



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

How you should vote

As we enter this last month of a presidential campaign that has seemingly gone on since the last presidential election, I would like to say a few words about how you should vote.

Many religious groups produce guides that give voters a list of candidates they should vote for. These names are usually chosen because of their positions and/or voting records on certain specific issues. These groups try to present candidates and their positions in such clear-cut ways that one can't help but think that one candidate is a good Christian while the others are obviously not. Furthermore, these groups usually imply that if you do not vote for the candidates listed in their guides, you may not really be a Christian yourself. With the amount of information, propaganda, and smear that comes out of a political campaign, it may be tempting to have someone tell us how to vote as Christians. Indeed, I have been asked more than once who I am going to vote for in the upcoming election. I think that often when I am asked this, I am actually being asked who I think the inquirer should vote for.

Traditionally, Anglicans have never been really good at this all or nothing approach to politics and elections. The White House, as well as the Congress, has been occupied by many Episcopalians over the years. Some Episcopal presidents and members of Congress were "bleeding-heart liberals" while others were "right-wing conservatives." A number of them were

moderates that had very few fans from the left or the right. Nevertheless, all of them were Christian.

So instead of issuing a voter guide and tell you who I think you should vote for, I would like to propose a process by which a Christian should go about voting.

The first thing a Christian should do before voting (or anything else for that matter) is pray. If you are not sure what you should pray, there is this prayer from page 822 of the Book of Common Prayer, "Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The second thing you should do is consult scripture, especially if a particular scripture has been used to support or reject the position of a candidate. Proof-texting, that is, using a snippet of scripture out of its larger context to argue one's own agenda, is a way that the Bible gets used a lot in politics. If you are not familiar with scripture, how we came to inherit it, and how the Church uses it, get familiar with it! A frighteningly large

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**Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,
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It's St. Andrew's night at the Roga Pumpkin Patch

Come on out to the Roga Pumpkin Patch (a few miles outside Emporia) for hayrack rides, a maze, a bonfire, and free pumpkins for the kids. This family event is on Saturday, October 25, with activities kicking off around 6:00. The bonfire will be lit at 7:00. Bring flashlights, food to cook on the bonfire (hot dogs and the like). You'll want to wear seasonally appropriate clothes and maybe bring a blanket. If you have a guitar or banjo, bring that along, too!

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for a fun-filled and traditional fall activity. Let the office know by October 24 how many to expect and if you need a ride or can offer a ride. Suggested donation: \$2.00 per person.

Parish work day set for October 18

We have work to do inside and outside, rain or shine. Cleaning, painting, and yard work are just a few of the chores. If we start about 9:00 a.m., I hope most work can be done by lunch or early afternoon. I will try to provide most of the tools and cleaning items. If some would like to bring their own tools and supplies, that is fine also.

Here is a short list of what will be needed or used: large plastic trash bags, leaf rake, pruning shears, hedge clippers (hand operated), small tree limb saw, rags, basic cleaning and dusting supplies, drop cloths, brooms and shop vacuum.—*Eddie Gilpin, Junior Warden*

Stewardship drive underway

Letters will go out Oct. 1 describing the four-week stewardship program that St. Andrew's has embarked on. The program is titled "Casting into Deep Waters: finding and sharing the abundance within your congregation."

The Stewardship Committee is excited about the program, which includes opportunities for children to participate, and hopes that it will be an encouragement to explore the joy of giving, to experience life that is abundant and full of hope, and to see how moving from the shore to deep waters is about spiritual change.

Members of the Stewardship Committee are Jacqueline Heckman-James, chair, and Deborah Cotterman, Jim Heasley, Rick Mitchell, and Sue Wilson.

Financial Peace University has started at St. Andrew's *It's not too late to join*

The first St Andrew's-sponsored Financial Peace University has attracted large numbers. Twenty-seven people representing 18 different families have started the course.

Even though the class has started, folks can join at any time. The missed lessons can be made up later. Someone once said, "If you keep doing what you've been doing, you'll keep getting what you've been getting." If you are not satisfied with what you've been getting, then this course is for you.

The course content looks at how to handle money based on scripture. It also gives you the motivation and accountability to apply that knowledge. Call Carolyn Lackey at 342-4706 or email at lueckelackey@prodigy.net with any questions.

Vestry meeting

The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on October 9 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Looking ahead

- Oct. 1** **Celebration of St. Francis Day.** Blessing of the Animals.
- Oct. 4** **Episcopal Church Women.** ECW at Good Shepherd, Wichita. Speaker: Sybil MacBeath, author of "Praying in Color," a new meditative way to pray. Information at www.episcopal-ks.org/ecw08 and in The Harvest.
- Oct. 9** **Vestry meeting.** The regular monthly meeting of the vestry is at 7:00 p.m. on October 9. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.
- Oct. 18** **Work day.** Inside and outside, rain or shine—a parish work day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Oct. 25** **Family night at the Roga Pumpkin Patch.** Hayrides, pumpkins, and more beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28** **Women's lunch.** Amanda's, beginning at 11:30.
- Oct. 29** **Halloween Party.** Stayed tuned for more information, but get your costumes ready.
- Dec. 1** **St. Andrew's Day .** The liturgy is at 6:00 p.m. (transferred from Nov. 30)

Necrology to be read on All Saints' Sunday

The reading of the necrology will replace the singing of communion hymns on All Saints' Sunday, November 2. There is a form on page 7 for writing the names of departed persons who have helped you on your Christian journey. The form is also a place where you can offer to be a reader of the names. Please see that Lynn Bonney has your list by the end of coffee hour on October 26.

St. Andrew's Day liturgy is December 1

Although St. Andrew's Day, our patronal feast day, is November 30, this year we will celebrate on December 1. This is because November 30 is also the first Sunday of Advent. The Feast of St. Andrew is a transferrable feast day.

As is our tradition, we will have a bagpiper, wear our kilts or something plaid, and celebrate with gusto. A meal will follow the liturgy.

Rummage sale is a success

Rain did not stop folks from checking out the St. Andrew's rummage sale on September 6. The sale, part of the Great American Market, brought in about \$650.

Among those who helped were Gay and Bill Barnes, Eddie Gilpin June Hubert, Kelley and Carolyn Lackey, David and Sue Mai, and Gary Mason. Thanks to them (and anyone whose name I do not know yet), to everyone who contributed items for the sale, and to all those who bought items at the sale. — *Cori Anderson, Sale chair*

Women meet for lunch

The women of the parish continue to meet for a Dutch-treat lunch and fellowship on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The October 28 gathering will be at Amanda's Bakery and Café, 702 Commercial. Come any time starting at 11:30 and stay as long as your schedule permits



Let nothing disturb
you,
Let nothing frighten
you,
All things are passing
away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all
things.
Whoever has God
lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.

The original Spanish:

Nada te turbe,
nada te espante;
todo se pasa,
Dios no se muda.
La paciencia todo lo
alcanza.
Quien a Dios tiene
nada la falta:
solo Dios basta.

—St. Theresa's most
popularly known
writing is a brief poem
known as her
"Bookmark," because
it was found in her
prayer book after her
death in 1582. Teresa
of Avila is celebrated
on October 15.

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

- Oct. 2 Janet Ayers
- Oct. 8 Kelley Fowler
Eddie Gilpin
- Oct. 9 Mark Harder
- Oct. 10 Larry DeBauge
- Oct. 11 June Hubert
- Oct. 13 Douglas Amend
- Oct. 14 Judy Calhoun
- Oct. 16 Jenny Harder
- Oct. 17 Dobby Bailey
DeLores Johnson
- Oct. 19 Brian McCracken
- Oct. 21 Nancy Cordill
- Oct. 23 Ben Harbaugh
John McCracken
Shirley Schoap
- Oct. 27 Nancy Wilhelmson
- Oct. 30 Patrick Davis
Jaimee Foster
Carolyn Martin
- Oct. 31 Jack Dougherty

Baptisms

- Oct. 7 Nancy Pontius
- Oct. 11 Terri Conger
- Oct. 13 Bob Basler
- Oct. 17 Ruthann Resch
- Oct. 28 Gloria Stewart

Confirmations

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

Important date missing?

If your special date in October hasn't been included in the calendar, please let Karen in the church office know so she can add it to our listings.

Milestones

Marriages

- Oct. 1 Eddie and Nancy Gilpin
- Oct. 5 Clifford and Gloria Stewart
- Oct. 15 Fred and Pat Adams

We remember

- Oct. 2 William Dreasher
- Oct. 3 Eddie Gray
Sarah Frances Price Thomas
- Oct. 4 Rebecca Johnson
- Oct. 6 Jacob Rothfelder
Emma Stowe
- Oct. 9 Lena Hayes Jones
Gladys Tibbals Pantler
- Oct. 10 Marian Howard
- Oct. 11 Isabell Copeland Gunkel
- Oct. 13 Helen Samuelson
- Oct. 15 Benjamin Lincoln Jones
Esther Margaret Teichgraeber
- Oct. 18 Deanna Hawes
- Oct. 19 Mabel Olin
- Oct. 20 Marge Frick
- Oct. 22 Maggie Ackenhansen
Ruth Humble
- Oct. 25 Norma Jones
Sylvester William Kufahl
- Oct. 26 Ruth Hazel Jensen
Patricia Jenuine
- Oct. 27 Catherine Austin
- Oct. 28 A.L. Lewis
- Oct. 29 Betty Russell
- Oct. 30 Francis Dotson
Lydia McCullough

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing: Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Bill North, Opal Glasgow, Terri Landeck, Tim Mai, Eddie Mason. *Loved ones in the military:* Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, John, Eric Muecke, Christopher Little, Molly, Aaron Riley, Michael Flory.

(As space permits, the current prayer list will be included monthly on this page.)

October Server Schedule

	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26	Nov. 2 All Saints' Sunday
Chalice bearer	R. Mitchell	G. Garcia	J. Runge	R. Mitchell	G. Garcia
Priest server	A. Keller	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	J. Davis	R. Mitchell
Crucifer	J. Crofoot	B. Dyer	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	J. Crofoot
Torch 1	E. Williams	G. Mason	E. Williams	A. Mitchell	E. Williams
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	W. Dyer	W. Dyer	C. Anderson	C. Anderson
Thurifer	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lector	M. Harrell	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	J. Runge	M. Amend
Intercessor	J. Runge	G. Garcia	B. Barnes	M. Harrell	L. Bonney
Nursery 1	M. Halleran	J. Williams	A. Jacob	S. Brinkman	J. Scheuerman
Nursery 2	J. Hubert	L. Dyer	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	L. Dyer
Greeter 1	N. Romine	S. Mai	N. Romine	S. Mai	N. Romine
Greeter 2	B. Dyer	D. Mai	B. Dyer	D. Mai	J. Hubert
LEV 1	G. Mason	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney
LEV 2	B. Barnes	G. Mason	B. Barnes	L. Bonney	J. Hubert

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



Fr. Brokaw creates, donates banner

Fr. Ronald Brokaw, 25th rector of St. Andrew's (1959-1968), created a banner in anticipation of the 140th anniversary of St. Andrew's in 2010. It was dedicated during the Holy Eucharist on September 28, with Fr. Brokaw present as preacher and participant in the liturgy.

The front shows Andrew with his x-shaped cross. The reverse refers us to the feeding of the five thousand in John's Gospel, which says, "One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?'"

The initials applied on the front are those of Fr. Brokaw and artist and designer Betty Wolfe.

FROM THE RECTOR, cont.

number of Christians are unfamiliar with their own sacred texts and are vulnerable to having it hijacked and used as a means to someone else's' (including some well-intending religious leaders) ends.

The third thing you should do is pray some more.

The fourth thing you should do is ask yourself if the positions of the candidates seem to match up with the first and great commandment given by Jesus, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

The fifth thing you should do is pray some more. Pray that God will send the Holy Spirit to help you discern what is right and that God's will may be done no matter who you vote for or who ultimately wins.

The final thing you should do is vote... and do it prayerfully.

So there you have it, a Christian voter's guide from your rector.

I'm Father Kelley and I approve this message.

Pax,
Kelley+

From the Senior Warden

October is going to be an exciting month for St. Andrew's. We're going to have a chance to think together how much St. Andrew's means to us!

We have the most beautiful church in town, the best priest, a very, very capable secretary and a sexton that keeps our church clean. We have an expanded choir, a talented organist, people who help by reading the scripture and prayers, acolytes who serve at the altar, some who distribute communion and greeters that make everyone feel welcome.

The children have a well-stocked nursery with trained volunteer supervisors, a Sunday School with special programs and teacher and we have a dinner and program for college students weekly. Communion is taken to the sick and they receive cards and visits. There is always plenty of food coming out of the kitchen or taken out to those who need it. We have a payee program that helps many organize their business and personal matters, we open our church, hearts and pocketbooks to community charities, and use the Rector's Discretionary Fund to aid those who are in need of bed and board and other things that we would not imagine they don't have.

We need your time and talent to help us grow and do God's work but remember, no one wants to do this in a church that is cold and dark – Westar must be paid too!

Our family wants to thank you for your kindness and prayers following the death of our daughter, Beth Fortna.

—Helen Call

Remembering our saints

All Saints' Sunday is November 2. Following tradition, the Mass will include a reading of names, especially the names of those who have helped us on our Christian journey and those who have died in the past year.

Please use this form to submit the names you wish to have read aloud on All Saints' Sunday. We ask that you print the names and note any pronunciations that may be unfamiliar to a reader. We don't use titles (Rev. or Dr., for example, or even Mr. and Mrs.). Each person has a given name and a surname. Place your name at the bottom, so we can call if there are questions. Please get your list to Lynn Bonney by the end of coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 26, and note if you will consider being a reader.

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_____	_____
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Your name _____

Are you willing to be a reader? Yes No

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October 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the November Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to office@standrewsemporia.net by noon that day.

**Visit the parish website at
www.StAndrewsEmporia.org**

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