

There's More to Life Than Work

Baseball games, evening strolls, iced tea on the porch, a trip to the beach: this summer affords relaxing experiences that we look forward to. How will you experience your time of rest in the warm season of the year? Vacation with family or friends, a break from the stress of work, savoring the opportunity to just “be”? We take the time to connect with people we love, we have fun together, we share what is important to us, and reflect on how God is acting in our lives. All of these are ways we take a hiatus from the regular routines of our lives that can sometimes enslave us. We find the chance to rest.

Rest, or Sabbath-time, is an antidote to the ills of modern civilization. God wants us to rest. In fact, Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments in the Bible (see Exodus 20:8-11). “*How we rest*,” said Rabbi Gershon at a recent interfaith luncheon at Temple Sinai in Summit, “is more important than *how we work*.” Why? Because in resting, we reflect on our lives. We reflect on how to live this life we were given without regret. Those reflections need to involve our relationship with God, who calls us to live a life worth living: a life of joy, a life of being in community with our neighbors, a life of forgiveness and peace-making, and a life of sharing that which God has graciously given to us.

Jesus often left the crowds and went up the mountain alone to pray. Take it from God: a holy rest is more important than work for work’s sake. This summer, take time for Sabbath – may we rest and renew our lives to make them worthwhile.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Peggy Hodgkins

Warden's Word

We certainly have a lot to feel good about at St. Andrew's as we conclude another successful program year, the first under the leadership of our new rector. Our Sunday School had record enrollment this year, we successfully established the J2A program for the youth, the senior choir is still going strong and the junior choir continues to grow. We trained several young people to become new acolytes and offered an early communion class, something that had been requested for some time. The adult forum between the services has been regularly attended. As usual, GOSA has been working hard this spring and has the gardens looking beautiful. The fundraising committee successfully held its first event, the Children's Clothing and Toy sale, and is already planning another event for the fall. The newly formed parish life committee planned a successful parish picnic to celebrate all these accomplishments!

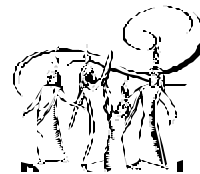
Your vestry has been working very hard behind the scenes as well. At our first, and hopefully annual, retreat we spent considerable time working together to define our mission here at St. Andrew's. We are excited about continuing with this process of identifying what it is God is calling us as a community of faith to be and how we can best share that good news with those in the larger community. I would welcome any thoughts you may want to share with us as we continue to discern this topic.

We are also trying to implement ideas that will make us a more efficient and effective vestry. We are trying to do more long term planning and we are utilizing a number of committees so that we can address several important issues simultaneously. The personnel committee has been working diligently to make sure we are offering appropriate and fair benefits to all of our employees. The buildings and grounds

committee will be undertaking a thorough evaluation of our facilities so we can better anticipate necessary maintenance and repairs. A committee has been formed to thoroughly evaluate the financial relationship between the church and the nursery school so that both the church and the school can budget as best as possible. One of the goals that the executive committee of the vestry is beginning to focus on now is how to improve communication at St. Andrew's. We have some ideas about this but would appreciate hearing any ideas you may have as well.

I wish you all a wonderful summer and hope you will continue to come on Sundays to enjoy the summer atmosphere at St. Andrew's over the next couple of months. Faithfully,
--Amy Evans, Warden

A Pentecost Blessing



May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you new life.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin Mary when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the Lord.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Web sites for Scripture and Prayer::

* Today in Scripture: Daily Office meditation
<http://eds.libsyn.com>

* Today in Prayer: Anglican Cycle of Prayer
<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/index.cfm>

Stewardship Standpoints

Summertime and the livin' is easy. The kids are out of school for their vacations, the days are long, the beach beckons and most everybody is looking forward to some quality time with friends and family. St. Andrew's downshifts into a quieter summer mode. Let's all enjoy it! We've worked hard to get here and we deserve a bit of a rest.

Let us not forget, though, that God is with us as much in our leisure moments as in the moments during the rest of the year when we dedicate ourselves to doing God's work. And reflecting on the profound blessing that implies, brings me back to this year's Stewardship message. "All that I am - All of the time - Belongs to God."

It is through our Stewardship contributions of time, talents, and treasure (OK, money) that God's work goes forward at St. Andrew's, in our community, our state, our nation, and throughout the world. I encourage you to keep your giving up to date over the summer, especially if you're new to pledging and have been donating a weekly amount that equals your annual pledge amount divided by 52 weeks. It'll be tough to write those "make-up" checks in the fall if you put it off until then. Better to discipline yourself to write the weekly checks as the weeks go by, attend services a few times over the summer and not fall behind. You could even write the checks week by week and bring them all at once in September. Whatever works for you.

When fall rolls around we'll have more Stewardship information as the Vestry establishes the budget for 2007. Until then, enjoy your summer, wherever it takes you. Take some time off. Relax and renew your energies, maybe visit another parish if you're vacationing away from home. Come back refreshed and ready for action. There's a lot to look forward to at St. Andrew's.
--Dave Waite

A Message from the Minister of Music

Both choirs have completed their seasons. We had a wonderful combined anthem on Choir Recognition Sunday, and the Senior Choir finished off the year on June 11 in fine style. Many thanks to the members of both choirs – and also to the parents of the Junior Choir. The parents are a vital part of this program. And our heartfelt thanks to our talented paid singers - Carl Santiago, Ryan Connelly and Shayne Miller.

The summer choir began on June 18, 2006. All congregation members are encouraged to sing with this group. There is no mid-week rehearsal. We will assemble in the choir pews at 9:15 a.m. to go over the hymns and service music for the day, and to prepare a hymn or an anthem for the choir to sing for the service. If you have been hesitant about joining the regular choir, or if your work or home schedule precludes regular attendance at Thursday rehearsals during the year, here is an ideal opportunity to see how the choir works. Participation is open to Junior Choir members as well as all adults. We would love to have you join with us.

Please take time to look at the dedication plaque affixed to the congregation side of the organ. It recognizes the donations of many people, parishioners and others, which made this instrument possible.

Edwin Tait has kindly consented to fill in at the organ keyboard during my vacation on July 23. We are asking anyone with keyboard skills to discuss playing for the services during the remaining weeks of my vacation – August 20 and 27 and September 3. I will be glad to show you how to use the organ very effectively without needing to use the pedals. Please call me at home or at church, or send me an e-mail at music@standrewschurch.org.

The Senior Choir will resume regular Thursday rehearsals on September 7, with the first Sunday singing scheduled for September 10. The Junior Choir will resume a week or two later – hopefully to start with a welcome-back party. More on this at a later date.

Have a wonderful summer – and think about joining one of the choirs in the fall!
--Howard Dreizler, Minister of Music

Adult Christian Education

Sunday Forum - Join us every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. for an adult education forum in the Parish Hall. There is always an interesting topic and conversation over coffee or tea.

Evening Bible Study on the Book of Exodus, Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., led by Edwin Tait, PhD. All are welcome. (The group meets through July '06 but will not meet June 27 and July 4)

The Scripture Study Group meets at 1:30 p.m. in the Shreve Room on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. We use the Synthesis as our study guide. Pick up a copy and read it before the meeting to be prepared. We welcome ALL who join us as we discuss the readings. Our upcoming meeting dates are: July 12 and 26, August 14 and 28. For more information call Frances Bellak (908) 233-6779.

A New Womens Group - Women of the parish! You are invited to join a new women's group for support, fun, and fellowship founded on the faith we share... Meet in the Library on two Wednesday evenings this summer, June 28 and July 26, 8 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Celtic Britain, Sept. 6-16, 2006. Come to the south of Britain, a region steeped in history. Visit Salisbury Cathedral, Stonehenge, Dartmoor, Cornwall, and more. \$2350 double,

\$2650 single. Contact Sister Margo at 973-543-4641 ext. 4 or srme@csjb.org

Celtic Pilgrimage to Ireland, See Croag Patrick, Donegal, Connemara, Inishmore, Aran Islands, and more! Small group with time to appreciate each holy site. \$2350 double; \$2650 single. Contact Sister Margo at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham at 973-543-4641 ext.4 or at srme@csjb.org

National Episcopal Church Elects First Woman Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church, 30 years after it allowed women to become priests and bishops, has elected a woman as its Presiding Bishop.

Katharine Jefferts Schori, 52, Bishop of Nevada, was elected at General Convention in Columbus, Ohio, from a slate of seven nominees, on the fifth ballot June 18, as the 26th Presiding Bishop. She is the first woman to hold the top post in the church's nearly 400-year history. Her nine-year term officially begins November 1; she will be invested and seated November 4 during a liturgy at Washington National Cathedral.

Jefferts Schori breaks tradition in other ways. The airplane pilot and former oceanographer addressed deputies and visitors who gathered in the Columbus Convention Center in both Spanish and English. She thanked the other nominees and reassured the church of her passion for mission. She also offered a vision of reconciliation and actualization of the reign of God.

"I give deep and abiding thanks for the ministry of the current Presiding Bishop," she said after an introduction by Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold. She added that she hoped his "gifts continue to be shared within the church and the

world in years to come because he has very much to give us all."

Griswold, in a statement issued later, said "The decision today is the fruit of the witness and ministry of women bishops, priest, and deacons in the life of our church."

Enthusiastic applause, cheers and shouts of joy erupted in the House of Deputies as President George Werner read Special Order E017, the resolution asking the Deputies to approve Jefferts Schori's election. A two-thirds majority of both clergy and lay deputies then confirmed her election.

(From Episcopal News Service)

Let's talk about General Convention!

Join us on Wednesday, **June 21**, at 7:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee in the Church Library to review the Windsor Report and what is happening at the Episcopal Church's National General Convention in Columbus, Ohio. You can download the report from this website:

www.anglicancommunion.org/windsor2004/downloads.index.cfm

All About the Altar Guild

Altar Guild Directresses **Clarice Milbrodt** and **Barbara Pape** were honored for their service of leadership to St. Andrew's on June 4th at the 10 a.m. service. Rev. Peggy thanked them for their faithfulness to the important ministry they accomplish week by week.

The Altar Guild teams serve to provide our parish with all of the holy things needed for worship services. They prepare the table around which we celebrate Holy Communion, setting out the bread and the wine. They polish the vessels, keep candles in stock, and organize the sacristy. It would be easy to take for granted the ministry they perform for our parish, as their work is usually behind the scenes. But we are grateful

that the Altar Guild makes possible not only Sunday services, but also the weddings, funerals, and baptisms that take place in our sanctuary. Our thanks go out to all Altar Guild members.

This month, we welcome our new Altar Guild Directress, **Jane Weltmer**. She was introduced to the congregation on June 4th. Jane brings a wealth of knowledge to the role, having served the church before as Directress of the Altar Guild. We give thanks to her for taking on this vital leadership position again.

All members of the Altar Guild are invited to a special lunch to be held at the rectory for all altar Guild members on Monday, July 17 at noon.



Would you like to help with this important ministry? Need more information? Please call Jane Weltmer at 908-464-3248.

Confirmation, Reception, Renewal of Vows

Congratulations to those who were confirmed and received into the Episcopal Church on Pentecost Sunday (June 4): Sandy Davies, Chris Dunning, and Jean Holmes.

We honor our parishioners who chose to renew their baptismal vows with Bishop George Councill that same day: Barbara Pape and Eileen Walsh

Many thanks to the supporters from St. Andrew's who trekked down to Trinity Cathedral in Trenton for the above celebration: Choir members June DeBang, Carl Santiago, David Waite, Organist Howard Dreizler, and parish friends Rick Anderson, Clarice Milbrodt, Jennifer and Edwin Woodruff Tait. It was a wonderful day in the life of our church!

Sunday School Spirit

I want to thank the teachers, parents, and children for making our year together such a success by coming to church and Sunday School! We like to have children come to St. Andrew's Church enjoy learning about God's Word and Christian Values. We had a good attendance average during the past year in all the classes. This means families are attending church and children are able to learn lessons each week! We will have Sunday School Opening Day on September 10, 2006. Come and join us!

Summer Nursery Information The nursery will not be staffed during the summer from June 18 through September 10. Parents may use the nursery as a baby comfort room or for childcare but must be present at all times. Please make sure all toys are put away in proper places before leaving the room. Bring any belongings with you since the room is not used during the week and dispose of any necessary items outside of the room. Thank You!

Summer Teacher Sign Ups Thanks to all the volunteer teachers for next year... our chart is almost filled!!! Our Sunday School still needs some Co-teachers for classes so please check the Teacher Sign Up Chart and volunteer where needed. I will update regularly with the chart and by email. We have a wonderful children's ministry where both children and teachers have fun learning together with the lectionary curriculum, programs and events. Join Us!

Have a good summer...Joyce

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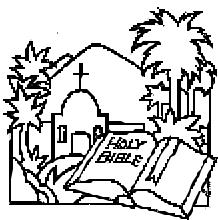
The Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

On **April 30th**, the Rite 13 youth and their families participated in St. Andrew's first Rite 13 Liturgy: A Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood. The congregation participated, pledging support to the children and their families as they progress on the "journey toward adulthood". The congregation also contributed words of advice to the Book of Wisdom which was presented to the celebrants.

A special welcome to Kathleen McCoy who has joined the Rite 13 group increasing membership to 7!

The kids remain busy, active members of our parish. They have been helping as Sunday School assistants. They helped set up the spring Children's Tag Sale carrying many items from the garage to the Parish Hall. Kevin, Scotland, and Abby baked one Saturday to provide us with a delicious coffee hour. On June 11, the group helped to set up the picnic area for our Ice Cream Social.

But it isn't all work... We are planning for a barbecue filled with fun and food during the early part of the summer. -- Eileen Fairchild



Sr. High Youth Event Calendar

July 31-August 7

Mission Trip to El Salvador for rising 11th & 12th Graders

Action Campers



Action Campers is in full swing - arts and crafts, water and sand play, music, sports, special entertainment and outdoor fun. Action Campers runs nine weeks runs through August 11.

Primary Campers -- 4 – 7 year-olds, 9 – 1:30 p.m.
Wee Campers --3-year olds, 9 – 12 Noon
Extended care --7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

To sign up your child, please call the parish office: 908-464-4875 --Terry Machin

Nursery School

We said goodbye to another year at St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten. Many families will move on and we hope that they carry with them our love, dedication and commitment to children.

The office is still very busy during the summer, preparing for next year with new enrichments, curriculum revisions, ordering new materials, welcoming new families and attending to maintenance issues to prepare our classrooms for the opening of school.

Our Golf and Tennis Classic is scheduled for Monday, **October 23** at Fairmount Country Club. Come for a day of golf, tennis, dinner and a terrific silent auction. Any questions about the event please call, Hugo Barth, at 908-790-9028 or email @Hugo.barth@prudential.com

The Cookie Dough Sale will be at the end of September. More information to follow when school resumes.

Anthony Colletta, Professor of Education at William Patterson University and author of five

books including his latest What's Best for Kids, will speak at St Andrew's on November 2 at 7:30pm on "Building Children's Self-Esteem by Understanding Learning Styles."

We look forward to another new and exciting school year. Enjoy the warmth and sunshine of the long summer days. -- Diane Kostibos

Outreach

Golf Coast Outreach - The Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi would greatly appreciate donations of gift cards to the following national chain stores: Sears, Old Navy, Michael Arts & Crafts, Best Buy, K-Mart, Target, Circuit City, Radio Shack, Lowes, Toys R Us, Office Max, Home Depot, JC Penny, Payless Shoes, Sam's Club, Walmart, Verizon Wireless, Vitamin Shoppe, and Pier I Imports. These donations help needy school children whose families were affected by Hurrican Katrina. Please place in the basket in the entry foyer outside the Sanctuary. Thank you for your support. --Sarah White

**14th Annual
Seaman's Institute Port Festival
Friday, July 28, 5-9 p.m**

Port Newark, International Seafarer's Center
118 Export Street, Port Newark

Kid's Games, Door Prizes, Kiddiepillar,
Barbeque, Dunk Tank, DJ, Raffle,
Basketball Tournament and more!
Fun for all!

For tickets contact: Jay Brooks
jbbrooks@seamenschurch.org or
www.seamenschurch.org

To carpool to the festival, meet in the parking lot at St. Andrew's at 4:30 p.m. on July 28.

Outreach (Cont'd)



IHN Helpers needed at Faith Lutheran –

St. Andrew's is a partner with Faith Lutheran in their program to house the homeless about four

times a year. This program is a part of the Union County Interfaith Council for the Homeless network. St. Andrew's (IHN) contributes care bags and helps supply cooks and overnight hosts during the year. Cooking is an easy way to help and can involve your children who can benefit in many ways from helping serve the homeless. Also, groups from St. Andrew's may wish to help cook. Sleeping at Faith is also a most needed activity. Many people from St. Andrew's have done this over the years. Speak with Rick Anderson, Marlin White or Margaret Miano and they will tell you what is involved. Please contact Sarah White 908-464-8609 or Kim Delatour 908-464-1419 from Faith Lutheran if you are able to volunteer during the last week in October. -- Sarah White

Church and the Environment



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

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

Diesel emissions pose serious health threats in New Jersey! GreenFaith is asking Governor Corzine to extend the new diesel emissions reduction law by issuing an Executive Order requiring companies with state contracts to retrofit their diesel-powered on-road vehicles and construction equipment. The engine retrofits will

reduce diesel emissions. **Join us in calling for this step towards clean air.**

For more info contact Dawn Rivers, GreenFaith's Director of Programs at drivers@greenfaith.org or 732-565-7740.

Building and Grounds

Our Church Gratefully Acknowledges...

- 1) The generous gift towards a conference table for the Shreve Room, from David and Anne Marie Hannaford, members of our parish.
- 2) The generous gift of a conference table and six chairs, from Denise Preston, a member of our parish.
- 3) The generous gift of a dining table, buffet, and set of six chairs, from Marianne O'Malley, a former St. Andrew's School parent.
- 4) The generous gift of a new furnace for Kinderhaus (on Ethan Drive, where our Kindergarten is located), from Bernie Heer and Jean Lachowicz.
- 5) The generous gift towards new lighting in the church chancel, from Howard Dreizler and Carl Santiago.

Our thanks also to volunteers Dave Morris and Sheila Silverstein, who give their time and effort for our interiors, buildings and grounds, and to sexton Rafael Aguilar, who keeps our facilities clean and in good shape. (Congratulations to Raf, who was married on June 17th!)

GOSA NEWS

On June 11, three beautiful memorial plantings were added to the St. Francis Memorial Garden on the east side of the church. The bushes were

given in memory of Bruce Strasser, by his wife Pat Strasser, and also in memory of Maria Carratini (Carl Santiago's grandmother), by Clarice Milbrodt and Barbara Pape. Our gratitude goes out for these attractive donations. Watch for their blooms next spring.

Garden Work Parties - Our second Garden Gathering Work Party took place June 10, with people working in the gardens, planting flowers, mulching, weeding, pruning, and trimming. You invited to come out and join us in the gardens. Bring your gloves, and spend some time helping us make them more beautiful. Upcoming GOSA Second Saturday Green Thumb Work Parties **July 8, August 12.**

GOSA Meeting - Wednesday, **June 28**, 7:30 PM, in the Shreve Room. 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.

The St. Francis Memorial Garden fountain is back in service, after winter hibernation; thanks to GOSA members Jan Miller and Jim Conover. Jan and Jim have volunteered to maintain the fountain, throughout the season. If another parishioner would like to assist in this task, we always welcome helping hands. --Joyce Kern & Rick Anderson, Chairpersons

Special Event

Wine Tasting - The Fundraising Committee is on the move again. This time we need you to mark your calendars for **September 29th**. We are having a Wine Tasting at St. Andrews! There will be food, wine and good company. Some music, maybe baskets to admire and bid on, and hopefully a beautiful fall evening. So mark the 29th and I'm sure a good time will be had by all!
- Cathy Egan

Volunteers Needed

Office Volunteers Needed - Pick a day and time convenient to your schedule to help out in the office during the summer months answering the phone: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9 to 1 p.m., or 1 to 3 p.m., during July; 1 to 3 p.m. during June and August. Call Bridgett, 908-464-4875.

Adult & Youth Ushers wanted 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 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, the last month. 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 Anderson

Church Activities Photographer - St. Andrew's has a number of parish activities needing image media recordings. It would be great to have photos of baptisms; junior choir; Easter services; Children's Time during 10AM service; and other events. It would be nice if we had an active member of the parish, who enjoys photography; take photos of various church events throughout the year. These images could be stored, for use on posters, publicity, church website; and St. Andrew's historical archives. Anyone interested?
--Rick Anderson.



Calendar of Events July, August, September

July 28	8:00 p.m. Women's Group Meeting - PL
July 3 & 4	Church and School Offices closed
July 8	Gardener's of St. Andrew's (GOSA) Work day
July 12	1:30 p.m. Scripture Study Group – PL
July 15	8:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast Mtg. - PL
July 22	The Rev. William R. Beers, Ph.D. – Guest Preacher “Food for the Poor”
July 26	1:30 p.m. Scripture Study Group – PL
July 28	5-9:00 p.m. 14 th Annual Port Community Festival, International Seafarers' Center, Port Newark
July 30	8 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism
August 15	8:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast Mtg. - PL
August 9, 23	1:30 p.m. Scripture Study Group - PL
September 10	Welcome Back Sunday after the summer
September 29	Wine Tasting Fundraiser – Save the date!