



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

Printed in this newsletter are the minutes of our parish's most recent annual meeting. It is important to keep the church's house in order by occasionally looking at what we have been doing as a congregation and reviewing our finances. However, it can be easy to slip into a consumer mentality where the church is concerned without keeping the bigger purpose in mind. Annual meetings tend to bring out this type of thinking in the church. So what is the purpose of all this stuff we do as the church?

Many folks come to me and tell me what they want for the church. Here are some of the common things I hear. "I want to see us do more good deeds in the community by helping the poor." "I want to see more people in church on Sunday morning." "I want us to raise more money for the church budget." "I want us to have more programs for kids." "I want us to save our money for an emergency." "I want us to start a program for neighborhood youth." "I want to see the priest do more evangelism." "I want to see the priest try to get old members back to church." "I love the new sign." "I hate the new sign." "I want us to have more contemporary music at the Eucharist." "I want us to have more traditional music at the Eucharist." And the list goes on and on.

Looking at budgets and hearing reports get at bits and pieces of the life of the church but does it get to the heart of the matter? Yes, all of these concerns are legitimate, but are any of them the main purpose for our existence as St. Andrew's?

We are commanded by our Lord to care for the poor, the weak and the lonely. However, we can get into a social service mentality about this task and see social injustice and

poverty as foes to conquer. If we come to church to do this, we are sunk before we start. Jesus also reminds us that we "always have the poor with [us], but [we] do not always have [him]." (John 12:8) As poorly as our government welfare system may be managed, it does a much better job at it than the church does. The church is not a welfare organization. While caring for the "least of these" is a critical part of our call, it is not the final purpose of our being.

What preacher doesn't feel gratified to look out from the pulpit and see a packed church! Those times when there is a full house, I feel a certain sense of pride and strength standing before the assembly. Nevertheless, it is easy to get butts in pews. All I need to do is make a controversy in the larger community. It is as easy as getting a gimmick and soon we would have a crowd. Every time Jesus showed up and performed a miracle, the crowds would come running. I wonder how many of them wandered off as he began to preach though? Crowds decrease dramatically once the gimmick becomes boring and the main message is at hand.

Church services should engage the congregation. But let's get something clear. We don't get together to be entertained. You are not an audience, you are a congregation. There is a big difference between the two. The musicians and I are not here to entertain you. We are here to lead you as a group in worship of God almighty. Worship, that is, ascribing worth to God, and being entertained are in some ways at opposite ends of the spectrum. If anyone is the audience for worship, it is God, not the congregation.

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

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish

The 140th annual meeting of the parish was held on Sunday, Jan. 23 following the 10:45 liturgy and lunch. The minutes of that meeting follow.

The Rev. Kelley J. Lackey II convened the 140th annual meeting of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Emporia, at 12:40 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, in the parish hall. Fr. Kelley led prayers in memory of those who had died in the previous year: John Robert (JR) Wilhelmson and Elizabeth (Liz) Hollar.

On Fr. Kelley's recommendation, Patrick Kelley moved and Jacqueline Heckman-James seconded, that Karen Whittlesey be minute-taker. Motion passed. On the motion of Sue McKinney, seconded by Colleen Mitchell, the minutes of the 2010 annual meeting were unanimously approved.

Fr. Kelley recognized June Hubert's service to the vestry of St. Andrew's as she leaves that ministry. June was away and could not attend the meeting. Fr. Kelley asked that the applause for June be noted in the minutes.

On the motion of Jim Heasley, seconded by Jacqueline Heckman-James, parishioners voted to dispense with paper ballots and elect new vestry members by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Brian Dyer was elected to complete the remaining year of Cori Anderson's term; Cori had resigned in the fall. Jordan Kline, Sue Wilson and Patrick Kelley were elected to three-year terms, 2011 until annual meeting of 2014. Fr. Kelley has selected Nick Jacob to serve as senior warden; vestry members have chosen Rick Mitchell as junior warden. Fr. Kelley explained that while the senior warden acts as the priest's advisor and steps in during times of crisis in the priest's absence, it is the duty of the junior warden to be the people's warden, someone who is aware of the needs, aspirations and expectations of the people. Often it is the case at St. Andrew's that the junior warden has the ability and skills to care for the building and grounds and by default has taken on this responsibility, but the junior warden should see to building community, not the building itself. Fr. Kelley asked how we as a community can care our building, freeing the junior warden to be the people's warden.

Patrick Kelley nominated Sue McKinney to serve as convention delegate until the end of 2012. After no one was nominated to serve as an alternate, Patrick explained the responsibilities and privileges of serving as a delegate. Trish Weidert, who is currently serving as an alternate, said in the years she has been an alternate, she has not attended diocesan convention or the Northwest convocation, because the delegates have always been able to go. Brian Dyer then nominated himself. Gould Garcia moved that Sue and Brian be elected, Gary Mason seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Fr. Kelley noted that reports from the rector, both wardens and committee chairs were available in the annual meeting booklet and would not be read aloud. Anyone with comments or questions were offered an opportunity to make them.

Sarah Kidder and Kira Pearce were recognized as our campus peer ministers and they presented a slide presentation of what our ESU students have been doing during the year, including baking cookies together, sharing a meal and social time at someone's home every other Sunday, and enjoying the Wednesday night Eucharists and community meals. Fr. Kelley noted that several members of the parish who are not students enjoy being with them on these occasions and how much the students themselves cherish this time in worship and fellowship with them. He noted by name some of the Wednesday night regulars and encouraged all parishioners to come to church on a Wednesday evening. He thanked the loyal Wednesday night cooks, who provide what Sarah called "the one good meal a week we students can count on."

Treasurer Mary Mingenback reported on parish financial activity during the past year. She said we are in a "positive place." She noted that the vestry has combined the various memorial funds into one fund. The names of those memorialized with monetary gifts are recognized on a plaque. St. Andrew's has been fortunate in receiving generous yields from the Larkin Trust during the past year, but Mary says the trust may not do as well this year.

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Looking ahead

- Sunday, Feb. 6** Loose offering and designated checks are reserved for the parish's ongoing support of Jazel Marie.
- Thursday, Feb. 10** Vestry meets at 6 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please note the new time for vestry meetings.
- Sunday, Feb. 20** Bishop Dean Wolfe will be with us for Confirmation and a parish luncheon. If you can make chili or a pie or shop for "go-withs" for the luncheon, please talk with David Mai of Parish Life.
- Tuesday, Feb. 22** The women of the parish will gather at Amanda's Bakery and Café for their monthly luncheon. All women are invited to attend, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and staying as long as schedules permit. (Men and children have joined in for past luncheons, so don't be afraid to bring a spouse, friend or child.)
- Sunday, Feb. 27** Loose change and designated checks are reserved for the support of St. Andrew's outreach programs, in Emporia and the larger community.
- Friday, March 4** Church Women United will observe World Day of Prayer with a service open to all women in the community. Check the bulletin board for time and place.

St. Andrew's thanks ...

... our sisters and brothers of Sacred Heart Church for their hospitality at the service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and their invitation to supper afterwards. The tradition continues!

... Abigail Nolan, Ari, Ian Lackey and Kathryn Lackey for taking charge of the collection on Jan. 16 to honor Jazel Marie, our "adopted" child.

... members of the Parish Life committee and other volunteers who provided hearty chili and delicious pies for the luncheon during Bishop Wolfe's visit.

St. Andrew's congratulates ...

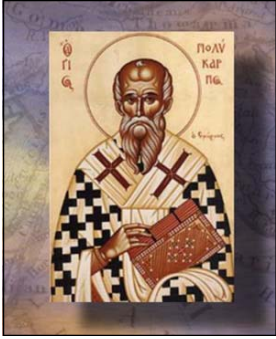
... Ross Crofoot and Allison Barnhill, married Jan. 8 at St. Andrew's.

... John Gilmore and Erin Reilly, married Jan. 15 at the Granada Theatre.

... Carolyn Martin and Dennis Murphy, married Jan. 22 at St. Andrew's.



June Hubert helps Oliver Kline blow out a candle for Jazel Marie at a birthday party held for her on Jan. 16. Amir Robello, Kathryn Lackey and Ian Lackey enjoyed the party with them. They and the other Sunday School children made birthday cards. Sue Wilson sent pictures and the cards to Jazel Marie in the Philippines.



Let us then continually persevere in our hope, and the earnest of our righteousness, which is Jesus Christ, "who bore our sins in His own body on the tree," "who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth," but endured all things for us, that we might live in Him. Let us then be imitators of His patience; and if we suffer for His name's sake, let us glorify Him. For He has set us this example in Himself, and we have believed that such is the case.
 —From the letter of Polycarp of Smyrna, to the Philippians.
 Polycarp, who was martyred about 155 CE, was perhaps a disciple of the Apostle John. His feast day is celebrated February 23.

Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

Feb. 1	Allie Mitchell
Feb. 5	Ray Call
Feb. 6	Emily Graves
Feb. 7	Hwang Sook Yun
Feb. 11	Glen Gilpin
Feb. 13	Colleen Mitchell Bill North
Feb. 15	Jared Kline
Feb. 17	Carolyn VanSyoc Mike Weidert
Feb. 21	Carolyn Lackey
Feb. 22	Gloria Stewart
Feb. 23	Leigh Lingenfelter David Mai Elijah Williams
Feb. 25	Chris Anderson
Feb. 27	Justin Davis
Feb. 28	Barbara Walker

Baptisms

Feb. 3	Zoë Dyer
Feb. 6	Patrick Davis
Feb. 11	Jaimee Foster
Feb. 14	Will Dyer
Feb. 27	Dave Hendricks
Feb. 28	Ron Roerig

Confirmations

Feb. 2	Jake McCracken Nancy Romine Jean Runge (received) Cyndi Valentine
Feb. 6	Douglas Amend Marged Amend Emily Ayers Justin Davis Chase Harder Hannah Harder Kelby Harrell Jeff Hawes Ashley Mitchell Blake Mitchell Jennifer North Betsy Wright
Feb. 23	June Hubert

Marriages

Feb. 3	Arnold and Linda Graham
Feb. 10	Bob and Karen Henderson
Feb. 19	Chuck and Diana Moore
Feb. 28	Bob and Anna Basler

We remember

Feb. 1	Mabel Scott
Feb. 3	Bernice Hagan
Feb. 4	Opal Glasgow James Spears
Feb. 5	William Lucas Harry Yates
Feb. 6	Lyman Thayer
Feb. 7	Leo Conwell Roscoe Mendenhall Donetta Resch
Feb. 8	Robert Howell
Feb. 10	Harry Higgins
Feb. 11	Thomas McCullough
Feb. 12	Ann Haywood
Feb. 15	Nettie Resch
Feb. 16	Maurine Warren
Feb. 17	Bill Miles
Feb. 18	Clarence Smalley
Feb. 19	Floyd Maher
Feb. 20	Maurene Ore
Feb. 21	Maurine Lauderback James Wilson
Feb. 23	Frank Griffin
Feb. 25	William Firth
Feb. 26	Willa Story
Feb. 28	Clarence Kraum

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

February Server Schedule

	Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20 Bishop's visit	Feb. 27	March 6	March 9 Ash Wed. 6 p.m.	March 13
Chalice bearer	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	R. Mitchell	P. Davis
Priest server	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	P. Kelley
Crucifer	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	G. Mason	P. Davis
Torch 1	C. Brockelman	J. Crofoot	C. Brockelman	J. Crofoot	C. Amend	A. Mitchell	C. Amend
Torch 2	G. Mason	C. Amend	G. Mason	A. Mitchell	C. Brockelman	-open-	G. Mason
Lector	M. Harrell	N. Romine	M. Mingenback	M. Amend	J. Brownlee	J. Runge	M. Amend
Inter-cessor	J. Runge	L. Bonney	L. Bonney	M. Harrell	B. Barnes	M. Mingenback	M. Harrell
Nursery 1	S. Brinkman	-open-	S. Brinkman	N. Jacob	-open-	-open-	N. Jacob
Nursery 2	-open-	-open-	-open-	A. Jacob	-open-	-open-	A. Jacob
Greeter 1	N. Romine	D. Mai	N. Romine	L. Bonney	B. Clamurro	-open-	D. Mai
Greeter 2	B. Clamurro	S. Mai	-open-	-open-	A. Brownlee	-open-	S. Mai
LEV 1	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	G. Mason	P. Kelley	B. Barnes	--	J. Hubert
LEV 2	P. Kelley	-open-	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	-open-	--	
Altar Guild	Garcia/ Barnes/Bailey	Pontius/Mai	Mitchell/ Mitchell	Gilpin/Basler/ Weidert	Garcia/Barnes/ Bailey	Garcia/ Barnes/Bailey	Pontius/Mai

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

From the Rector, cont.

Oftentimes it seems that the church is mistaken for a country club. We are under the mistaken assumption that it is a polite society where we casually socialize and then return to our homes. We feel that we are not supposed to be made to feel uncomfortable by moving beyond our own social borders or political alliances. And yet, the church is called to be a community.

So I have shot down most of the main assumptions about what the church is supposed to be. What are we called to be then? Each of these assumptions about the church participates in a larger concept that Jesus constantly preached about. In fact, I would argue that it was the only thing that Jesus preached about. That concept is the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is a new order in Christ in which all Christians are called to participate. It involves caring for the poor. But that is not the end all, be all. It involves bringing in the masses. But butts in seats is just the beginning, not the goal. It involves being spiritually fed and strengthened. But we are to be nourished for a larger purpose beyond just feeling good.. It involves coming together as a loving community. But it is to be a community that moves us more intimately into the lives of each other, including, and especially, those who are different from us.

I am thankful that I see signs of the Kingdom of God throughout our common life as St. Andrew's. I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to move among us to bring us more fully into that Kingdom.

In the end, it is important for us to take a step back and ask ourselves what the purpose of the church is supposed to be, what is the real purpose of the annual meeting. If a congregation doesn't know what its main reason for being is, it will slide into a trajectory of diminishing busy work, budgets, and reports, that leads to an inevitable death. Focusing on bits and pieces can only lead to the disintegration that is a sign of death. The continuing proclamation of Christ through his body, the church, is the same message he preached 2000 years ago. The Kingdom of God continues to be the way that brings new life more abundantly.

Pax,
Kelley+

Fr. Kelley will write more about the Kingdom of God in his column next month.

Parish Meeting, cont.

The budget reflects \$105,200 in pledges, a decrease from \$120,400 in 2010. With significant unrestricted gifts during the year, the total receipts were more than \$7000 above budget. She warned, however, that we cannot count on gifts every year. Fixed costs were up only slightly from last year. Variable costs were below budget.

The 2011 proposed budget shows a deficit of \$37,700. After transferring \$20,000 from the endowment monies and carrying forward the cash on hand, there will still be a deficit of \$13,300, which must be met. Mary noted that translates to about \$3000 a week. Doug Amend suggested that if all pledging units upped their pledges by \$20 a week, the deficit would be met.

Fr. Kelley noted that the use endowment funds for basic operating expenses should be discontinued; he said that, like using crutches until you are able to walk on your own, endowment funds are crutches to be used until the parish can meet its ongoing expenses with pledges and gifts. When that happens, he said, there is money available for things like scholarships for parishioners wanting to participate in the Kansas to Kenya (K2K) mission trips.

On the motion of Doug Amend, seconded by Patrick Kelley, the budget proposal was unanimously approved. Parishioners gave Mary a round of applause for her work on parish finances throughout the year.

In other business, Patrick Kelley reiterated the invitation to the Wednesday night Eucharists and meal. A friend of Ted and Tanya Ulan's, Scott Ficinus, congratulated St. Andrew's on its work and ministry and shared his experience of "first fruits" back to God.

There being no other business before the meeting, Brian Dyer moved and Sue McKinney seconded, for adjournment. The motion carried and Fr. Kelley adjourned the meeting with prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Karen Whittlesey
Church Secretary

Note: These are draft minutes. The final minutes need to be approved at the annual meeting in January 2012.

We have a new sign!

Beginning with the groundbreaking in November and continuing until January as weather permitted, workers installed a new electronic sign in front of St. Andrew's. Under the direction of Rick Mitchell, trenches were dug, cables laid and housing constructed. The brick was reclaimed from a chimney stack from an apartment building built in the same time period as the church building, two blocks from St. Andrew's. As workers prepared to close up the brickwork, Fr. Kelley deposited a time capsule (photo far right). The contents were expoxied closed in a vacuum bag, then sealed in a plastic container. The contents of the time capsule are listed below. After installation, a trainer came from Kansas City to teach staff how to program the sign from the computer in the office.



Items for the time capsule, selected from various documents found in the church office and the rector's office, were placed in the brickwork of the sign on January 6, 2011 (Feast of the Epiphany).

- Episcopal Liturgical Appointment Calendar, 2010
- Informational brochure about St. Andrew's
- Cards: visitor/newcomer information, prayer request, 2011 pledge
- Schematic for sign
- List of rectors
- Parish bylaws
- Orders of service for 140th anniversary celebration, Advent, Pentecost
- The Harvest (diocesan publication), Nov.-Dec. 2010
- The Crossroads (parish publication), Jan. 2011
- Photo of The Rev. Kelley Lackey and family
- Diocesan directory, 2009
- Parish directory, May 2010
- Information and bulletins for 15 weddings
- Promotion disk of life at St. Andrew's
- Exterior and interior drawings of St. Andrew's building
- Book of Common Prayer
- St. Andrew's tee shirt
- St. Andrew's coffee mug with shield

February is fruit and juice month

In February, we'll be filling the shopping cart with canned fruits and canned or boxed juices. When you're shopping, please remember to pick up a box or can to share with hungry people in our community. We'll see that it gets to the Salvation Army's food bank to help feed folks in our community

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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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office@standrewsemporia.org. You may also leave a
message through our website at StAndrewsEmporia.org.

February 20 is the deadline for
information to be included in
the February Crossroads.
Please drop off any
information at the church
office or e-mail it to
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