



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

### Sacred Space

If you are reading this, you are probably either an active member of St. Andrew's or some other congregation and so it may have been quite a while since you walked into a church building for the first time. It has been a long time since I made that bold move to attend church one Sunday morning instead of staying at home, but I still remember much about it.

Granted, I had attended church as a child but I really did that more out of obligation than anything else. It was not an easy move when I came back to the church for the first time and it certainly was not comfortable. In fact, as I remember it, a friend of mine had to do a great deal of cajoling and finagling to get me to go! However, I was welcomed by friendly people and a beautiful building. Some of us at St. Andrew's may be relatively new to our congregation in particular or to the Church in general. Most of us, though, probably don't have the experience of walking into a church building for the first time, either because we have been doing it since we were brought as children or we did it so long ago. Coming to the church building feels almost as natural as walking into our own homes. Nevertheless, I would like for us to try to put ourselves in the place of someone walking into our church building for the first time. Does it make us nervous to walk into a new and strange place with a bunch of people we don't know? What would we see first? Would we feel drawn in by the building and welcomed by those whom we encounter?

If our congregation is to survive, our congregation must grow. If our congregation is to grow, each and every one of us must be intentional about inviting and welcoming outsiders into our midst. We must also be intentional about making our congregation and its building as welcoming as possible to those people who have taken the oftentimes very scary step of coming into a church building. One of the ways that we can do this is by reconfiguring the back of the nave, near the main entrance of our building.

Reconfiguring our worship space is always a challenge, not necessarily because of any physical impediments but because of the comfortable familiarity that many of us have with the way things "have always been." I certainly am sympathetic to this desire for familiarity, but at the same time, we must be intentional in understanding the ultimate purpose of our worship space.

Much like Jesus' teaching about the Sabbath being made for the benefit of people, not the other way around, we must understand that our sacred space is intended to nourish and help the people of God to grow.

St. Andrew's grows with our willingness to be welcoming and open to newcomers among us. Therefore, that intention must be reflected to newcomers in the very first moments that they walk through our front doors. Studies show that

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

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## Annual meeting set for January 27

All members of St. Andrew's are urged to attend the annual meeting of the parish, which follows the 11 a.m. celebration of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, Jan. 27.

On the agenda are the election of vestry members, approval of the 2008 budget and a report on the parish from Fr. Kelley.

## Office of Evening Prayer to be offered at St. Andrew's

Beginning on Feb. 7 Millard Harrell and Gary Mason will offer evening prayer in St. Mary's Chapel four times a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The office will begin at 5:30.

All are welcome.



*Nathanael Harvey plays the pipes for the patronal feast of St. Andrew's on Nov. 30. (Photo by Pat Kelley)*

### Thinking about Lent

#### Shrove Tuesday

The traditional pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday will be held on Feb. 5.

#### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 6, with services and imposition of ashes at 7 a.m., 12:15 and 6 p.m.

#### Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer will be offered beginning in Lent. See the item immediately above.

#### Stations of the Cross

Again this year, the parish is joining with Sacred Heart Catholic Church to do the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. The two churches will alternate hosting the Stations beginning at St. Andrew's on Feb. 8.

## Pledge from a client

June Hubert reports that one of the representative payee clients from the Episcopal Community Services administered by St. Andrew's has, in gratitude for the services provided by St. Andrew's, made a pledge of \$20 per month out of his social security benefit of slightly more than \$600.

There will be an article about the payee program in the February Crossroads.

## Looking ahead

- Jan. 6 Epiphany.** Incense will be used at the 11 a.m. Eucharist, which marks the revelation of Jesus to the Gentiles, with the arrival of the Magi at Bethlehem. The traditional Epiphany cake will be served at the coffee hour.
- Jan. 10 Vestry.** St. Andrew's Vestry will convene at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited—and encouraged—to attend.
- Jan. 13 Bishop's visitation.** Bishop Dean Wolfe will celebrate the 11 a.m. Eucharist, which will include the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. A brunch will follow in the parish hall.
- Jan. 15 Reports due.** Reports from parish committee leaders due for parish meeting.
- Jan. 18 – Jan. 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** Pray that we may all be one. There will be a joint worship service with Sacred Heart on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. The service will be at St. Andrew's, with Fr. Darren preaching.
- Jan. 24 Women's luncheon.** After a break in November and December, the women of St. Andrew's will resume their monthly luncheons at Coburn's Family Restaurant. The gathering begins at 11:30 a.m. and women (and any interested men) may drop in as their schedule allows for lunch and conversation. There's been discussion of moving the feasting to try other restaurants in Emporia, so participants are asked to bring their suggestions to the Jan. 24 get-together.
- Jan. 27 Annual meeting.** Parishioners will convene after the 11 a.m. Mass to approve the budget, elect Vestry members and learn about the state of the parish. A soup luncheon will be served. The day is also Outreach Sunday. Loose change and designated checks added to the offering plate will further St. Andrew's outreach efforts in our community.
- Feb. 5 Shrove Tuesday.** Bring family and friends to enjoy St. Andrew's traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Watch and listen for details.
- Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday.**

## St. Andrew's thanks...

**Gay Barnes**, who has stepped down after about a dozen years as director of the parish Altar Guild. She remains involved in the guild's ministry and has also found a place in the Parish Life ministry.

**Trish Weidert**, a faithful Altar Guild member, who is taking Gay's place.

**Will Dyer, Zoe Dyer, Maura Halleran and Thomas Halleran**, who donned the elf hats to collect money to provide for St. Andrew's adopted families.

**Mary Halleran**, who handled the shopping for gifts for families and even wrapped the gifts. **Maura and Thomas** advised their mother on kids' choices for the best gifts for the budget.

**Colleen and Rick Mitchell and Ali Mitchell, David and Susan Mai, Eddie Gilpin, Nancy Pontius and Gay Barnes**, who constructed the Advent Wreath Float, St. Andrew's entry in Emporia's Christmas Parade.

**Ray Call**, who put on his custom-made miter to portray St. Nicholas in the parade, and all the St. Andrew's parishioners and friends who braved the chill to populate the float.

The **Mais, Gay Barnes, Nancy Pontius, Don Bailey** and others who served hot cider and cookies to parade-goers and to **Pat Kelley**, who stayed inside the building to welcome drop-ins and provide directions to the bathroom.

**Parish Life members**, who provided supper for St. Andrew's day, proving again—as if there were any doubt—that St. Andrew's has the most creative soup chefs in Emporia.

**Sue Seeman**, organist, and **Elaine Edwards and Cade Amend**, pianists, who used their time and talents to help make St. Andrew's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations beautiful and joyous.

**Everyone who contributed to provide flowers for the Christmas altar** and everyone who ventured out on an icy Sunday morning to green the building for Christmas.



*Be joyful in  
God, all you  
lands; sing the  
glory of his  
name; sing the  
glory of his  
praise.*

—Psalm 66

## Milestones

### *In our daily prayers we celebrate*

#### **Births**

Jan. 7	Judy Schwenn
Jan. 9	Will Dyer Donna Storm
Jan. 11	Gladys Azzun
Jan. 12	Jordan Crofoot
Jan. 13	Bob Henderson
Jan. 15	Karen Henderson
Jan. 16	Lynn Bonney Allison Keller
Jan. 18	Maureen Azzun
Jan. 20	Weston Michael Defoor
Jan. 21	Chase Owen Harder Jennifer North
Jan. 29	Deanna Defoor

#### **Baptisms**

Jan. 7	Tom North
Jan. 9	Ian Jud Lackey
Jan. 11	Macey Adams
Jan. 14	Nancy Gilpin Onnalee Harrell
Jan. 15	John Schwenn

#### **Confirmations**

Jan. 8	Kelley Lackey II
Jan. 14	Carolyn Lackey <i>(received)</i>
Jan. 16	Glen Gilpin
Jan. 22	Carolyn Van Syoc
Jan. 23	Lee Fowler Bob Johnson DeLores Johnson

#### **Marriages**

Jan. 2	Don and Opal Glasgow
Jan. 6	Jim and Ruthann Resch
Jan. 22	John and Shirley Bannon
Jan. 26	Mel and Donna Storm

### **We remember**

Jan. 1	Harvey Myers Cary David Hilton Michael Price
Jan. 2	Marian Baysinger Carpenter Pearl Buckley Kraum
Jan. 3	Byron Strawn Chance
Jan. 4	Edna Pauline Robison
Jan. 6	Mrs. A.H. Christie
Jan. 7	Bernie Olin Rose Samuels
Jan. 9	Richard Hubert Nancy Spears
Jan. 10	Martha J. Christie
Jan. 11	Blanche Baysinger Robert Perry Warren
Jan. 12	Forbes Christie
Jan. 13	Mabel Tyson
Jan. 15	Elizabeth Alford
Jan. 18	Walter Stowe
Jan. 20	Bradford Robbins Grimes
Jan. 22	Kenneth Welch
Jan. 26	Virginia Biggs Dorothy Dotson
Jan. 27	James Pagedas
Jan. 30	Bernard A. Smith
Jan. 31	Lloyd E. Judd Mary Steel Maher

### **Important date missing?**

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

# January Server Schedule

	Jan. 6 Epiphany (with incense)	Jan. 13 Bishop's visitation	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Feb. 3	Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday 6 p.m.
Chalice bearer	J. Harder	S. McKinney	A. Keller	J. Harder	S. McKinney	A. Keller
Priest server	J. Davis	J. Davis	J. Davis	R. Mitchell	J. Davis	J. Davis
Crucifer	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	B. Dyer	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	P. Davis
Torch 1	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	W. Dyer	H. Harder	R. Mitchell	W. Dyer
Torch 2	H. Harder	C. O'Mara	C. O'Mara	A. Mitchell	C. O'Mara	C. O'Mara
Thurifer	C. Harder	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-
Reader	G. Garcia	J. Runge	M. Harrell	A. Rust	J. Runge	M. Harrell
Prayers of the People	B. Clamurro	M. Mingenback	R. Call	M. Mingenback	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro
Nursery 1	C. Lackey	J. Schwenn	L. Dyer	R. Call	J. Schwenn	L. Dyer
Nursery 2	M. Halleran	J. Schwenn	J. Hubert	H. Call	J. Schwenn	J. Hubert
Greeter 1	N. Romine	D. Mai	S. Wilson	C. Harder	D. Mai	S. Wilson
Greeter 2	J. Hubert	SuJ Mai	J. Hubert	N. Romine	SuJ Mai	B. Dyer
Lay Eucharistic Visitor 1	G. Mason	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	J. Hubert	S. McKinney	-none-
Lay Eucharistic Visitor 2	B. Barnes	J. Hubert	P. Kelley	G. Mason	J. Hubert	-none-

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

## Rector's Column, *cont.*

most potential new members make a positive or negative judgment about a congregation within the first 15 to 30 seconds of their arrival! It all goes back to the old adage that we never have a second chance to make a good first impression. That is why it is so crucial that a visitor's first moments be positive and welcoming. Greeters must be intentional about greeting new people, other worshippers must be willing to engage and help newcomers, and our space must open up in a way that draws people in.

There is a second issue related to welcoming newcomers, namely the rite of baptism. We must be intentional in taking seriously our baptism into the Body of Christ. We must also convey that we are all involved participants in the baptism of a new member into the Church. The rite for baptism makes it clear that it is a community event and should take place in full sight of the congregation. With our current configuration, that does not happen. The only people that can see what is happening at the baptismal font are those immediately gathered around the font.

Therefore I believe that we should reconfigure the back of the nave in the following ways:

- Remove the "ushers' pews" and back two rows of pews in such a fashion that the area around the doors is less congested.
- Move the baptismal font to the center aisle at the back crossing so that it may have a central and visible place in our sacred space.
- Provide two or more rocking chairs in part of the open space for mothers to soothe infants or nurse upset babies without having to leave worship.

One potential question raised in light of all this is the loss of seating for larger than normal gatherings. However, good quality folding or stacking chairs would actually provide seating for more individuals than pews in the same amount of space.

What's more, if it is later discovered that this reconfiguration does not work out, nothing will be altered in such a way that it cannot be returned to its original configuration in the future. Pews that are removed will be stored away in order that they can be easily returned. The font can be replaced to its current spot.

Pax,

Kelley+

## A gentle correction

A faithful and "assiduous" reader writes to note that a quotation attributed to Shakespeare's King Lear in the December Crossroads is actually from "Hamlet." The words, given to Polonius to speak, are: "This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

The editor is grateful for readers who are sufficiently engaged in "Crossroads" to comment on this part of the life of our parish.

## 'Thanks' from Fr. Kelley

At October's "Uptown Hoedown," a bidding contest between Fr. Kelley and Karen Whittlesey ended when Karen put in the high bid for a photo of the Te Deum window, a work by Gary Mason.

On St. Andrew's Day, Karen surprised Fr. Kelley by presenting the photo to him as a gift at the parish soup supper. As it turns out, she was bidding, with support from Vestry and other staff members, for the right to try to leave him speechless.

Having recovered his voice, Fr. Kelley reports that he is delighted with the color photograph, which now has a place of prominence in his home office.

## St. Nicholas Day

Through the centuries St. Nicholas has been venerated by Catholics and Orthodox, and honored by Protestants. By his generosity to those in need, especially children (for whom he is the patron saint), St. Nicholas continues to be a model for the compassionate life. In Germany and Poland boys dressed as bishops begged alms for the poor. In the Netherlands Dutch children leave carrots and hay in their shoes for the saint's horse, hoping St. Nicholas will exchange them for small gifts. Simple gift-giving in early December helps preserve a Christmas Day focus on the Christ Child.



"Bishop" Ian watches the celebration of the Mass for St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. (Photo by Pat Kelley)

## From the Senior Warden

We have just completed the anticipation created by the season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas. Please join us on Jan. 6 for our Epiphany activities. The month of December brought ice and snow, which created many challenges.

The Vestry voted to use the Christmas offering this year to support the Lyon County Restricted Emergency Fund. Our elves also collected money to support two families and two single women for Christmas. It is important to remember that our ministry goes beyond the walls of our church building.

As this article is being written, we still have a number of commitment cards outstanding. It is important to complete and return these cards to the church office or to place them in the offering plates to help the Vestry as they finalize the 2008 budget. So far, the average pledge is approximately \$1,890, which is a significant improvement from past years. Our financial contributions are necessary to support the work of our parish during 2008. The parish's annual meeting is planned for Sunday, Jan. 27.

Financial results through November:

	YTD	Variance
Pledge Receipts	\$ 92,377	\$(2,956)
Total Receipts	108,121	2,961
Total Expenses	139,562	(2,174)

Our total receipts are better than we planned, because of the auction, which raised over \$5,000. We have transferred \$30,000 from endowment earnings to help pay for the operation of the parish. The two biggest expense variations are outreach and yard care and snow removal.

**Bill Barnes**

## From the Treasurer

For the first 11 months of 2007, expenses averaged \$12,687 a month. The pledges collected for the first 11 months averaged \$8,398 a month. Total receipts collected for the first 11 months of 2007 averaged \$9,762 a month. That leaves a shortfall of \$2,926 a month for a total of \$32,180 for the first 11 months.

St. Andrew's has approximately 83 pledging and giving units.

If each giving unit gave \$35 more each month, St. Andrew's would be able to balance the budget. That amounts to \$8.75 a week or as little as \$1.25 a day.

**Mary Mingenback**



*The Parish Life Committee serves soup on St. Andrew's Day. (Photo by Pat Kelley)*

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January 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 oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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