



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

Cars, Christians, and a Couple of Significant People in My Life

I have had several of my friends on Facebook make one statement or another regarding the relationship of the Christian faith of an individual and how it seems to have little or nothing to do with being in regular Christian fellowship. A particular statement that more than one of my friends has passed on: "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car."

It's a cute and pithy saying. And I admit that I like cute and pithy sayings since I am solidly a product of the sound-bite generation. However, cute and pithy sayings begin to show their dings and imperfections the more we walk around them and kick their tires.

These particular types of sayings seem to try to sum up a certain anti-institutional, do-it-yourself, consumer culture in which we find ourselves. Such statements misunderstand the nature and purpose of the Christian community and run the risk of leading their subscribers to a shoddy and self-indulgent faith, created in their own images by their own biases. Such positions undermine a fundamental truth about Christian belief, namely the ongoing nature of incarnation within and through the Body of Christ.

In the past few weeks, a couple of significant things have happened in the lives of people who have been important in my life and walk with Christ. These people have been agents of God's love and formation in my life and I probably would not be a Christian, let alone a priest, if it

had not been for them and their ongoing presence in the Christian community. Reflecting on these two people in particular has brought into sharp focus for me again the incarnational nature of our Christian faith and the necessity of fellowship.

From my 6th through 12th grade years of school, Jim Kindall was my choir teacher. I recently had the honor of gathering with other students of his from the past 30 years to participate in a concert in Parsons to sing him into his retirement. Mr. Kindall is in many ways a throwback to a time before mine. His 1960's idealism about peace and justice has not escaped him in his old age. Over the years of being one of his choir students, I learned a lot about vocal technique and sight-reading music. But more importantly, I learned from a man who was a regular and active member of his congregation the importance of seeing the big picture, expecting more from myself, and the necessity of connecting what we say we believe with what we actually do with it. I suspect that as much as his previous years as an Easy Rider-esque Free Bird formed him, so did his participation in leading the choir at the 1st Presbyterian Church, being shaped by the prayers, scriptures, messages and relationships week by week. After all, idealism will only carry itself so far. At some point it must be nurtured and sustained by something living and really present. Concerts and musicals we did while I was in middle and high school were preceded by a prayer by Mr. K. The same was true at our last performance together celebrating his retirement this year. Mr. K. is certainly

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Men's group sings at Eucharist

The men's singing group provided music for the Holy Eucharist on June 13. Members of the group are (l-r) Millard Harrell, Kerby Harrell, Don Bailey, John Heasley and Rick Mitchell. Ray Call accompanied them on drums. (Photos courtesy of Patrick Kelley.)



Vacation Bible School time is almost here 'Avalanche Ranch' offers fun and learning for all ages

What's summer without Vacation Bible School? If you're of "a certain age," you probably remember Bible School – with felt-board lessons, crafts and grape Kool-Aid – a week of lessons and activities to remind children that God's love doesn't take a vacation.

Bible School has grown up, but its lessons are still important and they're for everyone.

This month, St. Andrew's continues the tradition of partnering with Emporia Presbyterian Church and St. Mark's Lutheran Church to offer Vacation Bible School for children and adults. The sessions will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, through Thursday, July 29, at the Presbyterian main campus – right next door to St. Andrew's. Two more congregations, First Christian Church and First Baptist Church, will join for a week of fun and learning around the theme "Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Adventure into God's Word."

There's no cost to attend Vacation Bible School; registration forms will be available in the foyer or participants can sign in at the door.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, talk with Carolyn Lackey, Susan Brinkman or Diana Moore. Their numbers and email addresses are in the parish directory, or you can contact the office.

Be a friend of St. Andrew's

Facebook and webpage help parishioners keep in touch

Want to know what's going on at St. Andrew's? Facebook and our webpage are keeping us up to date.

On the web, at www.standrewsemporia.org, you'll find our newsletter, service times, photos and other information.

And if you're a Facebook friend, you'll have access to historic photos, information about parish activities and prayer requests. All you have to do is request an invitation (important for keeping private information within the church family) and you'll be part of the Facebook group.

Confused about Facebook? Talk with Fr. Kelley – by phone, by e-mail or even the traditional face-to-face conversation. He'll help you out.

Looking ahead

- Thursday, July 8** The vestry will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- Sunday, July 11** Feed the Flock Sunday. Talk with Lynn Bonney or Sue Wilson (or email them at oread1978@yahoo.com or wilsonus37@yahoo.com) about how you can help with the festivities.
- Sunday, July 25-
Thursday, July 29** Vacation Bible School for children and adults meets from 6 to 8 p.m. at Emporia Presbyterian Church's main campus.
- Tuesday, July 27** Women's luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Coburn's Family Restaurant. Drop in as your time allows for lunch and conversation.
- Saturday, Sept. 11** The Great American Market takes over downtown Emporia between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. The annual St. Andrew's rummage sale will be inside. You can start bringing in clean and gently-used items any time.
- Saturday, Oct. 2** ECW annual gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church in Parsons. All Episcopal women are ECW members and are welcome to join in this get-together, which will feature the Rev. Gail Greenwell, rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Mission. Watch for more information in future editions of Crossroads.

Celebrating 140 years

Theater production will highlight St. Andrew's history

A script by former parishioner Kitty Douthit will bring some of the early days to life as part of the ongoing celebration of our parish's 140th anniversary.

Susan Mai and Nancy Pontius have agreed to bring the readers theater production to life, but members of our congregation will be involved as actors and, as needed, crew members.

If your theatrical talents have been untapped since high school (no matter how recent or how long ago that was) or if you've always wanted to let your light shine on stage, get in touch with Susan or Nancy.

And watch for a date (sometime this fall) for this important event – theater isn't theater without an audience.

St. Andrew's thanks ...

... Gloria and Clifford Stewart, who donated a generous selection of paper goods to our kitchen.

... Fr. Rand Frew, who made a surprise visit to St. Andrew's to preside at our June 6 Eucharist.

... Cori and Chris Anderson, for all they did to make the Feed the Flock and Blessing of the Bicycles such a great time for everyone.

... Craig Marriott, for working with June Hubert to spruce up the Tower Room, clean out closets, work on items for the rummage sale and straighten out our supply closet.



Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. —*The collect for Independence Day, from the Book of Common Prayer. Photo is the National Cathedral in Washington.*

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

July 2	Anthony Joseph
July 3	Alice Azzun
July 4	Kelby Harrell
July 7	Bill Barnes
July 12	Nancy Toms
July 18	Lance Moore
July 23	Barbara MacGregor
July 26	David Walker
July 28	Collin Moody
July 31	Mary Mingenback

Baptisms

July 13	Gary Mason
July 20	Diana Moore
July 21	Donna Eudaley

Confirmations

July 26	Ann North
	Bill North

Marriages

July 18	Jim and Judy Heasley
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This is a photo of the interior of St. Andrew's original building built in 1870. It was demolished in 1927 for our current worship space. This photo was taken around 1910. Several of the objects seen in this photo are still part of the fabric of our current space.

Milestones

We remember

July 2	Jane Ballard Beverly Hartsook Robert Hollingshead Mattie K. Jones
July 3	MayBelle Gideon
July 5	Paul F. Bailey
July 6	Giles E. Russell
July 7	Harriett Brown
July 8	Cornelia H.C. Stauffer
July 10	Bruce Perrin
July 12	Betty Badger
July 17	Leona Wortman
July 19	Sara E. Smith Thomas B. Welch
July 20	Dean F. Allen Richard Barnes Sally Mason
July 21	Flora O.A. Kopke
July 24	Ruby C. Gallagher
July 26	Cynthia Beitz

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).

Help us find our soldiers

The St. Andrew's prayer list includes the names of several loved ones who are serving in the U.S. military. If you know any of these soldiers, please get in touch with the church office.

We'd like to collect a bit more information about them, including their mailing addresses, their birthdates and their duty stations, so we can remember them more personally on special occasions.

July Server Schedule

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25	August 1
Chalice bearer	G. Garcia	R. Mitchell	G. Garcia	G. Garcia	P. Kelley
Priest server	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell
Crucifer	G. Garcia	R. Mitchell	G. Mason	G. Garcia	C. Lackey
Torch 1		A. Mitchell	E. Williams	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson
Torch 2		J. Crofoot	G. Mason		A. Mitchell
Lector	M. Amend	L. Bonney	M. Amend	J. Brownlee	M. Mingenback
Inter-cessor	M. Harrell		M. Mingenback	L. Bonney	L. Bonney
Nursery 1		J. Hubert	J. Williams	S. Brinkman	S. Brinkman
Nursery 2				J. Hubert	C. Lackey
Greeter 1	J. Hubert	D. Mai	N. Romine	A. Brownlee	D. Mai
Greeter 2	I. Lackey	S. Mai	E. First	J. Brownlee	S. Mai
LEV 1	S. McKinney		G. Mason	J. Hubert	
LEV 2	J. Hubert		B. Barnes		
Altar Guild	Garcia/Barnes/ Bailey	Pontius/Mai	Mitchell /Mitchell	Gilpin/Basler /Weidert	Garcia/Barnes/ Bailey

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

From the Rector, *cont.*

not without his own personality flaws and moral failings. But his involvement in the life of the church and his witness to me made an impact on me.

Fr. Bruce Rahtjen was the rector at St. Mary's Church in Kansas City when I was in college. I had become active in a Unitarian Universalist congregation while working toward my bachelors in psychology and marketing. I was somewhat comfortable in this Jesus-free religion but found myself more than a little hollow inside. A friend of mine had been pestering me to come back to the Episcopal Church, at least on Easter Day, "since" as he argued to me, "even bad Episcopalians make it on that day." After a couple of years of pestering, I went. There, I was met by Fr. Bruce, who not only asked me to come back, but within a month or two, had recruited me to serve on the altar. It was his and the congregation's ongoing investment and involvement in my life that drew me farther along the road with Christ. As is the case with many of us Christian types, Bruce could simultaneously offend, enrage, inspire and engage me. Through his ministry and the life of St. Mary's, I found Jesus Christ and struggled with God's call to me. Fr. Bruce was certainly not without his own personality flaws and moral failings. But his involvement in the life of the church and his witness to me made an everlasting impact. I would not have gotten that had he or I chosen to stay at home and merely call myself a Christian.

Finally, in response to the pithy analogy about cars and Christians, churches and garages, I would like to add this reflection. A car is a car without a garage. However, a car that sits on the street year after year without regular care and maintenance wears down much quicker than an automobile that is garaged and cared for. It becomes apparent by the faded paint, smoky tail pipe, and bald tires that this is a car, but a pretty pathetic example of one. A car is less likely to break down on a regular basis and runs much more efficiently when in the presence of those who appreciate and understand the workings of a car. More often than not, it is a junky car that one sees broken down by the side of the road. More often than not it is a person who doesn't participate in the ongoing life of the church that is not the best example of Jesus Christ and his ongoing work in the world.

The same is true for Christians who come into the Church as it is for cars that go into the garage for regular tune-ups and maintenance. They run smoother, are an example to

others around them, and are less likely to have total engine failure in the midst of a crisis.

That doesn't mean that any of us that are church-goers are without our own personality flaws and moral failings. It

means that we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses that uphold, nourish and remind us of whose we are called to be and how we are to continue to be Christ's body in the world. Have your car, and your life, serviced regularly by those who regularly practice mechanics, and the Gospel.

Pax,

Kelley+

Musicians enhance summertime Eucharists

St. Andrew's has been enjoying a variety of music to add to summertime worship. Organist Sue Seeman has lent a hand in organizing musicians – guests or homegrown talents – for the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist.

Thanks to Mark Summey, Gary Korte, Mark Snider, Blaine Warkentine and John Gilmore, all from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, for enhancing the June 6 Eucharist.

Thanks to the newly formed St. Andrew's Men Singers – Don Bailey, Kelby Harrell, Millard Harrell, Jim Heasley and Rick Mitchell, accompanied by Ray Call on drums – for their contribution to the June 13 Eucharist, and to Cade Amend, who wrote and played the prelude.

And thanks to our musicians for June 20 and June 27: Erin Riley, Riley Day and John Gilmore.

If you are moved to share your talents in praise of God, let the office know (office@standrewsemporia.org).

Update your parish directory

New addresses

Clifford and Gloria Stewart are now at home at 2300 Industrial Road, No. 404, Emporia.

John and Anna Brownlee are now at home at 1309 Merchant St., Emporia.

Chuck and Diana Moore are now at home at 3603 W. 18th Ave., Emporia.

If you have a change of address or contact information, please email it to the office at office@standrewsemporia.org. Changes will be announced in Crossroads (unless you tell us otherwise) and will be incorporated into the next parish directory.

Parish celebrates summer with a blessing of the bikes and a picnic

St. Andrew's kicked off the summer with the Blessing of the Bikes (with and without training wheels) on June 6 and a picnic on June 13. The pictures were taken by Pat Kelley.



Chad Anderson, above, waits to choose his hot dogs. Mom Cori, right, was the force behind the picnic, and all the other monthly Feed the Flock refreshment hours.



Bikes are lined up in the parish hall, left, and then are taken to the front yard for the blessing.

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www.StAndrewsEmporia.org

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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.

July 20 is the deadline for
information to be included in
the August Crossroads. Please
drop off any information at the
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