Oct. 19**, 11:30am in library; you're WELCOME to attend!

At the Gardeners Of St. Andrew's (GOSA) work party on Saturday, Sept. 13, there were 7 parishioners in attendance. We could have used a few more people! There are numerous projects that are on our to-do list, and we WELCOME additional help.

Thanks to Denise Preston, Barbara Pape, Elizabeth Jordan, Jan Miller, Rev. Peggy Hodgkins, and Joyce Kern for taking part on that day. Numerous projects were worked on. A GREAT day in the gardens!

Please help yourself to mature hydrangea tree flowers, along the exit driveway to South Street. The large flowers are just beautiful -- in a vase of water or dried!

Please contact Joyce Kern or Rick Anderson, GOSA Co-Chairpersons, with questions.

## LOST - But Not Forgotten!

**WANTED - Eight missing pink round tablecloths from our parish hall.** Probably taken home to clean by a concerned parishioner, but wound up being misplaced in a black hole of someone's laundry room. PLEASE return, cleaned or not. They are needed for upcoming parish events. Please contact Janice Miller. Thanks very much.

## Brotherhood Fall Breakfast

The Brotherhood Of St. Andrew Men's Group will be hosting one of their famous hearty breakfasts on **Saturday, October 18**. The men have not held a breakfast meal in awhile and it's about time, with the

arrival of fall, to have men and boys of the parish prepare themselves for the onslaught of winter. What better way than to partake in all the hearty breakfast food you never receive at home! The exact menu has not been set in concrete, or pancake batter, but there may be fixings such as French toast, pancakes, bacon, sausages, bagels, donuts, grits, eggs, coffee, tea, juice, and who knows what else.

Please keep that Saturday morning open and mark it on your calendar. Additional details soon.

**COME HUNGRY, GUYS!**

## **Brotherhood Keeps Home**

### **Fires Burning**

Keep your home toasty this fall by supporting the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Men's Group Fall Firewood Sale. A number of trees, some of which were dead, were recently taken down and cut up by Springhouse Tree Service. The Brotherhood Men's Group will be splitting the firewood and selling it to parishioners for a reasonable price. The firewood will be packed into convenient sized stacks and will be placed in your vehicle.

Some wood is ash, which makes for a nice hot fire. Delivery can also be arranged. The funds will be used to support future Brotherhood ministry activities. Stay tuned for more details.

## **Parish Milestones**

### **ANNIVERSARY**

40th Anniversary of Gene and Jane Spiegle

### **MOVED**

Robert Selbach to Richmond, VA

### **BURIALS**

Ted Deutz, brother-in-law of Marian Strachan

## BAPTISMS

Olivia Pearce, granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Pearce

## Greetings from Marge!

**Marge Allison** passes along greetings to her friends at St. Andrew's from Runnells Hospital. Marge, who turned 92 this past June, is just as alert and with-it as you remember her. She misses not hearing from her St. Andrew's friends, and would appreciate a card, call, or visit once in awhile. Marge is one of our most senior members of St. Andrew's and she can be reached at (908) 464-0122, or Runnells Specialized Hospital, 40 Watchung Way, Rm. W137-B, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.

## New Program!! Godly Play Storytelling Workshop

You are invited to participate in a Godly Play storytelling workshop at St. Andrew's. We plan to begin the Godly Play curriculum in January 2009 for Kindergarten/Grade1 during Sunday School. We need people to be trained in Godly Play storytelling in order to successfully launch this exceptional program for children. An exciting workshop will be held here at St. Andrew's with Rev. Emily Griffin, a trainer of Godly Play.

**Workshop:** Godly Play Storytelling

**Date:** Saturday, November 15

**Time:** 9am until 12 noon, with refreshments.

**Participants:** Teachers of Godly Play and other interested parents, teachers, and adults

Why is this program exceptional for our children?

The curriculum follows a Montessori approach to education and facilitates the spiritual formation of a child with the use of Bible storytelling developed by Jerome Berryman and used across the country. There are creative activities related to the story including the extensive use of wooden figures and props to draw attention to the story.

We believe that it is necessary for teachers of this class to be trained and understand the methods of storytelling used in Godly Play. Also, this is excellent material for anyone who uses storytelling in presenting Christian education to children.

Dick and I enjoyed attending a summer Godly Play

workshop and we learned a lot about the art of storytelling and the wonders of the sacred Godly Play curriculum.

Please contact me by October 20, via email at [jodi1959@aol.com](mailto:jodi1959@aol.com) or by phone (973) 635-1892, to let me know if you can attend this valuable workshop.

In faith,

Joyce Kern, Director of Religious Education

## **Flower Altar Guild**

The flower guild invites you to donate flowers for the altar during the coming months. We have lots of Sundays available, so pick a date, fill out a flower form located on the table in the Narthex, and drop it off at either the parish office or my church mailbox, or call me at (908) 665-1211.

During September the flowers on the altar were donated by the following: Sept. 7 - Schwebel & Pearce families; Sept. 14 - Celebration of Welcome Back Sunday; Sept. 21 - Pat Strasser; Sept. 28 - Krautter family.

Sara Jane Vignali

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*Submissions may be edited.*

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