

CROSSROADS



Fr. Chris writes...

My colleague Peter is a priest in Harrodsburg, a town of 8300 people just southwest of Lexington in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky. Shortly after he arrived, he was in the supermarket buying some groceries. He was wearing his clerical shirt. The man in front of him in the checkout line asked what church he served. Peter mentioned the name of his parish.

“Is that the one with the school?” “No,” Peter replied, “That’s the Catholics.”

“Is it the one with the big gym?” “No,” Peter replied, “That’s the Presbyterians.”

“Oh, are you the one with the monthly supper?” “Yes,” Peter replied, “That’s us!”

American towns tend to have lots of different churches. Unless you’re involved in the life of a church, it can be hard to tell them apart. To non-church-goers, our churches are usually known for just one thing that sticks out and makes the congregation different.

There are many different ways that we can serve our neighbors, and many different ministries that we can take on. Certainly our Lord made is clear that Christians are to be people of compassion in action, and the opportunities are nearly limitless.

We do a number of things here at St. Andrew’s, from Loaves and Fishes to collecting for the food pantry to Crop Walk to the Payee Program. The sense that I get is that we have too many efforts that are not flourishing, and we want and need ministries that are stable, strong, and effective. For a ministry to grow, it needs some support and some publicity. It needs some accountability and it needs a core group of members who will advocate and promote the ministry.

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Faith Formation returns Sunday, September 1

Sunday morning we'll once again have an opportunity to learn about, discuss, and grow in the Christian faith. We will gather in the parish hall at 9:45, and our sessions will last about 45 minutes. Thanks to your feedback on the Faith Formation surveys over the past few weeks, here's the schedule for September and October:

- Sept 1 – Opening the BCP part 1: What's in the Prayer Book?
- Sept 8 – Opening the BCP part 2: Spirituality of the Prayer Book
- Sept 15 – Cade Amend presents on his trip to Brazil
- Sept 22 – Anglican History 1: Henry and his wives.
- Sept 29 – Anglican History 2: Henry's heirs, Edward, Mary, and Elizabeth
- Oct 6 – Anglican History 3: Anglicanism stabilizes and spreads
- Oct 13 – How We Read Scripture, part 1
- Oct 20 – How We Read Scripture, part 2
- Oct 27 – The Communion of Saints and the Repose of the Dead. With the feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All Souls coming up, we discuss Christian beliefs about sainthood and the afterlife.

Look for more information and descriptions on posters, in bulletins, and on the parish website at <http://www.standrewsemporia.org/faith-formation.html>.

Monthly prayers for the faithful departed begin Tuesday, September 3



A prayer service in commemoration of the dead will be offered at noon on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning September 3. The service will be a service of noon-day prayer, lasting about 20 minutes. Do come if you are free and join this important spiritual work of the church. Father Chris is a member of the Guild of All Souls, a devotional society of lay people and clergy committed to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. Find out more about the Guild, and join, at <http://guildofallsouls.net/>

Looking ahead

Sunday, Aug. 18 Outreach Sunday. Bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items, as well as personal-care items, for the food pantry. Designated checks and loose change in the collection plate also go to help neighbors in need.

Tuesday, Aug. 20 Faith Fair. Fr. Chris, campus peer minister Sadie Pile and others under the leadership of Sue McKinney, staff a table at the faith fair in the student union at ESU. Doors are open all morning, so stop by to meet some of our returning and new students.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 Midweek meals resume. The informal meal following the worship service at 6 p.m. resumes in the parish hall.

Thursday, Aug. 22 Feast of St. Bartholomew. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

Sunday, Aug. 25 Blessing of the Backpacks. This now-traditional activity is part of the 10:45 a.m. service and includes a special coffee hour. *(See page 4.)*

Tuesday, Aug. 27 Women's lunch. The women of St. Andrew's gather at 11:30 a.m. at Amanda's for their monthly come-and-go luncheon.

Sunday, Sept. 1 Faith Formation classes begin. Faith Formation study for adults begins at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. **Note:** There won't be coffee available in the Parish Hall, so those who simply must have their java are advised to bring a cup from home or pick up a cup on the way to class. *(See article on facing page.)*

Sunday, Sept. 1 Jazel Marie. This first Sunday of the month we collect loose change and designated checks for our adopted daughter, Jazel Marie, who lives in the Philippines.

Tuesday, Sept. 3 Prayers for the Faithful departed. Noon-day prayer service in commemoration of the dead is offered in the Lady Chapel. *(See page 2.)*

Sunday, Sept. 8 Peter and Judith visit. Our friends from England, Deacons Peter Pannett and Judith Greenfield, join us as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Peter is the preacher and Judith is deacon of the liturgy.

Sunday, Sept. 8 Presbyterian Manor. Worship at Presbyterian Manor of Emporia begins at 2 p.m. All parishioners are urged to attend, to share worship and fellowship with St. Andrew's parishioners who reside at the manor, as well as other residents who also attend.

Thursday, Sept. 12 Vestry. The vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. All interested parishioners are welcome.

Sunday, Sept. 15 Outreach Sunday. See Aug. 18.

Thursday, Sept. 19 Feast of St. Matthew. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 Women's lunch. See Aug. 27.

Sunday, Sept. 29 Crop Walk. St. Andrew's participates again in this yearly walk to help alleviate hunger in the community and the world. *(See page 11.)*

Monday, Sept. 30 Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Eucharist at noon in the Lady Chapel.

Fr. Chris writes, cont.

So, we now have a framework for Parish Mission & Outreach Ministries. You can read it online at <http://www.standrewsemporia.org/service.html>, and a copy can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Briefly, parish ministries will be asked to have a minimum of three church members working together. Ministries will be encouraged to communicate regularly with the Vestry and with the wider parish community to let everyone know what's been happening, and how things are going. Newly-forming ministries can work with Lynn Bonney, our Outreach Coordinator, to develop a plan. Existing ministries will have until the next Annual Parish Meeting in January to implement the policy.

The goal of all of this is not to stifle creative energy, nor to shut down the wonderful passion for service that exists in this community. The goal is to nurture and strengthen our ministries, to ensure a strong team of ministers, a clear mission, and good communication with the wider parish. We want the whole parish involved in our missionary activity, because all Christians are called to ministry, but also because it's part of the public face of our parish.

We might find that it's better to pull back a bit, like pruning a rose bush, and to find one or two things that we can do really well. So think and pray about this over the next few months: what is the missionary heart of St. Andrew's? What is one thing in which we can all get involved that will make a difference in Emporia?

Faithfully,

Chris+

Bless the bookbags, backpacks -- and those who teach and learn

The summer has gone fast (doesn't it seem as if the blessing of the bicycles was just last week?) and school is starting again. St. Andrew's will help get the academic year off to a good start with the Blessing of the Bookbags.

As part of the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, Aug. 25, Fr. Chris will lead a service to pray for a successful school year for students, as well as teachers and parents. Kids are welcome to bring their backpacks; teachers can feel free to bring their planning books and other items they'll use during the year.

The coffee hour that day will be a "school lunch," featuring sandwiches, cookies and fruit, prepared by members of the Parish Life ministry team.

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Bless the bookbags, *cont.*

This Sunday celebration offers a great opportunity to invite friends to join us for a back-to-school event, so perhaps we'll look forward to a crowd of students and teachers who hope to get the school year started right.

And it's back-to-school for Christian education, too

Sunday School classes begin Aug. 25, as part of the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist. Boys and girls will follow the teacher out the southeast tower door just before the Lesson is read. We will make our way to the St. Nicholas Children's Chapel on the second floor, where we will hold an abbreviated service of our own.

After chapel, we gather in the Sunday School room, at the other end of the hall. Here we may sing songs, play games and have discussions or do crafts to explain the service.

I do bribe the children with M&Ms and small toys for good behavior, answering questions and regular attendance and I try to have some active games for diversion. It all relates back to the lesson. When I think the readings are not appropriate, we concentrate on memorizing the creed, Ten Commandments or interesting information about the Church.

The children will return in time for Communion with their parents.

To Parents: Your children should receive a letter soon, inviting them to attend Sunday School. You can entice them with the idea that in the Aug. 25 Gospel, (which is our lesson) the leader of the synagogue, where Jesus was teaching the people, tells him that he did something he shouldn't do. Wow! Did Jesus really do something wrong?

If you have suggestions for the coming year, please contact the office at 620-342-1537 or office@standrewsemporia.org, or get in touch with me at suewill5821@gmail.com.

Needs

- the cardboard tube found in wrapping paper
- shoe boxes to organize the things in the Sunday School
- list of your child/children's allergies
- information about any problems that would help me help your child to have a better experience

To everyone: We need someone over the age of 18 to help during Sunday School and volunteers to substitute (I'll write and duplicate the lesson for you).

—**Sue Wilson**
Christian Education director

We're on Facebook and Twitter!

Find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/standrewsemporia—note no "s") and Twitter (www.twitter.com/standrewsemporia). We'll be posting news and events there as well as in the Sunday bulletins and monthly Crossroads.

A Letter from Jazel Marie

St. Andrew's has received a letter from Jazel Marie, our "adopted" daughter in the Philippines. The parish contributes to her support through a collection on the first Sunday of each month and through a special collection at a "birthday party" we have for her each January. Sue Wilson is our contact person in this outreach project. Jazel Marie writes:

24 May 2013

My dear sponsors and friends,

I am so happy and glad to hear from you. And to thank you too for your concern to my baby brother. I just enrolled in grade seven or first year high school and I am so excited already to go back to school because it means that I level up another step on my studies and I'm glad also that Abigail, Nolan, Jacob and Megan are all studying and I hope that they are all doing well.

Thank you also for the picture which you have sent. My whole family are also happy to see you all in pictures and I and my family are attending Masses in St. Rosario Parish Church.

My sincerest gratitude for all your support and guidance. May God bless you always.

Your Sponsored Child,

Jazel Marie C. Elloreg

Choir returns to the chancel

On August 25th, the opening procession will get a lot larger! The choir will be vested and will process in to the choir stalls in the chancel. In the Episcopal tradition, the choir are more than a chorus of vocal performers. They are truly liturgical ministers, and they join the eucharistic ministers, crucifer, acolytes, lector, intercessor, and priest in leading the whole congregation in worship. In fact, the primary role of the choir is to model the role of the people of God. If you're wondering when to sit or stand, or when to speak or sing, keep your eyes on the choir. They're there to be role models for the congregation. That's one reason why they sit up front.

The other reason, of course, is that choir can be heard more clearly if they sit as a group in the chancel. The choir leads the way in the congregational hymns and service music, too. If you're unfamiliar with a hymn or a piece of service music, follow the choir's lead, and you'll pick it up.

Ministers of the liturgy, role models for the people of God, leaders of the congregation's singing - the choir plays a vital role in our worship and adoration of God. Pray for them and their ministries.

Exploring liturgy for Wednesdays

In the past month, we have been exploring a Wednesday evening liturgy using "An Order of Worship for the Evening," which is found on page 109 of the BCP. This worship engages all the senses, with chant, incense, candlelight, and bells. For the first few weeks, we



prayed the service and then had deep and thoughtful conversations about what we had just experienced. We wondered particularly if we're crafting worship that will resonate with those who are spiritually curious and hungry, who are looking for a relationship with God that they can't find elsewhere. We shall see! I am grateful to Andrew Leigh-Bullard, Anna Guiltner Brownlee, and Millard Harrell for taking on the challenge of serving as readers (and chanters!) in this service.-Fr. Chris



Shown discussing the Wednesday evening liturgy are (clockwise from top): Sue McKinney, Lawrence Eudaley, Donna Eudaley, Lynn Bonney, Diane Valentine, Nancy Romine, Elaine Edwards, Sue Wilson and Fr. Chris.

August 18 and September 15 are next Outreach Sundays

You can help alleviate the problem of hunger in our town by placing just one or two non-perishable items a week in our food basket. Look for the baskets in the hall or at the back of the church on the third Sunday of each month. Food and personal care items are brought to the altar for a blessing during the offertory. If you forget to bring a food item, your checks (as designated) or cash (placed in an envelope and designated as your gift) are welcome.

August Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate and remember



Bernard of Clairvaux lived in the first half of the 12th century, but his theology and Mariology continue to be of major importance, particularly within the Cistercian and Trappist orders. Bernard founded several hundred monasteries in different parts of Europe. His influence led Pope Alexander III to launch reforms that would lead to the establishment of canon law. We celebrate his feast day on Aug. 20.

Births

Aug. 4 Nancy Pontius
 Aug. 6 Kegan Moore
 Aug. 7 Ruthann Resch
 Aug. 12 Ali Crofoot
 Aug. 13 Barry Romine
 Aug. 15 Gay Barnes
 Aug. 16 Tammy Davis
 Aug. 20 Jake Petty
 Aug. 21 Kira Williams
 Aug. 24 Brianna Dougherty
 Aug. 30 Don Bailey
 Lawrence Eudaley
 Lee Fowler
 Abigail Jacob

Baptisms

Aug. 10 Eddie Gilpin
 Christina Noble-Speedie
 Aug. 31 Kelley Fowler

Confirmations none

Anniversaries

Aug. 1 Lee and Kelley Fowler
 Aug. 5 Barry and Nancy Romine
 Aug. 7 Millard and Onnalee Harrell
 Aug. 11 Larry and Donna Eudaley
 Aug. 12 Bill and Ann North
 Aug. 18 David and Susan Mai
 Aug. 26 Don and Dobby Bailey

The faithful departed

Aug. 3 Lorelei Ann Hicks
 Jenette Tomlinson

Aug. 5 Bettie Cuff
 William John Gunkel
 Eleanor Craig Jones
 George E. Noce
 Donald David Resch Sr.
 Larry Valentine
 Aug. 7 Bobby Jo Dehler
 Aug. 11 Winfield S. Hancock
 Aug. 12 Constance Allen
 Ann James
 Phil Martin
 Aug. 16 Gladys Peart
 George Sprague
 Aug. 17 Kathrine K. White
 Aug. 18 Karl Bruder
 Aug. 20 Herbert Ritterhoff
 Aug. 21 Cordelia Gladfelter
 Aug. 22 Rex Jones
 Aug. 25 Laura McWilliams
 Aug. 26 Frederick Higbee
 Aug. 27 Harry McClure
 Aug. 28 Gertrude Unger
 Aug. 31 Gertrude Henning

Sunday readings in August

Aug. 4 Ps. 49:11, Eccl. 1-2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Luke 12:13-21.

Aug. 11 Ps. 33:12-22, Gen. 15:1-6, Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40.

Aug. 18 Ps. 82, Jer. 23:23-29, Heb. 11:20-12:2, Luke 12:49-56.

Aug. 25 Ps. 103:1-8, Is. 58:9b-14, Heb. 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17.

September Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate and remember

Births

Sept. 3	Cole Anderson
Sept. 5	Jacob Williamson
Sept. 8	Andrew Leigh-Bullard
Sept. 9	Ann Jacob
Sept. 10	Bob Basler
Sept. 15	Robert Graves
Sept. 16	Diana Moore
Sept. 19	Michael Mallek
Sept. 21	Hudson Kline
Sept. 26	Susan Mai
Sept. 30	Pat Adams
	Julia Williams

Baptisms

Sept. 21	Chuck Moore
Sept. 22	Grant Geis

Confirmations

Sept. 16	Keith Foster
Sept. 17	Nick Jacob
	Jacque Heckman-
	James (rec'd)
	David Mai
	Susan Mai
	Cody O'Mara
	Julia Williams
	Kevin Williams
Sept. 27	John Brownlee
	Lisa Moody
	Lucas Moody
	Amanda Orndorff
	Michelle Pauley
	Steve Schwenn

Anniversaries

Sept. 13	Kelley and Carolyn Lackey
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The faithful departed

Sept. 1	Beatrice McClure
Sept. 2	James D. Jones
Sept. 4	Vergil Ferrbee
Sept. 6	Helen Bailey
Sept. 8	Mary Ella Peak
Sept. 12	Louise Throgmorton
Sept. 16	Suzie Teichgraeber
Sept. 17	Bill Heller
Sept. 18	Catherine Neill
Sept. 20	George Randall
Sept. 21	Matthew Perry Day
Sept. 23	William Gerard Price
	Jerry Keller
Sept. 24	Bertha Kufahl
Sept. 25	Agnes Hancock
Sept. 26	Clay Howerton
	Granville Holmes
	Wayne Cuff
Sept. 29	Edna Stowe

Sunday readings in September

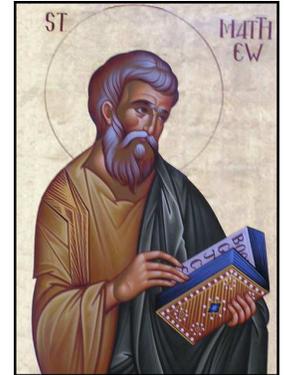
Sept. 1 Ps. 112, Sirach 10:12-18,
Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 714.

Sept. 8 Ps. 1, Deut. 30:15-20,
Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-53.

Sept. 15 Ps. 51:1-11, Ex. 32:7-14, 1
Tim 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10.

Sept. 22 Ps. 113, Amos 8:4-7, 1
Tim 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13.

Sept. 29 Ps. 146, Amos 6:1a, 4-7, 1
Tim. 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31.



We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle And evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. —*The Collect for St. Matthew, whose feast day is celebrated Sept. 21.*

Lightning damages the church building

At some point on the night of July 26, the church was struck by lightning. In fact, it was struck in the same place as a few years ago: the stone cross on the west end of the roof-line, facing Commercial Street. I have been working with the rest of the Vestry to assess the situation and create a plan for repairing the damage. Don Bailey deserves a special mention for taking the lead in dealing with Church Insurance, which has been helpful and responsive. What was damaged in the lightning strike:

- The stone cross on the roof, which was shattered
- The Te Deum window in the west wall had two panes cracked
- The amplifier for the PA system was blown

The digital organ was badly damaged, but we are still waiting for a consultant to give us the expert's opinion on that damage

A claim has been filed with Church Insurance, and we have received a number of generous donations to help defray our costs. At our August meeting, the Vestry did discuss the option of placing a lightning rod, or removing the cross entirely. We are gathering more information about those possibilities.

Your Vestry is working to restore our church building to good condition. Please don't hesitate to ask me for a status update.

—Rick Mitchell
Junior Warden

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Worship times, office hours

Worship times. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 10:45 on Sunday. Adult forum is at 9:45. Fellowship and refreshment follow the 10:45 liturgy. Mid-week worship is at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Informal dinner and fellowship follow.

Office hours. The office is staffed Monday-Thursday, 9-noon. 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.

Priest's drop-in hours. Fr. Chris Arnold is available between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and other times by appointment.

Special Service schedule

In addition to our regular liturgies on Sundays and Wednesdays, there are a few special mid-week services coming up. They are:

Thursday, Aug. 22	Feast of St. Bartholomew*. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.
Tuesday, Sept. 3	Noonday Office of the Dead. The first Tuesday of each month we pray a brief prayer service for the faithful departed.
Thursday, Sept. 12	Holy Cross Day*. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.
Thursday Sept. 19	Feast of St. Matthew*. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. in the Lady Chapel.
Monday, Sept. 30	Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Holy Eucharist at noon in the Lady Chapel
Friday, Oct. 4	Feast of St. Francis and blessing the animals and their caretakers at 6 p.m. on the front lawn if the weather is good, or in the nave.
Tuesday, Oct. 9	Noonday Office of the Dead. The first Tuesday of each month we pray a brief prayer service for the faithful departed.

** indicates that the feast day has been transferred to Thursday from either a Friday or Saturday.*

From the Senior Warden

August has been busy, and it's not even half over as I write.

The new school year starts soon, which will mean an end to summer travel and, I hope, more people in the pews. We'll have the annual blessing of the backpacks (and brief cases) soon to prepare our students and teachers for the challenges to come.

It is a good time to think ahead, and remember that school starts twice each year -- once in August and once in January. Perhaps we can begin thinking about what kind of support we can give students and teachers as the spring semester begins. Do they have the supplies they need? Do the backpacks that were blessed in August still contain all that is necessary for the tasks before them?

Please give it a little thought.

St. Andrew's has learned that lightning does strike twice -- three times, in fact. The cross above the narthex was struck by lightning again this month. The cross was shattered, the roof received minor damage, two small panes in the big Te Deum



window were damaged by shards, our wonderful electronic organ was damaged and the amplifier for the public address system is only half the gadget it used to be.

All the damage is covered by insurance and a \$1,000 check from a non-member of the parish, in memory of Fr. Larry Valentine, will cover the deductible.

The cross was struck seven years ago and, before that, 25 or 30 years ago. Is God trying to tell us something -- perhaps that the cross, with its steel supporting bar inside, is a lightning magnet? It has been suggested that it might be a good idea to not replace the cross, but remove

the bar and finish the roof peak with pointed stone, like the other gables on the church. Let Fr. Chris or me or other vestry members know what you think.

Other building news: We will have a new roof on the nave before the snow flies this year. The gutter over the parish hall door will be repaired (thanks, church insurance) and we will soon have two new air-conditioning units for the parish hall. *[These were installed on Aug. 13.]*

That's about it. If anything else breaks while Lynn and I are on vacation, please let Junior Warden Rick Mitchell know.

—Patrick Kelley

Help feed the hungry of the world and the community

CROP Walk coming up September 29

The annual walk against hunger steps off on Sunday, Sept. 29 from the front patio of the First United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 1:30 with music provided by the Praise Band from FUMC!

Each walker is asked to get pledges from friends, family and church members. Also this year we are requesting people bring canned goods or paper products to add to the Salvation Army pantry to help feed our local families. Fr. Chris Arnold will give the opening prayer and Jay Vander Velde will talk about his projects in Kenya as part of the Kansas 2 Kenya mission.

We will offer people two opportunities to be involved in the Walk ... to walk the form of the Cross through the community or to pick up trash in the area from 6th to 12th and from Merchant to Mechanic. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

The closing exercises will begin at 3:30 with another praise band welcoming us back, Lt. Lynn Lopez from Salvation Army will share the changes they have made with the food pantry and budgeting classes. Refreshments will be served!

Get pledge forms from June Hubert, get pledges from everyone around you, come walk and enjoy sharing hope in the community with your friends and family. Let's raise \$500.00 from St. Andrew's to help with world and local hunger.

—June Hubert
CROP Walk contact from St. Andrew's

School-supper tickets available from students

Sacred Heart School's annual Mexican supper will serve tacos and tasty extras from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20. Tickets are available from any of the St. Andrew's students who attend the school. Ian and Kathryn Lackey and Lance, Jacob and Kegan Moore -- with a bit of help from their parents -- are selling the tickets, which are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door.

The meal is two tacos, rice, cheese and chips and a dessert. Diners may eat at Sacred Heart or take advantage of carry-out.

Vestry Notes

Vestry approves plan for outreach, buys new air-conditioning units

Outreach ministries of St. Andrew's will reorganize as part of a plan approved by the parish vestry at their August meeting.

A three-member committee will oversee outreach programs on behalf of the vestry, helping those who have ideas for outreach ministry develop sustainable programs and gathering information to help evaluate the effectiveness of those ministries. Committee members haven't been named at this time.

Fr. Chris discovered, through conversation with parishioners, that many in the parish aren't aware of the outreach ministries that have been going on. It's time to determine whether those ministries are viable and should be continued.

Information about the new oversight program will be included in future issues of Crossroads and available through the office for those interested in beginning new outreach projects.

Vestry members also authorized Rick Mitchell, junior warden, to purchase new air-conditioning units, replacing the parish-hall air conditioners that went a bit haywire on a hot August Saturday. The old units had been in operation since the parish hall was built, so they'd put in many years of (mostly) reliable service.

Saying 'Goodbye' to Andrew -- again

Andrew Leigh, who has made a brief return to St. Andrew's after a stint as a camp counselor, is leaving us again. This time, he's headed for New Haven, Conn., where he'll spend a year at St. Hilda's House, part of the Episcopal Service Corps.

The corps is a multi-city program designed to give people in their 20s an opportunity to work in social-justice programs while they discern their future in God's service.

Andrew will be one of 10 to 12 young adults who share a house and spend much of their time in community service, devoting one day each week to prayer and discernment.

There's more information about St. Hilda's House and Christ Church, New Haven, as well as other branches of the corps online at episcopalservicecorps.org.

Andrew, who came to St. Andrew's through our campus ministry program, has played a big part in the life of our parish. Please keep him in your prayers as he heads off for an important part of his Christian journey.

Our parish family and friends

Appointments

Rachelle Smith has been named a professor at Emporia State University. Rachelle is in the English department, teaching contemporary languages and journalism.

Lee Fowler has been appointed to the state Sentencing Commission. Lee, who has been a prosecutor and a defense lawyer, established Emporia's drug court and has, since 1997, served in the 5th Judicial District, which covers Lyon and Chase counties.

Parishioners' skills bring ribbons at county fair

When it comes to stitchery, St. Andrew's parishioners have the Lyon County Fair all sewed up.*

Gay Barnes, Trish Weidert and Trish's granddaughter Macey Adams came home with plenty of ribbons for their needlework and quilting entries in the fair.

Gay created a small original quilt that earned a purple sweepstakes award in the Creative and Innovative category. Her quilting skills also brought a red ribbon on a small appliqué wall hanging and a white ribbon on a large pieced quilt.

In Needlework, she received blue ribbons on an embroidered pillow and a quilted wall hanging and a white ribbon on a pot holder.

And that wasn't all -- she also was a winner in Creative Crafts with a blue ribbon on a wire wrapped necklace she made and in Clothing, winning a blue ribbon on a recycled project, a pincushion made from felted sweaters, as well as a red ribbon on a purse.

Trish's quilting honors in quilting came as a blue ribbon on a pieced small quilt in the Professional division and a red on a small embroidery quilt. She also earned a red ribbon for a table runner in Needlework.

And Macey won a purple award in the Junior needlework division for a bag and a white ribbon in the Open needlework division for a pillow. Macey made both the bag and the pillow.

* Little-known fact: Attempts at bad puns are forgiven in unusually rainy Augusts

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe
Bishop of Kansas

The Rev. Chris Arnold
Priest in charge

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Rick Mitchell—Jr. Warden
Don Bailey
Bill Barnes
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WORSHIP TIMES

**Sundays 8:30 (spoken) and
10:45 a.m. (sung)**

**Wednesdays 6:00 p.m., followed by
fellowship and a meal**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00—noon

FR. CHRIS' DROP-IN HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00—1.p.m.

Other times by appointment



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