

Build up, build up, prepare the way... (Isaiah 57:14)

Building community is our mission theme at St. Andrew's as we begin a new season of mutual ministry this fall.

Health, hospitality, and holiness are three watchwords¹ that help us to be aware of our identity and mission and are integral to building community.

Health – Healthy congregations help individuals find their own story within the larger story of faith. We work on our spirit, but also on our tangible church body, making an effort to strengthen our infrastructure through careful governance with the vestry and school advisory board.

Hospitality – Welcoming the stranger in our midst is one of our key mission goals. Within the community, we strive to support our members with spiritual care. From a conversation over coffee hour with a newcomer, to the casserole or card we send to a fellow member in the hospital, we seek to widen our hospitality beyond our doors.

Holiness – The ongoing quest to lead a life devoted to God through personal devotion and prayer, as well as through our weekly corporate worship at St. Andrew's, is what strengthens our overall Christian community. This fall season is a wonderful opportunity to renew our efforts to be more truly God's people, as a community of faith, hope, and love.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins

¹ As endorsed by The Alban Institute, a church think tank.
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Worship Schedule



Sundays

8am Holy Eucharist I
10am Holy Eucharist II
with choir

September 9

Welcome Back Sunday

9:30am Sunday School begins
Adult Bible Study
11:30am Parish Picnic

Wednesdays

11:30am Holy Eucharist
begins Sept. 5

First Wednesday

Family Service

Oct. 3 & Nov. 7

5:30pm Holy Eucharist
6pm Potluck Dinner

St. Francis

Sunday, Oct. 7

Blessing of the Animals

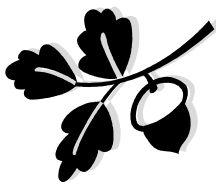
Warden's Word

Well, we've had another busy summer at St. Andrew's....then again, do we expect anything less? There continued to be two services each Sunday; thanks to the GOSA folks our grounds look more beautiful than ever; the *never* inactive building and grounds committee has been busy with a number of projects this summer including the important mold remediation in the basement; we completed a successful outreach collection for the seamen of the Seaman's Institute; under Terry Machin's direction we saw another successful summer for Action Campers and our Nursery School is ready and waiting to welcome our children for another year of fun and learning.

Shorter days, cooler nights and tired looking gardens....all signs that we are moving into fall. As we begin the transition from the lazy, hazy days of summer to the busier days of fall, our church lives change also. Our spiritual lives once again revolve around St. Andrew's as we welcome the return of Sunday school, the choir, the J2A programs and the many other church activities in which we participate.

Many of us spent time this summer vacationing across this beautiful country of ours ...sometimes attending services at churches we'd never been to before. Those churches were urban, suburban, large and small....each with their own feel and sense of community. While I always enjoy visiting I am always ready to return to St. Andrew's – back into the welcoming community of faith that is so important to me.

--Susan Dragos, Warden



Stewardship Standpoints

When asked to describe what Stewardship means, many of us will give the highly-conditioned response that it means sharing our time, treasure and talents. That's what we tend to hear about year in and year out as various members of the church, both laity and clergy, invite us to devote our resources to support the church and its many activities. Perhaps it's a bit superficial though, in that it allows us to overlook our core responsibility as stewards of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Stewardship isn't really about giving away things we own; that's not what a steward does. By definition, a steward is a *caretaker* of another's resources and, as we highlighted in our stewardship campaign two years ago, all we are, all we have, all the time, belongs to God. We are blessed in our lives to have use of the time, treasure and talents that God entrusts to us for a time, but we do not own them, not now and certainly not forever. The question we need to reflect upon is how to allocate God's gifts to us between spreading the Gospel, on the one hand, and maintaining ourselves and our families, on the other.

It is also important to be mindful of the fact that what we give to St. Andrew's is not just for the operation and support of our little parish; it is to support God's work and spread the Gospel abroad. That starts with the feeding of the flock here at St. Andrew's in New Providence, but it also extends, through St. Andrew's outreach ministries, to those in need, to the Diocese of New Jersey, and beyond.

The theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign will be "Loaves and Fishes." Take a few minutes to reacquaint yourself with the Gospel passages that tell this story and reflect on the powerful message of abundance in the face of apparent scarcity. Resources may seem too scarce to meet

the needs of the multitudes, but with the blessing of the Lord Jesus, all are abundantly fed and there is more left over than there was at the start. Keep this in mind this fall as you prayerfully consider how you will conduct your Stewardship of the Gospel, and how much of the abundance under your stewardship you will devote to God's work through St. Andrew's. God gives us many gifts. Let us joyfully share them with the Church and God's world.--David Waite

A Evening of Liturgical Comedy with Mark MacGougan



As part of the 2007 stewardship campaign, come join our parish family in fellowship, a potluck supper and performance by Episcopal comedian, Mark MacGougan on **Saturday, October 13** starting at 6:00 pm. Mark is an

Episcopal layperson and a parishioner at Trinity Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Over the past ten years, he has developed a series of comedy routines explaining Episcopal practices dealing with the liturgy, church year, life cycle of an Episcopalian, rector search process and stewardship. He has presented these routines at churches and conferences across the region, including appearances at convention banquets for the Dioceses of New York and New Jersey. More information about Mark is available at liturgicalcomedy.com.

A goodwill offering will be taken with all monies received going to Episcopal outreach. For more information, please contact Nancy Murray.

A Message from the Minister of Music

Senior Choir

The senior choir will resume weekly rehearsals on Thursday, **September 6** and will sing at the service on **September 9**. 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. 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 featuring choral music. We will have our annual choir concert in March or April – Easter comes early, so April is the more likely time frame. Planning is in process as to whether we join with the St. Matthews the Apostle choir again or present our own concert. Looks like another fun year ahead. Plan to join with us!

Junior Choir

The junior choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 19**. Regular rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons starting at 3:15 p.m. There is a fifteen minute “unwinding time”, followed by 45 minutes of rehearsal. We sing periodically at Sunday morning services throughout the year, and also regularly at the services held on the first Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Here, too, new members are most welcome. We look forward to welcoming several of the young members of the parish. Both boys and girls are invited. Come and try us out – you will really enjoy the opportunity. Please see me or any Junior Choir member or parent if you would like additional information.

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. We all appreciate the leadership of these people.



Friends of St. Andrew's Music

This 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

First Wednesday Family Service Potluck dinner

5:30 p.m. Evening Service

6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner

First Wednesdays:

October 3: St. Francis Service

November 7: All Saints Service

December 5: St. Nicholas Day Service

All ages welcome

A service for children and adults

Adult Christian Education

This Fall: Bible Discussion Every Sunday at 9:15am

Join the Rector each week for a discussion of scripture over coffee or tea, at 9:15am between the two Sunday services.

NEW This Fall!!

Adult Forums on Sundays 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

A new forum program for adult education begins this fall on Sundays at 11:30am (after the 10am service)

Bring a cup of coffee and join us for such topics as:

- * Keeping kids safe on the Internet
 - * Ecclesiology: what is it?
 - * A close look at the Lord's Prayer
 - * Contemplative prayer
 - * St. Teresa of Avila
 - * Stress & prayer
 - * Praying the lectionary in the prayer book
 - * Understanding the national Episcopal structure
 - * Growing mold or people at St. Andrew's?
 - * Stewardship
 - * Hymns and history
 - * Islam and Christianity - points of difference and convergence
 - * Buddhism and Christianity - points of difference and convergence
 - * End-of-life issues and planning
 - * Follow up on anti-racism training
- ...and more!!

Watch for weekly topics in your Sunday bulletins in the Weekly Reminder.

Synthesis Study – During the summer the Scripture Study Group continued to meet. We are now looking forward to our regular meetings and welcoming new members.

The Scripture Study group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 1:30-3pm in the Shreve Room. Please join us as we use the Synthesis to study the readings for the following Sunday. Any questions, please contact me at (908) 233-2899. Next meeting: Sept. 12 -- Frances Bellak

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General Theological Seminary offers new evening courses for fall 2007 - General Theological Seminary in the heart of Manhattan will be offering a diverse lineup of evening courses this fall. Open to all, the evening courses may be taken for personal enrichment, to further the aims of ministry, or as part of a degree or certificate program. Offerings in the areas of Scripture, Christian spirituality, liturgy and congregational ministry typically meet for 2 to 3 hours weekly. For more information contact Jim Murphy at 212-243-5150 x461 or by e-mail at Murphy@gts.edu.

Full story, with list of courses:
http://www.episcopalchurch.org/79901_89228_ENG_HTM.htm

The Diocese of New Jersey offers you many learning opportunities! The Ministry Institute catalogue for Fall 2007 is on the web. See <http://newjersey.anglican.org/MI/>

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood essentially took the summer off and will resume our Saturday breakfast meetings on **September 15**. Several of the Brothers lent their help and support to Buildings and Grounds, and we appreciate their contribution. Mark your calendars for the third Saturday of every month and join us. -- Dave Morris

Diocesan News

Trinity Cathedral Community Day
Join the fun on **October 8** at Mercer Oaks West Golf Club in West Windsor, NJ! Events include

opening outdoor Eucharist with the Bishop and the Dean, followed by 18 holes of delightful golf, a competition for the Bishop's Cup, lunch on the course, and dinner and prizes, too.

The Cathedral is proud to sponsor this event that last year saw the support of 34 of our congregations, including St. Andrew's. To register, please contact Chuck Perfater at (609) 538-1200 or cperfater@comcast.net.

Altar Guild



Welcome back after a hot and busy summer. Thanks to all who helped with the many services during July and August. We invite you to join us in preparing the sanctuary for the Holy Sacraments – it is a good learning experience and also very satisfying. All Clean day for Altar Guild is Saturday, **September 8**. --Denise Preston

Altar Flower Guild

Here we are about to start a new Church year! As always, we welcome any donations, memorials or thoughts of thanksgiving by placing flowers on the Altar on a Sunday of your choice. Please make a call to me at 908-665-1211, to Bridgett 908-464-4875, or



place a note in my mailbox. I will be happy to add your name to our list and try hard to purchase any flowers you might like to request. Thank you for helping to make St. Andrew's altar beautiful and such a welcoming sight each Sunday morning! -- Sara Jane Vignali

Sunday School Spirit

I hope you had a good summer together with your family and friends! I certainly did with family activities and visits including attending other churches to worship both near and far. Now we enter a new year together as a church family, which will be full of new learning activities and annual events to enrich our learning experiences at church. Please plan to attend and bring a friend! Looking forward to seeing you at St. Andrew's!

Come to St. Andrew's on **September 9**, at **9:30am** for Sunday School Opening Day and Registration! Please read the Sunday School Information and Registration Packet sent to families by e-mail before September 9 which includes a Welcome Letter, Registration and Festival Volunteer Form.

Please fill out all of the forms and give to teachers during registration. The forms are used all year for reference.

OPENING DAY SCHEDULE – Sept. 9

9:30am Registration and lessons in classrooms.

10:30am Sunday School joins service
Commissioning of Teachers

All teachers for the Fall, Winter and Spring

FALL TERM TEACHER “THANK YOU”

Your service to the Children's Ministry is appreciated by all ages!

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADE LEVELS

Classes include: Preschool (3-4 yrs), Kindergarten/Grade 1; Grade: 2; Grade: 3; Grades: 4 and 5. There are five classes this year!

Members of Grade 6 will move up to the Journey to Adulthood youth program...enjoy the youth activities together!

NURSERY

Nursery is open during the 10am worship service. Katie Evans is our capable nursery staff member. We depend on parents who use the nursery to sign up on a list located on the bulletin board of the nursery room as parent assistants to for each Sunday of their choice. We need two caregivers for children in the nursery. --Joyce Kern, DRE

Youth

The Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

The summer months found the Rite 13 and J2A participants in many different places. We have also been busy at church acting as acolytes and ushering.

Now it's time to turn toward another year of activities. Meetings will recommence in September. The schedule will remain the same as last year with no meeting the first Sunday of each month.

We now have two classes (Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood) with a total of 18 young people participating. Welcome to our new J2A leaders: Tom Macdonald, Chris Friedlander, and Joe LaPara. We are continuing the effort to get a commitment from new leaders for the Rite 13 Class.

We're looking forward to another year of fun, friendship and spiritual exploration. --Eileen Fairchild

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



Sept. 20 Rite 13 Pizza party from 6–8 pm at Rev. Peggy's

Date: TBA J2A Spaghetti dinner for the class and leaders on at the church

The CROP Walk to fight world hunger in October. Tentative date: October 21

Nursery School



Summer has been a special time to relax, enjoy warm, sunny days, family vacations and reading for hours. I treasure this season of the year!

The summer months have also been a time of preparation for a new school year. As school opens on Thursday, September 6, the classrooms are organized and brightly decorated to welcome parents and children. New educational materials to enhance and support our curriculum. The faculty are preparing for the new school year with fresh and creative ideas for their classroom.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in June for the new piece of playground equipment outside the Parish Hall. Church and school families supported the purchase of the new big toy.

The Parent Association has planned some great fundraisers for September and October. September 10 Kids Coupon Book sale - great coupons for children's events, clothing, restaurants, etc. October 1-15 Joe Corbi's pizza and related items sale – delicious pizza, calzones, pretzels, and cookie dough. Delivery in November.

Save the dates: Halloween parades are October 30 and 31st. What a fun event for all!

I look forward to your presence during the school year. You are welcome to visit the classrooms and see the joy and excitement that the children experience each day. -- Diane Kostibos

Calling all parents!

Fall Educational Parent Workshops on child growth and development.

October 4	Separation Anxiety
October 18	Nutritional Education
October 25	Speech/Language Development
November 6	Assessing your child's development

Workshops held in the Parish Hall at 9:15am.
Dates to be confirmed. Children are welcome!

Parish Life

Welcome Back Picnic

Sunday, September 9 Join the St. Andrew's family picnic on Sunday, **September 9** following the 10:00 AM service! Families with last names of A-L should bring a side dish. Families with last names M-Z should bring a dessert. The Vestry will provide sandwiches and beverages. Please join us!

--Jan Miller

Hospitality



Hospitality/Coffee Hour

Welcome back to everyone returning to church after a few months' hiatus. We hope the summer was restful and rejuvenating for all of our church families.

A big thank you to Rick Anderson and Jan Miller for organizing our Summer Coffee Hour Hosts. This group of dedicated individuals kept the hospitality going through July and August. They were: *Rick Andersen, Marian Bahler, Frances Bellak, June DeBang, Howard Dreizler, Margaret Miano, Clarice Milbrodt, Jan Miller, Barbara Pape, Carl Santiago, and Jane Weltmer.* Thanks again to all.

As everyone settles into a back-to-school/church routine, please take a few moments to look at your calendar for the next several months (September-December); if there is a Sunday where you/your family/church group is interested in hosting an upcoming Coffee Hour, please contact me with the desired date by e-mail (rash1111@aol.com), church mailbox, or by penciling in your name on the blank schedule I have posted on the bulletin board leading into the Parish Hall.

With the exception of this first schedule, I will organize the Coffee Hour Hosts in 3 month increments (Sept-Dec, Jan-Mar, and Apr-Jun). If your family or group would prefer a date later in the year, please let me know. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks again to all of our hosts who made our Coffee Hour so successful last year. Our church is truly blessed to have such dedicated and thoughtful members.

Upcoming available dates: Sept 16, 23, 30*; Oct 14, 21, 28*; Nov 4, 11, 18, 25*; Dec 2, 9, 16, 23* (* represents last Sunday of the month set aside for church groups)

--Peace, Margery Ashmun



“The First Cup” on Sundays is not just an outlet for parents waiting for worship to begin after dropping off their children at 9:30am. It is a unique opportunity for us as a parish to gather, share fellowship and welcome the newcomer among us.

Outreach

ERD helps Hurricane Dean victims - Episcopal Relief and Development is helping with emergency assistance for victims of Hurricane Dean in Mexico and Belize.

To help people affected by Hurricane Dean, please make a donation to ERD's "Emergency Relief Fund" online at <http://www.er-d.org/>, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development "Emergency Relief Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Episcopal Relief and Development is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. An independent 501(c) (3) organization, ERD saves lives and builds hope in communities around the world. ERD's programs work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals. We provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and rebuild after disasters. We enable people to climb out of poverty by offering long-term solutions in the areas of food security and health care, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Seamen's Knitting – Thanks to all who have knitted so faithfully over the summer. We have a large stack of items to be delivered in November. A new shipment of yarn has been ordered and will arrive in time for our knitters who will be returning from vacations and time away. We would love to welcome new knitters. If you would like more information about The Seamen's Church Institute Christmas-at-Sea Program, need extra wool or patterns, call June deBang 908-464-3308 or Georgia Jervey 908-464-9393.

Seamen's Gifts – Many thanks to all of you who contributed items for the seamen at Port Newark. The Rev. Andy Moore was most grateful for the paperbacks, the personal care gifts, the playing cards, etc. which you so thoughtfully brought to church on two Sundays.

St. Francis Reminder – Please remember to bring stuffed animals to the St. Francis Celebration on **October 7**. These animals will be blessed and taken to Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth to be distributed to children hospitalized at Christmas. Please note these animals should be **new** (preferably with the tags on them) because they are going to sick children. Final deadline for bringing in these animals will be **Nov. 11**.

Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway – On Saturday, **Nov. 3**, the Market Street Mission will host their annual Coat Giveaway in Morristown. St. Andrew's, along with other area churches, will be collecting men's, women's, children's winter coats. Please hang them in the church basement near the clothing bin. Deadline for bringing in these coats is Oct. 21. The Market Street Mission helps us by picking up our donated clothing regularly. Let's help them by donating coats. – Sarah White

Special Events

Afternoon Tea – In response to numerous questions as to whether we are having a fall tea, the answer is “not this year”. However, if you are interesting in working on an Afternoon Tea for Fall 2008, please contact Frances Bellak 908-233-2899, Barbara Pape 973-644-5138 or Vera Schwebel 908-580-0093 immediately. Keep watching the Weekly Reminder for further information. – Frances Bellak

Building and Grounds

Over the summer, much has been accomplished at St. A's. To meet Department of Environmental Protection requirements, check valves have been installed on all of our boilers. This work was done by Argent Contracting, 162 South Street

and is mentioned only because their service was extraordinary. They were the only bidder who knew of the new regulations, performed the work at cost (saving the Church \$3,000), and were expeditious, clean, and courteous. B&G highly recommends them to you should you need plumbing/heating work. At least two parishioners have used them since June with excellent reports of their service. As you may also be aware, considerable mold remediation work has been done in the main house and the Kinderhouse. Walls have been removed, chemically treated, re-sheet-rocked, spackled, and painted. Kudos to Messrs. LaPara and Conover for their help in this work. The main house basement still needs work including a major clean out of the storage area. This task is in process along with priming and sealing the treated Hansel Street side wall. Miscellaneous repairs to our buildings continue to pile up. Fascia boards falling loose on the South St. side of the building, tiles needing replacement in the Carriage House, holes in doors to be repaired, doors to be installed in offices, and basements to be painted entirely. So, much continues to need attention, and we could use your help. --David Morris, Co-Chair, B&G

Going – Going – Gone
Trash to Treasures or Treasures to Trash!
Sundays, September 9, 16, 23
Computers, mirrors, props and more!
All items are from St. Andrew's basement!

FREE

Stop by the Parish Hall on Sunday morning after services. Take what you would like.

Organized by the Building and Grounds Committee, with the support of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. If you know of an item on display that is important to the “History of St Andrew's”, please let Dave Morris or the Parish Office know.

Gardening News



GOSA had two garden work parties in July and August. Summer gardening has been active, but we have not been able to complete some projects, due to GOSA members being away. We could use additional

helping hands this month, so please come out and join us for a morning in the garden. Green Thumbs not required; just a desire to help beautify our landscaped grounds and gardens. Next Garden Work Parties - Saturdays, **Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 3.** Next GOSA meeting - Sunday **Oct. 21**, 11:30am in library. Please contact Joyce Kern or Rick Anderson, GOSA Co-Chairpersons, with questions.

Volunteers Needed

Nominations Requested for Service to the Diocese - The following offices need to be filled at Diocesan Convention Feb. 29-March 1, 2008: Standing Committee (council of advice to the bishop), Alternates to General Convention; Diocesan Council, Cathedral Chapter, Standing Committee on Clerical Compensation, Standing Committee on Constitution and Canons, Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds, Finance and Budget Committee, Diocesan Investment Trust; Audit Committee, Trial Court, Church Attorney, Treasurer, Secretary of Convention

If you feel God is calling you to a leadership position in the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, please contact Peggy Hodgkins at 464-4875 or hodgkinsp@gmail.com by **Oct. 1.**

Ushers- 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. Contact Les Medford (8am) 582-4676 or Rick Anderson (10am), 464-8911.

Remember to wear your name tags this fall. Need a new one? See an Usher.

Parish Milestones

Baptisms

May 6 Danielle Abby Dallas

Burials

June 1 Josephine Louise Heidinger
 Coffey Mischler

June 2 Doris Laura Bowers Gerken

June 2 John Henry Michael Gerken

July 21 Robert Steele Montgomery

July 30 Charles Fred Fox

August 22 Christina Elizabeth Swanson
 Ferraioli

Elizabeth Jordan, *Editor*

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**November/December deadline for
The Net:
Friday, Oct. 12**
Submissions may be edited.

Wardens

Dragos, John Carroll

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LaPara, Jan Miller, Nancy Murray, Drew
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Amy Krenzer, Administrative Assistant
Margaret Hodgkins, Rector

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

As we head into September we have the privilege of knowing that another successful camp season has come to a close. Again, we were blessed to have had a very dedicated staff who 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 flag waving star-spangled celebration for the Fourth of July and the exploration of worlds under the sea were just part of our summer fun.

Our camp season started with much excitement and anticipation as 105 children converged onto the St. Andrew's Campus during that first week.

It was a joy watching their excitement and seeing how eager they were 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 100 degrees throughout the summer. Racing coasters and pedaling bicycles were also favorite activities. Other days saw the Action Campers riding ponies, journeying to the land of exotic animals and jumping aboard the train for an exciting ride around the grounds.

During Carnival days, they bounced around in a moon walk, slid down "Winston the Whale", slithered through Seaweed the Sea Monster 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.

Adding to the fun and fitness activities were the weekly "Stretch & Grow" program and a session of karate training under the tutelage of "Master Rich".

When a change of pace was needed to give our campers a break, as the 'performer inside' was discovered as they danced and sang to the "Chicken Dance", Y-M-C-A", "Limbo Rock" and almost brought back the Ice Age with the "Freeze Dance". Their version of "SHOUT" almost required ear plugs.

This year brought a new program to our Camp. An animal expert from "Wallaby Tales" brought a variety of unusual and interesting animals to meet the Campers. The children were able to get up close and personal with an assortment of chinchillas, ferrets and wallabies.

Dean the Magician once again cast his magical spell over the children. He dazzled them with new tricks while also bringing back some old favorites.

Overall, during our nine weeks, 562 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.

Sincerely,

Terry Machin & all the St. Andrew's Action Campers Staff



Welcome Back Picnic
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Sunday, September 9 at 11:30am

Families with last name A-L: Bring a salad/side dish.
Families with last name M-Z: Bring a dessert.

Sandwiches & beverages will be provided by the Vestry.

DONATIONS Not able to bring a side dish or dessert? You can donate \$10 towards the purchase of sandwiches and beverages. Please write a check to St. Andrew's Church with memo for "Welcome Back Picnic."

PLEASE JOIN US!

A Pebble in My Shoe

A play based on Bishop John Shelby Spong's autobiography *Here I Stand*
Sunday, November 11, 2007 at the Bickford Theatre, Morristown

Would you like to attend this performance? Please contact John Carroll 908-447-7811. Tickets go on sale September 10. Immediate response would be appreciated. Car pooling available from St. Andrew's.