



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

This month I am giving over my usual space to a letter to the parish from Mary Mingenback, treasurer, and Sue Wilson, senior warden. It is a letter of encouragement, hope and thanks.

— Fr. Kelley

At this time, last year, when the Vestry received the treasury report from Mary Mingenback, things didn't look very promising. The consensus was that if things didn't change, we might be closing the doors to St. Andrew's. Yes, it appeared that we had some money just sitting around doing nothing, but those who are familiar with accounting practices know that the endowment funds are restricted by donors to certain projects and cannot be moved to other areas of interest.

In January of this year, Father Kelley did something which was unusual for St. Andrew's and in fact, most Episcopal churches. He preached a sermon about money and particularly the dire situation we at St. Andrew's found ourselves facing.

As a result of this sermon, many of you stepped forward and increased your contributions. Thank you. Because of your generosity, this year people pledged almost \$16,000 more than in 2008. We also find ourselves taking \$10,500 from endowment (as of September 30) instead of the \$15,750 which we had budgeted. At the same time last year, \$29,500 was taken from endowment. In addition, we have received almost \$13,000 more in total receipts, compared to this time last year.

Yes, we still have some work to do, but things look promising.

We have seen people who come to church occasionally, and drop \$5.00 into the plate. The thinking is, "This will probably pay for any water, electricity, wine and wafers incurred by me today." We are grateful for the \$5.00, but need to be able to count on it each week so the wine and wafers can be ordered for the following Sunday.

In actuality, our church has \$139,456 budgeted for this year. This is money spent on essentials (heat, utilities, water, etc.) each and every month. In addition, the variables, such as flowers, religious education, church supplies, etc., run another \$11,227. We have also been holding the line on expenses. Compared to last year, the budget has been trimmed by more than \$6,000. We have reused church bulletins, shared Sunday School materials, lowered the heat, used greenery on the altar when flowers were not available and so on. It is amazing what you can do by eliminating a few dollars here and there.

This letter is not merely an explanation of our financial obligations, but also a "thank you" for those who give time as well as money. One never gives a thought to the members who work on the altar guild. They enter, do their jobs and leave without notice. How about the couple on the groom's side, who regularly drive a member to the doctor in Topeka? Then there are the men who replaced the old stove and see that the roof doesn't leak. Another person makes beautiful table toppers and quilts to auction.

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Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,
Rector of St. Andrew's

Taking a month to be thankful

During November, please consider writing notes of gratitude to people who've had a positive impact in your life. Make it a daily exercise if possible, but at least once a week. Think of how God has blessed you through others, and write a note of thanks to them. Some notes might go to family and close friends; others might go to people who haven't been in your life for years. This daily chance to reflect on God's abundance will bless you and will, further, bless those warmed by your notes.

Bring your *addressed, stamped* notes to church each Sunday and put them in the "NOTES OF GRATITUDE" box. We'll collect them through Sunday, Nov. 29, when we'll bless them with our other offerings and then take them to the post office.

(Note that if your envelopes aren't addressed and stamped, we won't be able to mail them. Please remember those little details!)

Welcome a brand-new Christian

Collin Moody, infant son of Luke and Lisa Moody, will mark All Saints' Day 2009 as his baptismal day. Collin's father and mother were confirmed during Bishop Dean Wolfe's visit to St. Andrew's in September.

Collin will have a special remembrance of this important day: a quilt handcrafted by Nancy Romine and Susan Brinkman.

Want a special quilt of your own?

A Friendship quilt from the creative imaginations and loving hands of Nancy Romine and Susan Brinkman will be going home with some lucky person. Chances to win the quilt are available for \$1 for one ticket. A \$5 donation brings six tickets.

The crib-size quilt will be given away in the spring, sometime between Easter Day and Mother's Day.

If you'd like to purchase chances – or to take chances to friends – let Karen in the office know (342-1537, office@standrewsemporia.org).



Blues & Barbecue draws a crowd

Toes tapped at St. Andrew's on Saturday, Oct. 26, during an evening of Blues & Barbecue. Ric Carson and Friends, a blues-rock-country musical ensemble, kept the beat going as guests chowed down on a variety of barbecued meats.

June Hubert, whose energy made Blues & Barbecue happen, attributed the event's success to a number of helpers: Cori Anderson, Anna Guiltner, Deborah Cotterman, Nick Jacob, Nancy Romine and Jacqueline Heckman-James, who prepared food for the evening. Nancy and Gary, with Lynn Bonney, helped out in the kitchen and Ariel Robello handled the ticket table and helped with set-up chores. Patrick Kelley served as the unofficial event photographer.

June noted that Ric not only performed, but also led the ticket-sales effort, selling 30 tickets to music lovers.



Ric Carson and Friends: Roger Redding, Ric; Tom McBride and Darrell Hammond.

Women take a break ...

The women of St. Andrew's have put their monthly luncheon program on hold for November and December. The luncheons, which are open to all women of the parish, will resume in January.

Check January's "Crossroads" for information about the time and place of the next get-together.

... as does First Friday

There'll be no First Friday gathering in November. Again, stay tuned for information about December's festivities.

Looking ahead

- Nov. 1** All Saints' Day. There will be a baptism this day. If you would like be baptized, please let Fr. Kelley know right away.
- Nov. 3-5** Gathering of Presbyters. Fr. Kelley will be in retreat with the bishop and priests of the diocese.
- Nov. 6** Church Women United will observe World Community Day at the First United Methodist Church. Fellowship time will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor; the program is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the chapel. All women are welcome.
- Nov. 12** Concert by the Mid-America Woodwind Quintet at 8 p.m.
- Nov. 12** Vestry meets at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome.
- Nov. 25** Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 29** Advent begins.
- Nov. 30** St. Andrew's Day celebration, 6 p.m.

Special events dot parish calendar

November and December are particularly busy months for St. Andrew's, with special feast days and services on the calendar.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: A Thanksgiving Eucharist will be celebrated at 6 p.m. There will be no community supper that evening.

Sunday, Nov. 29: Advent begins.

Monday, Nov. 30: St. Andrew's Day will be celebrated with Eucharist at 6 p.m. followed by a parish dinner to mark our patronal day. Information about the supper will be available later this month.

Thursday, Dec. 24: A family-friendly Christmas Eve Eucharist will begin at 5 p.m. The 8 p.m. Christ Mass will include incense.

Friday, Dec. 25: The low-key Christmas Day Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. As is our tradition, music on the vintage pump organ will provide an "old-fashioned" touch.

Instructed Eucharist planned for Nov. 15

Fr. Kelley will celebrate an instructed Eucharist on Nov. 15. A special service booklet will provide a running commentary on the Holy Eucharist, alongside the text from the Book of Common Prayer. Whether you are new to the Episcopal church or have been around for a while, you will find the instructed Eucharist a valuable tool for understanding the liturgy. If you have any questions you want to be sure Fr. Kelley answers, please submit them to him as soon as possible in writing to rector@standrewsemporia.org or on a piece of paper under the office door. You can even place them in the collection plate if you want—just write 'em down.



Lord, you gave Saint Margaret of Scotland a special love for the poor.

Let her example and prayers help us to become a living sign of your goodness.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

—The collect for the feast of St. Margaret of Scotland (1045-1093). Her feast day is Nov. 16..

Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

Nov. 2	Gould Garcia Amanda Schwenn
Nov. 3	Donna Eudaley Trish Weidert
Nov. 6	Anna Beth Gultner
Nov. 9	Ian Lackey Ashley Mitchell
Nov. 10	Helen Call
Nov. 11	Zoë Dyer
Nov. 13	Terri Conger Norma Gilpin
Nov. 14	Leigh Ann Crofoot Elizabeth First Craig Allen Marriott
Nov. 15	Brian Dyer
Nov. 21	Tom North
Nov. 26	Clifford Stewart
Nov. 27	Daniel Wayne Hendricks
Nov. 28	Mark Crofoot Hannah Harder

Baptisms

Nov. 1	Shanda Hendricks Collin Ross Moody Lucas Ray Moody
Nov. 4	Nolan Eugene Jacob
Nov. 6	Sarah Azzun Elijah Williams Julia Williams (reaffirmation) Kevin Williams Kira Williams
Nov. 9	Nancy Billings Cordill
Nov. 19	Eli Fowler
Nov. 22	Grady Fowler
Nov. 27	Carolyn Van Syoc

Confirmations

Nov. 15	Shirley Ebberts
Nov. 19	Dobby Bailey Don Bailey
Nov. 29	Ben Harbaugh Leigh Lingenfelter
Nov. 30	Terri Conger Seth Fowler

Confirmations, cont.

Mark Harder
Patrick Kelley
Tom Resch

Marriages

Nov. 25 Jamie and Katie Adams

We remember

Nov. 2	Gertrude Behymer Clair G. Bowen
Nov. 5	James Adlai Walker
Nov. 6	Guy C. Sickler
Nov. 9	Jeannette Price
Nov. 12	William A. Larkin
Nov. 14	Floy Johnson
Nov. 18	Marian Koger
Nov. 19	Jay Lynn Mendenhall
Nov. 20	Thomas R. Harris
Nov. 22	Ora Belle Blevens Jerri Lynn Waller Cheryl Ann Waller
Nov. 23	Fannie Klinkenberg Letilia Bradford Mullinix
Nov. 24	Bessie Loraine "Betty" Mendenhall
Nov. 25	Jim Teichgraeber
Nov. 26	Roger B. Samuelson Lucile Hill Uhley Perl C. Walker
Nov. 27	James David "J.D." Sims Drew Warren
Nov. 30	Esther Wilhite Larkin

Important date missing?

If your special date in November hasn't been included in the calendar, please let Karen in the church office know so she can add it to our listings. Email: office@standrewsemporia.org or phone 342-1537.

November Server Schedule

	Nov. 1 All Saints	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Nov. 30 Monday, 6 p.m. St. Andrew's Day	Dec. 6
Chalice bearer	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	G. Garcia	P. Kelley	J. Runge	J. Runge	S. McKinney
Priest server	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	P. Kelley
Crucifer	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	G. Mason	P. Kelley	G. Mason	J. Runge	G. Mason
Torch 1	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson	J. Crofoot	Christopher Anderson	J. Crofoot	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	P. Davis	P. Davis	A. Mitchell	E. Williams	A. Mitchell	J. Crofoot
Lector	M. Harrell	M. Amend	J. Runge	L. Bonney	J. Runge	M. Mingenback	M. Amend
Intercessor	L. Bonney	M. Mingenback	B. Barnes	M. Mingenback	M. Harrell	L. Bonney	B. Clamurro
Nursery 1	S. Brinkman	J. Williams	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	L. Lingenfelter	N. Jacob	J. Hubert
Nursery 2	J. Scheuerman	L. Lingenfelter	A. Jacob	S. Brinkman	J. Scheuerman	A. Jacob	S. Brinkman
Greeter 1	J. Hubert	D. Mai	J. Hubert	D. Mai	J. Hubert	B. Clamurro	D. Mai
Greeter 2	N. Romine	S. Mai	E. First	S. Mai	E. First	G. Mason	S. Mai
LEV 1	P. Kelley	G. Mason	J. Hubert	S. McKinney	G. Mason	----	P. Kelley
LEV 2	L. Bonney	S. McKinney	B. Barnes	L. Bonney	S. McKinney	----	J. Hubert
Altar Guild	Pontius, Mai	Mitchell, Mitchell	Gilpin, Weidert, Basler	Garcia, Barnes, Bailey	Pontius, Mai		Mitchell, Mitchell

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

From the Rector, cont.

Someone opens the church and makes coffee each Sunday. Another member, who can't stand for long periods of time, invented herself two much needed sitting jobs. So many tasks are taken for granted. We only miss them when they aren't done.

Don't forget that when you have questions you can ask members of the vestry or attend a vestry meeting. The times are announced in the Crossroads and the Sunday bulletins.

It takes all of us to keep the doors open and the blessings flowing. Thank you for your help.

—Mary Mingenback, treasurer

—Sue Wilson, senior warden

Grandpa's badge makes Eagle ceremony special

Congratulations, Nick

Proud grandmother Diane Valentine and proud uncle Tim Valentine were on hand on Oct. 18 as Nicholas Michael Casertano received his Eagle Scouting rank in a court of honor at Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield, Mo. Parishioner Gary Mason also attended the ceremony.

Nick wore an Eagle badge first worn by his paternal grandfather, the Rev. Larry Valentine, who earned his Eagle rank in April 1954 in Wisconsin. Fr. Valentine willed the badge to Nick.

Lose a missionary; gain a canon

As the diocese gets a new canon, St. Andrew's will be doing without the services of the Rev. Craig Loya, campus missionary for this part of Kansas. Fr. Craig was installed as the new canon to the ordinary on Oct. 24, during the annual diocesan convention in Topeka.

Fr. Craig has played a big part in helping our campus ministry program grow and thrive. In addition, he has been at St. Andrew's some Sunday mornings to celebrate and preach in Fr. Kelley's absence.

Woodwind Quintet here on Nov. 12

The Mid-America Woodwind Quintet will perform a concert at St. Andrew's at 7:30 on Nov. 12. A freewill offering will be taken. Featured will be the music of Frackenphol, Francaix, Grainger and Wilder. Our own Bill Clamurro is a member of the ensemble.

Fr. Kelley to attend meeting

Fr. Kelley will be out of town Nov. 3, 4 and 5 to attend a meeting of the College of Presbyters. The Nov. 4 supper will follow Evening Prayer.

Banns of Marriage

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Anna Beth Gultner of Emporia and John Clinton Brownlee of Emporia. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. This is the first time of asking.

(signed) Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II

Banner displayed



Our parish banner was displayed at the diocesan convention in Topeka Oct. 23-24. Shown here are Fr. Kelley and Carolyn Lackey, and delegate Lynn Bonney, alternate Pat Kelley and delegate Jim Heasley.

Animals Blessed

Bill North was among those braving the cold and damp weather to bring their pets to be blessed in honor of St. Francis on Oct. 7. The animals (and their human companions) moved into the nave due to the weather.



Updating the parish directory

It is time to prepare a new directory for parish use. It will not be a photo directory this time, but we do need to ask for all your contact information again to be sure everything we have is up to date. Please complete the form below or inserted in this Crossroads. There are also cards on the table in the hall. Your updated information is also welcome, but the deadline for getting into the next published directory is Dec. 1.

Information for Parish Directory

Please complete the following information for our parish directory. Please duplicate this form as needed. We need a separate form for every person in your household.

Full Name (Please print all information) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Landline phone _____ Suppress from public directory? Yes _____ No _____

Work phone _____ Suppress from public directory? Yes _____ No _____

Cell phone _____ Suppress from public directory? Yes _____ No _____

Preferred phone for contacting you: landline _____ work _____ cell _____

E-Mail _____ Suppress from public directory? Yes _____ No _____

For office use only

Facebook? Yes _____ No _____

Birthday _____ Wedding anniversary _____ Date of baptism (if known) _____

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November 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the December Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it by noon that day to office@standrewsemporia.org.

**Visit the parish website at
www.StAndrewsEmporia.org**



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