



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

### Church and Money

To be a member of an Episcopal congregation in good standing one needs to meet three criteria. One has his or her baptism registered in the parish records. One is a faithful and regular communicant in the parish. And finally, one is a giver of record who has made an annual pledge of some amount to the operating budget of the parish.

It is that time of year when the church talks about money and collects pledge cards. I have discovered that, in general, Episcopalians seem to feel awkward talking about money in relationship to our spiritual lives. I suspect that this comes from two basic experiences: Either we don't want to sully our spiritual lives with the notion of money. Or we feel embarrassed by the level that we give back to the church. As a priest I have discovered that most people seem to be more comfortable talking with me about their chemical addictions, marital problems, private ailments, criminal records and character flaws, than they do about money. I think that says a lot about our culture and the relationship that Americans have with financial wealth and economic status.

In previous times it was customary for the giver and the church treasurer to be the only people who knew what parishioners gave to their congregation. However in recent years, many priests have chosen to know the pledge amounts of each member of the parish. This is true at St. Andrew's. I think it is important for a parish priest to know who gives what, not so that the bigger givers get more attention from me, but because it is an indicator of each person's spiritual health and circumstances. Jesus reminds us that

where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. As I try to look at what each of you gives in proportion to what you gave in previous years and what you seem to spend on other things, I begin to see trends in your relationship with God and at what level you are invested in the life and mission of this parish family. Remember the story of the widow's mite and that sometimes a small dollar amount may reflect more of a sacrifice from those with very little income than a five figure pledge from someone who is giving far less of a percentage of what they have (*Mark 12:41-44 & Luke 21:1-4*).

What each of us gives says something about how we see God in relationship to everything else in our lives. If time equals money then it follows that money equals time, the time that God has given us to live and work and give back to the source of our existence, health, and abilities. Therefore, giving part of our income back reminds us who the source of our time and strength is. When we are intentional about giving back to God first, we acknowledge that we are not self-creating individuals but beloved children dependent on the source of our being. We are saying that our faith in God's love and goodness in our lives is stronger than any of the fears and distractions that pull us farther away from God. When we make our pledge to God as an afterthought to be paid if we have anything left at the end of the month, we say something about the place God has in our lives as well.

With this in mind, especially in uncertain economic times, a pledge card to our church becomes more than just a function of paying the church's bills. A completed pledge card says that our faith in God is greater than our fear of circumstances. Filling out a pledge

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**Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,  
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## Parish Life has planned a lively year for St. Andrew's ...

Members of the Parish Life team have gotten together and planned a year's worth of activities for the St. Andrew's parish family. Beginning with the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 5 and going straight through to August 2012 and our Back-to-School party with blessings for backpacks and book bags, there's lots to look forward to.

Parish Life folks don't do everything on their own, of course, and parishioners will be invited to sign up to attend activities and to contribute goodies for special occasions. Parish Life's chair, David Mai, is super about posting sign-up sheets on the parish-hall doors and letting everyone know what's needed.

Anyone who's interested in becoming part of the Parish Life team is welcome to talk with David – when it comes to celebrations, the more the merrier! His phone number is 620-343-1429.

## ... and that includes coffee hours

A reminder that coffee hour is a vital part of Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's. Check the calendar on the kitchen counter for open dates and volunteer to be the host for the after-worship fellowship.

If you can provide goodies, but can't work in the kitchen, perhaps you can find a friend who'll share the duties. (And you've probably noticed that there always seem to be plenty of volunteers ready to lend a hand when it comes to cleaning up.)

## Remembering our saints

The tradition for All Saints' Day is to read aloud the names of deceased loved ones who have been saints in the lives of St. Andrew's parishioners. This will be part of the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist on Nov. 6, All Saints' Sunday.

On page 7 in this issue of Crossroads, you'll find a form for listing names of those who have been important to you and your family. Please return your completed form to the office by noon on Thursday, Oct. 27.

A few notes about making certain that readers pronounce the names correctly:

Please print each name correctly and include a phonetic spelling for any name that is even a bit unusual.

(Friends and family don't have trouble once they know the names, but an unusual name may be puzzling to a reader who isn't acquainted with the person who's being remembered.)

Remember that we don't use titles – Mrs., St., Rev., Dr., and so on.

Please be willing to be a reader. As the list of names grows, more readers are needed. You don't have to be a speech-maker or have theatrical experience; just read the names with love.

## Barbara MacGregor leaves Emporia, St. Andrew's



Longtime parishioner Barbara MacGregor has moved to Lawrence. Her father, Stan Hagan, was the architect of our 1928 building and Sarah Harbaugh is her granddaughter. To commemorate her years at St. Andrew's, Barbara will be receiving a sketch of our building, signed by many of the folks who have worked and worshipped with her.

One thing about our traditional "parting gift": Several people who have received it have wound up moving back to Emporia and returning to St. Andrew's. We're not sure what special qualities the sketch may have, but it's been remarkably successful at bringing people home.

We wish Barbara well in her new home and will keep her in our prayers. And we're ready to welcome her back if the sketch works its magic.

## Looking ahead

- Wednesday, Oct. 5**     Blessing of the animals. We'll celebrate the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi with the traditional blessing of the animals. Folks from First Congregational Church and their pets will be joining us for the occasion. Please be sure that your companion animal is leashed, crated or muzzled, as needed, and join us at 6 p.m. for the blessing. Plan to stick around for a soup supper, prepared by Parish Life and other willing volunteers, with desserts supplied by our guests!
- Thursday, Oct. 13**     The vestry will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend vestry meetings.
- Thursday, Oct 27**     Noon deadline for submitting names to be read during our All Saints observance on Sunday, Nov. 6. (See article elsewhere in this issue of Crossroads for more details.)
- Monday, Oct. 31**     Happy Halloween! First Baptist Church has invited the children of St. Andrew's to join in a Halloween celebration. Details will be provided to our Christian education students and their parents. This is our first "ecumenical" Halloween party and we hope as many of "our" kids as possible will attend. This event is at First Baptist, 8th and Constitution, *not* at St. Andrew's.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2**     Evening Prayer will be said instead of the Eucharist in Fr. Kelley's absence. Supper follows, as usual. Fr. Kelley will be at the Gathering of Presbyters with Bishop Wolfe from Nov. 1 to 3.
- Thursday, Nov. 3**     ESU woodwind quintet will hold a concert here at 7:30. Watch for more details.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30**     St. Andrew's Day!

Morning Prayer is read at 7 a.m. each Wednesday. Evening Prayer is read at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. A casual Eucharist begins at 6 p.m. each Wednesday, followed by dinner and fellowship.

### St. Andrew's thanks...

... *Grant Geis and Melissa Coleman and Ross and Ali Crofoot*, who spearheaded another successful garage sale as part of the Great American Market. Thanks, too, to all who volunteered, especially Leigh Ann Crofoot and Bill Barnes. (When it comes to mixing business efficiency with snappy patter, we'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who outshines Bill.)

... *Cade Amend and June Hubert*, who helped organize this year's CROP Walk, which raises money to fight hunger in our community and around the world. Thanks to everyone who walked and everyone who pledged money to the walkers.

... *Sue Wilson and Jacque Heckman-James*, who put together a Christian-education program that will teach our children about Jesus' love for them. Thanks, too, to the cadre of parishioners who are volunteering their time to teach a few sessions, to show the children how important they are to the life of St. Andrew's.

... *Jordan Kline*, who led the way in making changes to our nursery to make sure that it's safe for our little ones (and that it meets state requirements for child care).

... *Kira Pearce*, who is taking charge of our college fellowship's project of providing food for Emporia public school pupils who may not have enough to eat on weekends, when their school isn't serving breakfasts and lunches. Look for the box outside the parish hall and help the students supply snack bars, fruit leathers, cereals and other foods that will fit unobtrusively into a backpack.



Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now. — *From the writings of Teresa of Avila, also known as St. Teresa of Jesus. She lived from 1515 to 1582 and was the first woman saint to be declared a Doctor of the Church. She is commemorated on Oct. 15.*

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office at [office@standrewsemporia.org](mailto:office@standrewsemporia.org) or 620-342-1537.

## Milestones

### *In our daily prayers we celebrate*

#### **Births**

Oct. 2	Janet Ayres Michelle Pauley
Oct. 8	Kelley Fowler Eddie Gilpin
Oct. 9	Mark Harder
Oct. 10	Larry DeBauge
Oct. 11	June Hubert Benjamin Wiebeck
Oct. 14	Judy Calhoun Kira Pearce
Oct. 15	Jacque Heckman-James
Oct. 16	Jenny Harder Amy Williamson
Oct. 17	Dobby Bailey DeLores Johnson Brian McCracken
Oct. 19	Nancy Cordill
Oct. 21	Ben Harbaugh
Oct. 23	John McCracken Shirley Schoap
Oct. 27	Nancy Wilhelmson
Oct. 30	Christopher Anderson Patrick Davis Jaimee Foster Carolyn Martin
Oct. 31	Jacob Moore

#### **Baptisms**

Oct. 7	Nancy Pontius
Oct. 13	Bob Basler
Oct. 17	Ruthann Resch
Oct. 28	Gloria Stewart

#### **Confirmations**

Oct. 8	Shirley Crist
Oct. 20	Anna Basler Bob Basler
Oct. 21	Elaine Edwards Mary Mingenback Tom North

#### **Marriages**

Oct. 1	Eddie and Nancy Gilpin
Oct. 5	Clifford and Gloria Stewart
Oct. 8	Harry and Eleda Bird
Oct. 15	Fred and Pat Adams

### **We remember**

Oct. 2	William Drescher
Oct. 3	Edith Gray Sarah Thomas
Oct. 4	Rebecca Johnson
Oct. 6	Jacob Rothfelder Emma Stowe
Oct. 9	Lena Jones Gladys Pantler
Oct. 10	Marian Howard
Oct. 12	Isabell Gunkel
Oct. 13	Helen Samuelson
Oct. 15	Benjamin Jones Esther Teichgraeber
Oct. 18	Deanna Hawes
Oct. 19	Mabel Olin
Oct. 20	Marge Frick
Oct. 22	Maggie Ackenhansen Ruth Hamble
Oct. 25	Norma Jones Sylvester Kufahl
Oct. 26	Ruth Hazel Jensen Patricia Jenuine
Oct. 27	Catherine Austin
Oct. 28	A.L. Lewis
Oct. 29	Bessie Russell
Oct. 30	Francis Dotson Lydia McCollough

## **Sunday readings for October**

Oct. 2, the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 5:1-7, Ps. 80:7-14, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46.

Oct. 9, the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 25:1-9, Ps. 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

Oct. 16, the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Isaiah 45:1-7, Ps. 96:1-9, I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.

Oct. 23, the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, I Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 23:34-46.

Oct. 30, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Micah 3:5-12, Ps. 43, I Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-12.

# October Server Schedule

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30	November 6
<b>Chalice bearer</b>	G. Garcia	J. Runge	G. Garcia	P. Davis	G. Garcia	P. Davis
<b>Priest server</b>	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell
<b>Crucifer</b>	G. Mason	J. Runge	G. Mason	P. Davis	G. Mason	P. Davis
<b>Torch 1</b>	C. Lackey	C. Amend	A. Mitchell	C. Amend	A. Mitchell	C. Amend
<b>Torch 2</b>	-open-	J. Crofoot	-open-	J. Crofoot	-open-	J. Crofoot
<b>Lector</b>	M. Amend	J. Brownlee	B. Clamurro	J. Runge	M. Amend	J. Brownlee
<b>Intercessor</b>	-open-	B. Barnes	M. Harrell	L. Bonney	-open-	M. Harrell
<b>Greeter 1</b>	B. Clamurro	A. Brownlee	B. Clamurro	-open-	D. Mai	A. Brownlee
<b>Greeter 2</b>	-open-	N. Romine	J. Hubert	-open-	S. Mai	-open-
<b>LEV 1</b>	G. Mason	S. McKinney	J. Hubert	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	J. Hubert
<b>LEV 2</b>	-open-	B. Barnes	-open-	B. Barnes	G. Mason	-open-
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gilpin/Basler /Weidert	Mitchell /Mitchell	Garcia/Barnes/ Bailey	Pontius/Mai	Gilpin/Basler /Weidert	Mitchell /Mitchell

**Please remember that you are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to serve**

## **From the Rector, cont.**

card to our church reminds us of what degree we see God as the source and lord of our lives as opposed to our being self-creating and separate beings from him.

Carolyn and I have committed ourselves to the tithe, that is, the practice of making a budget and giving, as a minimum, the first 10% of our household income back to our parish. We have done this for the past several years and now we would not do it any other way. Before we committed ourselves to giving back the first 10% of our income to St. Andrew's, we went farther and farther into debt, our marriage was strained, and fear was the primary motivator of most of our money decisions. As soon as we started tithing to the church, things came into order, we began to pay off debt and our life and checkbook were managed by the knowledge of God's goodness in our lives. While you may be anxious about tithing right off the bat, I would invite you to move toward 10% year by year and see how your life becomes more ordered and peace-filled.

Soon you will receive your pledge card. There won't be multiple mailings or pestering. There will be one follow-up contact to anyone who hasn't returned their pledge card by the date listed and that will be it. We will bless the pledges at the 10:45 Eucharist on November 6. When you get your card, prayerfully consider what you have and what its ultimate source is. Prayerfully consider what your priorities in life are and whether what you give back to God's work through this parish family reflects those priorities. Every member of this church should pledge something. Some of us should pledge a whole lot more than we do. Whatever you give, let a prayerful conscience be your guide.

**Pax Christi,  
Kelley+**

## **Flowers for Sundays**

Flowers on the altar are given by parishioners in thanksgiving, commemoration, or memory of a loved one. Except during Lent and Advent, flowers are always appropriate.

If you would like to contribute to our worship service with flowers, please let Karen in the office know (324-1537 or office@standrewsemporia.org) so she can order them. The cost, which can be shared with others donors, is \$40 and up for each of two bouquets.

## **From the Vestry**

The task of replacing the inside doors to the nave has begun, directed by Rick Mitchell, junior warden. The new doors will be glass, allowing people to feel a part of St. Andrew's as soon as they enter the building. They'll be a memorial to the Rev. Roger Jack Bunday, who served as rector of St. Andrew's from 1972 to 1984, and who'd certainly be pleased to know that the doors will allow us to be more energy-efficient, as well as more welcoming.

The stewardship program, directed by Jacque Heckman-James, is beginning this month. The vestry is preparing information for all parishioners to guide them as they consider their pledge for 2012. Please spend time talking with God and your family about how you can support your parish during the coming year.

## **Kitchen is searching for a few good pans ... cups and spoons, too**

The kitchen at St. Andrew's is a busier place every week, as the Wednesday night supper crowd increases and our parish hall becomes more popular for use by diocesan groups and community organizations.

Of course, coffee hours are attracting bigger crowds, too – a result of steady attendance at the 10:45 Eucharist on Sunday mornings.

Our wonderful cooks have realized that the kitchen could use a few items – saucepans with lids (including some smaller-size saucepans) and sets of measuring cups and measuring spoons, made of metal, not plastic. If you have spare saucepans or measuring instruments in your kitchen, they'll find a happy home at St. Andrew's.

If you're willing to purchase any of these needed implements, please talk with Donna Eudaley (620-342-1264) or Sue McKinney (620-342-8010) And if you can't touch base with Donna or Sue, leave a note with Karen Whittlesey in the office.

## **Our prayer list**

In times of suffering, need, and thanksgiving, it is appropriate to include the name of yourself or a loved one on our prayer list. Names are read during the Prayers of the People and at morning and evening prayer for four weeks, unless you request an extension.

Prayer cards are at the back of the nave and on the table in the hall. Please feel free to use them as you need.



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**Nick Jacob—Senior Warden**  
**Rick Mitchell—Junior Warden**  
**Brian Dyer**  
**Jacque Heckman-James**  
**Patrick Kelley**  
**Jordan Kline**  
**Sue McKinney**  
**Nancy Pontius**  
**Sue Wilson**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday, 9-noon  
other hours by appointment

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message through our website at [StAndrewsEmporia.org](http://StAndrewsEmporia.org).

October 20 is the deadline for  
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the November Crossroads.  
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