



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

“On Monday the 14th day of February 1870, an informal meeting of those who felt an interest in the organization of an Episcopal Society was held in the court house”

These are the first recorded words about St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Emporia, Kansas. The months and years that followed brought much growth and change. The Rev. Levi Holden was called as the first rector. Land was purchased at Ninth and Commercial. A building was constructed. And membership in the congregation grew. On Aug. 29, 1871, the vestry changed the name of our parish to St. Andrew’s. Over the next 14 decades, St. Andrew’s has faced many challenges, but has also achieved many milestones.

As we begin the 140th year of our parish, I think that it is important to look back and celebrate our history, not out of some misguided sense of sentimental nostalgia about the good old days, but because we have a lot to learn from our past about the nature of our parish’s present and future life and ministry.

At each crucial point in this parish’s history, our congregation has risen to the challenges before us and we have ultimately emerged stronger. It

is important for us to remember that St. Andrew’s has been able to maintain our fidelity to the Good News of Jesus Christ and to nourish our flock with the teachings, sacraments and pastoral care of the church while being able to change, or even dissolve, parts of our parish life that are no longer effective to the mission of the church. We have been strong yet flexible.

Over the course of 140 years, the winds of change in the world beyond our doors have continued to blow at faster speeds. And yet most social scientists, as well as church scholars, believe that the changes over the past century will pale in comparison to the ones that lie ahead. The winds of change will grow stronger. As technology, politics and the very nature of human communities move on, every congregation will have to be in peak condition to continue to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20).

Healthy congregations will not rest on their laurels or simply be happy with the status quo.

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

From the Rector, cont.

Like a mighty tree that is to survive in a wind storm, a healthy congregation will need to be strong yet flexible to continue to do the work that Jesus Christ has commended to us. Our congregation will need to not only examine the ways that we will make a Gospel response to the world beyond our doors, but also each one of us will need to be proactive in reaching further through our shared ministries of worship, formation, outreach and evangelism.

I am very proud of and hopeful for St. Andrew's in the times ahead. This congregation's pledges of time, talent and treasure have increased significantly since I became your rector in 2005. And now the Holy Spirit seems to be moving several parishioners to make a commitment to expand our outreach to hands on mission work in Haiti. We can expect to see a group from St. Andrew's going there sometime in 2010. More folks have become involved with making our church more welcoming and accessible to outsiders, families with children, college students and other seekers of Jesus. More and more, this congregation seems to be motivated by a certainty in the faithfulness of God as opposed to fearfulness about the unknown.

We do not know what the world will look like in another 140 years. But we can rest assured that as long as we continue to act boldly with a strong and flexible faith in Jesus Christ and his promise to be with us always, St Andrew's will be an instrument of the Holy Spirit in proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Pax,
Kelley+

A Note of Thanks.

A seminary classmate of mine posted the following in the mail room of our school as a dark reminder of the type of congregation that each one of us could end up serving.

The Perfect Rector

A recent survey has compiled all the qualities that people expect from the perfect Rector.

They are easy to follow:

The perfect Rector preaches for exactly 5 minutes.

He frequently condemns sin but never upsets anyone.

He works from 8 a.m. until midnight and is on call 24/7 but is always relaxed, with time for a coffee with you whenever you like. He makes \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car and gives about \$100 a week to the poor.

He is 28 years of age, and has 40 years experience.

He is wonderfully gentle with everyone and always gives people in the church their way but the church is run supremely efficiently.

He has a strong family life, is a perfect husband and father and too committed to your church to have a private life.

He gives of himself completely but never gets too close to anyone so as to avoid criticism.

He speaks boldly on social issues but never becomes politically involved.

He has outstanding skills building a youth program and spends most of his time with the church's senior citizens.

He makes 15 daily calls to church families, visits the house bound and the hospitalized, spends all his time evangelizing the unchurched, is something of a notable scholar and is always there in his office whenever you drop by.

Thanks to everyone who contributed toward my Christmas purse. It is a nice addition that usually goes towards books or new clerical shirts.

Most of all, your gift is a reminder that I serve a wonderful and loving congregation that exercises it's pastoral ministry to me and my family. And loves me even if I am not "the Perfect Rector!"

Grace and Peace,
Kelley+

Looking ahead

- Friday, Dec. 31** Anyone who is interested in **servicing on the vestry** must make Fr. Kelley aware of this desire by the end of the calendar year. Also Dec. 31 is the **deadline for fulfilling pledges** or making other donations if they are to be tax-deductible for 2009.
- Monday, Jan. 4** The **memorial service for Carol Jones** will begin at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 6** A celebration of the **Feast of the Epiphany** will begin at 6 p.m. This is a festive Eucharist, including incense. A covered-dish supper – with the traditional Epiphany cake – will follow.
- Thursday, Jan. 14** The **vestry** will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room. This meeting is open to all parishioners.
- Friday, Jan. 15** Committee chairs and others who are responsible for making **annual reports** to the parish should have this information to Karen by this day.
- Sunday, Jan. 24** The **annual meeting** will begin in the parish hall after the 11 a.m. Eucharist.
- Tuesday, Jan. 26** The **women of St. Andrew's** will resume their fourth-Tuesday luncheons. This month's event begins at 11:30 a.m. at Coburn's Family Restaurant; participants are welcome to come and go as their schedules allow.

St. Andrew's thanks ...

Dobby Bailey, Ruthann Resch, Gay and Bill Barnes, Nancy Romine, Shanda Hendricks, Sue Wilson, Sue McKinney and Patrick Kelley, who provided cookies and cider to serve to people attending Emporia's Christmas parade and assisting in the kitchen during the event.

Anna Guiltner Brownlee and the Emporia State students who braved the chill (which seems balmy in retrospect) and served the cookies and cider.

Bill Clamurro and Don Bailey, whose music enhanced our worship during Advent and on Christmas Eve.

Eddie Gilpin and all who volunteered for December's work day.

Trish Weidert and the altar guild members, who gave the nave a deep-cleaning and polished, polished, polished to be ready for our Christmas celebration.

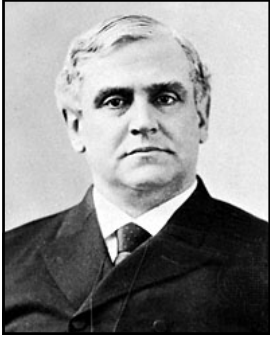
All the **"greeners"** who labored to make the nave look "Christmassy" after an austere Advent.

Ian Lackey, Kathryn Lackey, Cole Anderson, Brianna Dougherty, Abigail Jacob and Nick Jacob, who donned their elf hats and collected money for our adopted families, Episcopal Relief and Development and the Lyon County Relief Emergency Fund.

Our shopping cart needs more food and non-perishable items

When you're shopping for your own pantry, think of the people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, as food prices continue to rise. Please leave your non-perishable grocery items in the shopping cart outside the Parish Hall.

What's needed? Canned soups, vegetables, spaghetti sauce and pasta, boxed dinners, cereal, peanut butter (and jelly). Actually, anything non-perishable that's on your own shopping list will help another family in Emporia.



O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

—Last verse of O Little Town of Bethlehem, written by renowned Episcopal clergyman and author Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. His day of special devotion is Jan. 23.

Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

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. 21	Chase Harder Jennifer North

Baptisms

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

Confirmations

Jan. 8	Kelley Lackey II
Jan. 13	Patrick Davis Andrea Nicole Faris Anna Beth Gultner Michael Mallek Kate Allison Wise
Jan. 14	Carolyn Lackey (received)
Jan. 16	Glen Gilpin
Jan. 22	Carolyn VanSyoc
Jan. 23	Lee Fowler Bob Johnson DeLores Johnson

Marriages

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

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).

January Server Schedule

	Jan. 3	Jan. 6 The Epiphany 6 p.m. (with incense)	Jan. 10	Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	Feb. 14
Chalice bearer	P. Kelley	G. Garcia	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell	G. Garcia
Priest server	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	P. Kelley
Crucifer	P. Kelley	G. Garcia	G. Mason	J. Runge	G. Garcia	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell	G. Garcia
Torch 1	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson	E. Williams	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson	J. Crofoot	E. Williams	Chad Anderson
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	P. Davis	P. Davis	A. Mitchell	P. Davis	G. Mason	Christopher Anderson	P. Davis
Thurifer	----	R. Mitchell	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lector	M. Mingenback	M. Harrell	B. Barnes	J. Runge	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	M. Mingenback	L. Bonney
Intercessor	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	M. Mingenback	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	B. CLamurro
Nursery 1	J. Williams	N. Jacob	S. Brinkman	J. Williams	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	J. Williams	N. Jacob
Nursery 2	L. Lingenfelter	A. Jacob	J. Scheuerman	L. Lingenfelter	A. Jacob	J. Scheuerman	L. Lingenfelter	A. Jacob
Greeter 1	D. Mai	B. Clamurro	N. Romine	J. Hubert	D. Mai	B. Clamurro	J. Hubert	D. Mai
Greeter 2	S. Mai	G. Mason	E. First	L. Bonney	S. Mai	L. Bonney	E. First	S. Mai
LEV 1	P. Kelley	----	G. Mason	L. Bonney	J. Hubert	P. Kelley	J. Hubert	G. Mason
LEV 2	L. Bonney	----	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	G. Mason	S. McKinney	L. Bonney

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

From the Senior Warden

Jobs available

There's plenty to do at St. Andrew's – just ask.

Think there aren't any jobs around? Think again. St. Andrew's is offering the following:

You know we will have new Vestry members this month. This is a job that helps you understand Church doin's. But don't apply for senior warden, as Father Kelley says I have to do it over and over, until I get it right! Anyway, we are looking for a new junior warden. This is the one for whom we are most grateful and who does all the work.

The members of the mysterious altar guild glide in and out without attracting much attention to themselves. I don't know exactly what they do, but somehow they keep the services going smoothly. Ask Patricia Weidert, Gay Barnes or anybody headed north in the hallway on Saturdays or Sunday mornings.

And check with Father Kelley about openings for altar-party members. If you can carry the cross or a torch ... if you could serve as a chalice-bearer, we have some openings. Our current crew is stretched a bit thin and could use some additional members.

The same is true for lectors and intercessors. If you can read, you may be able to fill this important position. Visit with Father Kelley.

And you don't have to have professional training to join the St. Andrew's choir. Remember, we are called to make a joyful noise – not perform at Carnegie Hall. Andrea and Sue can give you the information you need. Musicians are always welcome to provide special offertory music, as well.

Our Lay Eucharistic Visitor corps would welcome new members, as well. These are the people who carry the Sacrament to members of our parish family who aren't able to join us in worship. This is an important link to faithful friends who are hospitalized or living in nursing homes. Ask Bill Barnes, Sue McKinney, Patrick Kelley or any of the people who serve as LEVs. They can tell you of the rewards of this job and they'll refer you to Father Kelley for more information.

By the way, Christian-education teachers are in short supply. Probably ask those older women standing between the office and the parish hall on Sunday mornings, wringing their hands. Ms. Sue and Ms. June, as they are called, sometimes get sick or travel or something and need a substitute.

It's true that Elizabeth First has dibs on folding pamphlets, bulletins and so on, but ask if she needs or wants any help. Also, check with Karen about office work.

Don't overlook the people near the front door. You'll often find Susan and David Mai, Nancy Romine and Nancy Pontius on duty there. They are the ones who have big smiles on their faces, their hands full of bulletins and are usually looking for people willing to pass the collection plate or carry the sacraments.

Here's a thought. You could check the pews to see that the prayer nooks are 1928 or better (that is, not worn and torn) and that each pew has a hymnal. If you want to clean up the pews after services, that's OK, too.

We just organized the kitchen on the December work day, but with all the people who use that important space, it won't take long to mix up the silverware again. David Mai, head of the parish life committee, will know what to do.

Speaking of the kitchen, coffee-hour hosts are always needed.

And we can anticipate three new babies soon (one down and two to go). That means additional nursery workers will be needed. See Nick and Ann Jacobs, Carolyn Lackey, and others.

David Mai, Lynn Bonney, Donna Eudaley and others never have enough help serving coffee hour, preparing Wednesday night dinners and washing dishes, washing dishes, washing dishes

Some of these tasks require a bit of training, but the long-term benefits can include foreign travel (think Heavenly Kingdoms) and is usually doled out in smiles, Hallelujahs and Amens.

—Sue Wilson

Secretary out for month

Karen Whittlesey is having knee replacement surgery and will be out of the office for a few weeks, beginning Dec. 28. She will be working from home during much of this time.

Greening the church



Parishioners remained after the Holy Eucharist on Dec. 20 to “green” the church, decorating for Christmas with poinsettias and greenery, and placing the animals and shepherds in the crèche.

Above left, poinsettias are in place; above, the figures await on a pew; left, Deborah Cotterman places some greenery in the window. *(Photos 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 by noon to office@standrewsemporia.org.

Visit the parish website at
www.StAndrewsEmporia.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9-noon
other hours by appointment

You may contact the secretary at (620) 342-1537 or office@standrewsemporia.org. You may also leave a message through our website at StAndrewsEmporia.org.



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