



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

How you should vote, Part II

I would like to say a little more about this election and what our role as Christians should be. As I write this, we have yet to know whether President McCain or President Obama will occupy the White House or who our other elected officials will be. Last month I proposed that Christians are not obligated to support one political party or candidate. But we are obligated to vote prayerfully. I also indicated that we should pray that God's will be done, no matter the outcome of the election.

No matter what candidates win this election, it is certain that there will be some voters who are happy with the result and others who will be disappointed, even angry, that their choices lost. In previous election years, I have heard members of the Church nastily proclaim that they were not going to pray for President Such-and-Such because they hadn't voted for him and they didn't like him. While such nastiness and division is inevitably the nature of a partisan political system where one group strives to be superior to others, such ongoing negative partisan politics have no place in the life of the Church.

No matter who holds the elected offices in our nation, state and community, the role of the Christian community is clear. We certainly do not have to agree with the policies of an official, nor do we even have to like that person. And when the next election comes around we can vote

against that individual. Nevertheless, as long as particular people hold the offices, we have a sacred obligation to pray for those who have been elected to govern us.

There are at least two reasons why Christians should support their elected leaders in prayer. First of all, the wellbeing of our common life is dependent upon the wisdom, compassion and ability of our leaders. We must continue to pray that God guides and sustains them with the Holy Spirit. Secondly, when we pray for our leaders, whether we like them or not, we indicate to God and the world that we are willing and able to put aside our own egos and agendas in order to live more fully into God's vision for us as inheritors of the peaceable kingdom where the lion and lamb bunk down together and there is no place for "them or us" thinking. There is only "us" and we all fail or succeed together.

Whoever is elected on the national, state and local levels, one thing is sure. They will need our prayers and support in the months and years to come. No matter who occupies the White House in January, we will continue to pray for him week by week in the prayers of the people just as we have for every president before him. If members of the Church are not willing to offer up their own prayers to our common supplication, then God have mercy on them.

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Revelers enjoy Roga Pumpkin Patch

Friends and families of St. Andrew's enjoyed a fall evening at the Roga Pumpkin Patch, just outside of Emporia, on Oct. 25. They toasted marshmallows, cooked hot dogs, went on hayrack rides, and generally celebrated the exuberance of the season.



Shore dinner to wrap up stewardship drive

Our 2009 stewardship drive will draw to a close on November 9. Your stewardship committee has planned a celebratory dinner for all of you!!

This is a special dinner – at no charge – to be held November 9 at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Your committee will be planning, preparing and serving you. We need to have your reservations by Monday, Nov. 3. Reserve your place by calling the church office at 342-1537. Please let us know if you have an allergy to seafood.

Plan to come and we will celebrate together our community in Jesus Christ and our renewed commitment to carry out our ministry through St. Andrew's Church. — *Jacqueline Heckman-James, Stewardship Committee Chair*

Vestry meeting

The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Looking ahead

- Nov. 5 Parish Life committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Nov. 7-8 FPU Rummage sale. See article below.
- Nov. 9 Shore dinner at 5:30 sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. See article on facing page.
- Nov. 13 St. Andrew's Vestry meets at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- Nov. 26 The regular Wednesday night liturgy at 6 p.m. is the **Parish Thanksgiving Eucharist**. There will be no community meal tonight.
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day. Office closed.
- Nov. 30 Advent begins.
- Dec. 1 St. Andrew's Day will be celebrated with a 6 p.m. Eucharist (no incense, though), with our traditional bagpiper, and a dinner in the Parish Hall. You are encouraged to wear kilts or something plaid, and celebrate with gusto.

Please note: The women of St. Andrew's will not hold their monthly luncheons in November or December. The gatherings will resume in January.

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. A meal will follow the liturgy.

Thanks to ...

- ... Cori Anderson, who leads children's services on Sunday mornings in St. Mary's Chapel.
- ... All parents and grandparents who bring their children to Christian Education classes and Sunday Eucharists.
- ... Susan Mai, who – with husband David – has led the Parish Life committee for the past year.

Our shopping cart is almost bare ... and so is the Salvation Army's food pantry.

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
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter (and jelly)

Actually, anything that's on your own shopping list will help another family in Emporia ... so pick up something extra – especially if it's on sale – and help someone else make sure there's supper on the table tonight.

Financial Peace University to hold rummage sale, second session

As part of the plan to eliminate debt, the people in the Financial Peace University course are holding a rummage sale on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to browse and buy. The hours are 4-7 on Friday and 8-2 on Saturday.

Due to the popularity of this course, a second session of 13 weeks is planned beginning on Jan. 8. 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.



Most gracious God,
by whose knowledge
the depths are
broken up and the
clouds drop down
the dew: We yield
you hearty thanks
and praise for the
return of seedtime
and harvest, for the
increase of the
ground and the
gathering in of its
fruits, and for all the
other blessings of
your merciful
providence
bestowed upon this
nation and people. —
*from the
Thanksgiving for the
Harvest, BCP 840.*

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

- Nov. 2 Gould Garcia
Nov. 3 Donna Eudaley
Trish Weidert
Nov. 9 Ian Lackey
Nov. 10 Helen Call
Nov. 11 Zoë Dyer
Nov. 13 Norma Gilpin
Nov. 14 Leigh Ann Crofoot
Elizabeth First
Nov. 15 Brian Dyer
Nov. 26 Clifford Stewart
Nov. 28 Hannah Harder

Baptisms

- Nov. 1 Shanda Hendricks
Nov. 4 Nolan Jacob
Nov. 6 Sara Azzun
Elijah Williams
Julia Williams (*reaffirmation*)
Kevin Williams
Kira Williams
Nov. 9 Nancy Billings Cordill

Confirmations

- Nov. 2 Opal Glasgow
Nov. 15 Shirlee Ebberts
Nov. 19 Dobby Bailey
Don Bailey
Nov. 29 Leigh Lingenfelter
Nov. 30 Mark Harder
Patrick Kelley

We remember

- Nov. 2 Gertrude Behymer
Clair G. Bowen
Nov. 5 James Adlai Walker
Nov. 6 Guy C. Sickler
Nov. 9 Jeannette Price

Milestones

- Nov. 12 William A. Larkin
Nov. 14 Floy Johnson
Nov. 18 Marian Koger
Nov. 19 Jay Lynn Mendenhall
Nov. 20 Thomas R. Harris
Nov. 22 Ora Belle Blevens
Cheryl Ann Waller
Jerri Lynn Waller
Nov. 23 Fannie Klinkenberg
Letilia Bradford Mullinix
Nov. 24 Bessie Loraine “Betty”
Mendenhall
Nov. 25 Jim Teichgraeber
Nov. 26 Lucile Hill Uhley
Perl C. Walker
Nov. 27 Drew Warren
Nov. 28 James David “J.D.” Sims
Nov. 30 Esther Wilhite Larkin

St. Andrew’s Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing:
Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Bill
North, Opal Glasgow, Terri Landeck,
Tim Mai, Eddie Mason, Vazia and her
family, Adrian Teschendorf and
Zackary, Craig Marriott, Cole
Anderson, Bridget Shirley, and Jud
Lackey. *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.)*

Important date missing?

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

November Server Schedule

	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 1 St. Andrew's Day Monday 6 p.m.	Dec. 7
Chalice bearer	G. Garcia	J. Runge	A. Keller	G. Garcia	R. Mitchell	J. Davis	J. Runge
Priest server	R. Mitchell	P. Kelley	J. Davis	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	J. Davis
Crucifer	J. Crofoot	G. Mason	P. Davis	J. Crofoot	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	P. Davis
Torch 1	E. Williams	A. Mitchell	C. O'Mara	A. Mitchell	E. Williams	A. Mitchell	A. Faris
Torch 2	C. Anderson	W. Dyer	W. Dyer	C. Anderson	A. Mitchell	C. Anderson	E. Williams
Banner bearer	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	R. Mitchell	-----
Lector	M. Amend	M. Harrell	B. Clamurro	M. Amend	G. Garcia	M. Mingenback	M. Harrell
Intercessor	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	R. Call	P. Kelley	J. Runge	B. Barnes	R. Call
Nursery 1	J. Scheuerman	S. Brinkman	A. Jacob	J. Scheuerman	J. Williams	A. Jacob	J. Scheuerman
Nursery 2	J. Hubert	M. Halleran	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	M. Halleran	N. Jacob	L. Lingenfelter
Greeter 1	S. Mai	J. Hubert	T. Ulan	S. Mai	N. Romine	S. Mai	T. Ulan
Greeter 2	D. Mai	B. Dyer	T. Ulan	D. Mai	B. Dyer	D. Mai	T. Ulan
LEV 1	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	G. Mason	P. Kelley	-----	B. Barnes
LEV 2	J. Hubert	B. Barnes	J. Hubert	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	-----	G. Mason

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

FROM THE RECTOR, cont.**A Prayer for the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority (BCP 820):**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**Pax,
Kelley+**



Halloween Party brings out the goblins

Thirty-five people attended Holy Eucharist and the blessing of costumes on Oct. 29. Among them were Kira “Bones” Williams (left) and Andrea “Swashbuckler” Faris (right).

Diocese focuses on challenges, goals, hope

Hope and optimism were the main themes of the annual diocesan convention held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25, in Topeka. Bishop Dean Wolfe set the tone of the convention as he opened the gathering with an address titled “Mission Possible.” He reviewed the successes of the past year and set out challenges for 2009, saying all of the goals were within reach.

The guest speaker was Diana Butler Bass, an award-winning author and educator. She spoke for 80 minutes on Friday and gave a talk at Grace Cathedral on Saturday. She also was available at three book-signing sessions. Her topic was “emerging Christianity” and she stressed the importance of hope.

Business of the diocese – including elections – was conducted Friday afternoon. Posts on the Council of Trustees were won by the Ven. Monte Giddings of St. Michael’s in Mission and by Gery Schoenrock of Junction City. Other events included four workshops and a Taize service. Awards and honors were highlights of the dinner program Friday evening. Delegates from St. Andrew’s were Father Kelley, Jim Heasley and Ray Call. —Ray Call

Coffee Hour hosts needed

The Sunday Coffee Hour is an important time of fellowship and sharing for many of us at St. Andrew’s. It’s a gathering that’s possible only because parishioners volunteer to take a turn behind the kitchen counter and provide treats for others.

The sign-up notebook is on the kitchen counter, waiting for you to write your name beside one of the available dates. It’s easy to pair up with someone else and share the responsibilities.

If you enjoy Coffee Hours, please sign up and share your hospitality with others.

From the Senior Warden

Who are these people who go to St. Andrew’s on Wednesday nights?

When Father Kelley began Wednesday-night services, a group of parishioners began to show up regularly and college students were invited. This fall, Father Kelley, Sue McKinney and Andrea Faris – our peer campus minister – have increased the college attendance. The students have enjoyed our fellowship and good meals. Thanks to all of the cooks and dishwashers and to those who have offered to feed the multitudes.

Also on Wednesday nights, a workshop from Financial Peace University is offered. This course stresses wise decision-making and better control over financial matters. Carolyn Lackey wanted to offer this course after she completed the course and found it very valuable. Approximately 25 are enrolled from several faiths and the workshop will end in December. Another course is planned for next year. With our current unstable economy, this course sounds interesting.

Thanks to the stewardship committee for a job well done. I’m looking forward to the dinner.

St. Andrew’s will be offering cider and cookies during the Veterans’ Day parade. Come by.

—Helen Call

Animals blessed on St. Francis Day



Fr. Darren Henson and Fr. Kelley bless the animals as a horse stands ready for its turn.

Parishioners from St. Andrew’s and Sacred Heart Church gathered for a joint Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4. This event was held on Oct. 1 on the lawn at St. Andrew’s. About 40 people attended as well as cats and dogs, a chinchilla, and a horse.



A parishioner from Sacred Heart hugs her chinchilla.



Donna and Mel Storm hold their cat during the Blessing of Animals.



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November 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the December 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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