



The Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Worshipping God ~ Serving Our Community

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Reverend Kathleen Cullen, Priest in Charge

June ~ 2015

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

During the next few months, Rev. Kathleen will be recuperating from her surgery. Her surgery was a success and she will now begin her recovery. Please keep both Rev. Kathleen and Mary in your prayers during the difficult time in the journey. Thank you

Many thanks to The Rev. Marcus Crapsey for celebrating the Eucharist with us on Sunday, May 31st. We enjoyed meeting him and hearing his sermon. Reverend it was our pleasure to have you with us.

For June we will have the following priests celebrate Holy Eucharist with us.

June 7	The Rev. Linda Spinella	June 14	The Rev. John McCausland
June 21	The Rev. John McCausland	June 28	The Rev. John McCausland

The Food Pantry & Yard Work

For JUNE the pantry requests that we bring **Canned Veggies** for the food collection. Jack normally makes a trip to the NH Food Bank on the Monday before Food Pantry and would appreciate any help you can give with that. If you are available around 10 o'clock, please speak with him and if you own a truck or van, that would be a great benefit. Food pantry days are always the first and third Tuesday of each month, year round.

After food pantry several of the volunteers work as our Yard Clean-Up Crew around the grounds doing trash pick-up, weed control and mowing. We usually go out after the early 'rush' and there are enough volunteers to cover the pantry. Even if you are not able to come early to help with food pantry, anyone interested in our bi-monthly landscape work could come as early as 9:30am. We usually spend no longer than a half hour.

On June 16 they plan some bigger tasks. The hedge needs trimming and will be pruning back the large rhododendron in front of Founder's House. The plan is to spread bark mulch that day. This work is weather dependent and it is not done in the event of rain. Many thanks to the volunteers who show up and help in both areas. This is an integral ministry of our church.

More Parish News:



Phil Petts, pictured here at a gathering at St. Andrew's Church, Manchester is pointing out places he visited during a recent trip to Cuba with Road Scholar.

The group spent four days in Havana and four days in Cienfuegos with side trips to Trinidad and Santa Clara. On the way, the group stopped for a swim and some lunch at the Bay of Pigs.

The presentation included a Cuban style lunch of rice and beans, salad, cool water, and flan. No rum drinks were served during the luncheon

Please note the Thrift Shop Saturday morning hours are 9am until noon
The Thrift Shop will be closed for the
month of JULY



BELL RINGING AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

We were delighted to have this lovely musical addition to our service for Pentecost.

Ringling in the day and welcoming all are - right to left: John Spring, Sue Critz, Shelly Kessleman, Lisa Spring & Mark Critz. Many thanks for the lovely sound of the bells.

Communications Team Update

Those serving on the team welcome the latest additions: Sirena Crotty is joining the team and will be responsible for editing our Facebook page. Sirena has become an integral member of our parish over this past year and we are pleased she is taking on this ministry.

We are in the midst of launching a new St. Andrew's site (Vimeo) which will host our videos. Stay tuned for more info. Thank you to Dick Brown who has taken on the responsibility of recording our Sunday Services for this new project. Both of these parishioners bring a high level of expertise to our team.

Original team members are Rev. Kathleen, Barbara, Fran and Mary and we are most happy to add Sirena and Dick. Ministry service comes in different forms – *God Surprises!*

FLAG DAY June 14

Do you know how to fold a flag properly? It must be in the shape of a triangle with only the stars showing. Exact standards require that there be 13 folds as in the original colonies. The largest American flag - In 1914, Amoskeag Mills of Manchester, New Hampshire manufactured a United States flag that measured 95 feet long by 50 feet high.

Graduations:

Emily Spring graduated from Plymouth State University Summa Cum Laude this weekend. She was class Vice President and gave the welcoming speech. Emily will be moving to Arizona to work at DHL International.

Proud parents are John (Music Director) and Lisa (Choir member and Altar Guild) and sister Jillian (choir member and soloist).

Jennifer (Langer) Shannon, daughter of James & Debra Langer graduation from Manchester Community College’s Registered Nursing program.

Jennifer graduated with honors and received a Clinical Distinction Award.

She will be attending Southern New Hampshire University in the fall to further her education in the nursing field

Congratulations to Emily & Jennifer from your St. Andrew's Community!

Honors for the month of June

Birthstone: Pearl Flower: Rose

BIRTHDAYS

02	Bill Wilson	09	Paula Gagnon
14	Lisa Spring	20	Jeremy Lajoie
27	Sandy Fowles	27	Sherry Hilton

ANNIVERSARIES

15 Bob & Ginny Chabot

REMEMBRANCES

Lars Jacobson by Jackie Schorling
William Callahan by Friends

West High School Scholarship Program

On June 4 at 7pm, a scholarship award ceremony will take place in the school’s cafeteria. As we have for several years St. Andrew’s will present a check to a deserving graduate who intends to further his/her career in the humanities. This year Lynda Bennett, a former graduate of West will be joined by Bishop +Rob in presenting the award. All parishioners are welcome to attend and show our support.

The winner is Binita Gajmer who will be attending Plymouth State in the fall. Congratulations to Binita, and all those who excelled in their academic studies.

General Convention

The 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church is June 25 – July 3, in Salt Lake City, UT (Diocese of Utah). The Episcopal Church’s General Convention is held every three years, and is the bicameral governing body of the Church. It comprises the House of Bishops, with upwards of 200 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with clergy and lay deputies elected from the 108 dioceses and three regional areas of the Church, at more than 800 members.

The 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be elected on Saturday, June 27 during The Episcopal Church’s 78th General Convention which will be held June 25 – July 3 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, UT (Diocese of Utah).

Nominees: Nominated for Presiding Bishop are:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Breidenthal, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio (link is external)

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina (link is external)

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut (link is external)

The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida (link is external)

The Process

On Saturday, June 27, members of the House of Bishops with seat, voice, and vote will convene in St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City, where the election will occur in the context of prayer and reflection. Once an election has taken place, current Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will send a deputation to the House of Deputies for confirmation of the election.

The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, will refer the name to the House of Deputies legislative committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop without announcing the name to the full House. The legislative committee will make a recommendation to the House of Deputies whether to confirm the election or not confirm, and the House of Deputies will immediately vote on the recommendation. President Jennings will then appoint a delegation from the House of Deputies to notify the House of Bishops of the action taken.

The Presiding Bishop serves for a nine-year term. The Presiding Bishop is Primate, Chief Pastor of the Church, Chair of the Executive Council, and President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

Message from The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld

We often forget that the Church has an amplifying, magnifying, and intensifying effect on word, gesture, and touch.

Free online training using the curriculum "Safeguarding Our Children" is now available for use by congregations in this diocese. Each congregation has been assigned their safe church minister who can provide trainees with a unique ID and password they will need to access the program. Because the program uses video clips, broadband Internet access is essential. Completion of online training is required in order to attend the follow up in person 3 hour training session.

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Please register with your Safe Church Minister (St. Andrew's Manchester– Lisa Spring)

(For names of each session's trainers please refer to www.nhepiscopal.org/safe-church)

In Person Training Dates for the remainder of 2015

<u>Date of Training</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
9/12/2015	St. Paul's, Concord	9am - noon
10/3/2015	All Saints', Littleton	9am - noon
10/10/2015	St. James', Keene	9am - noon
10/17/2015	Holy Spirit, Plymouth	9am - noon
11/7/2015	St. Matthew's, Goffstown	8:30-noon

Vestry Meeting Highlights March 9, 2015

PRESENT: Rev. Kathleen Cullen, Fran LaSalle, Jack Fowles, Brian Sullivan, Mariette Roux

ABSENT: Phil Petts, Lynda Bennett

Rev. Kathleen opened the meeting in prayer.

The February vestry meeting minutes were approved on motion made by Brian and seconded by Jack. All were in agreement.

Treasurer's Report

- Fran presented the treasurer's report. The monthly P&L statement was reviewed. Two major expenses were incurred in February – we replaced the hot water heater at Conant house, and one of two furnaces for the parish hall. The parish hall installation necessitated new exhaust vents to bring the system up to code. We ended the month \$1,821.96 in the red.
- A formal vote was taken to discontinue monthly deposits to the sabbatical account for the 2015 budget year, as previously discussed during the budget process. A motion was made by Mariette and seconded by Jack. All were in agreement.
- Fran explained that the plate income as shown in the P&L statements include all Sunday collection monies that are not specifically pledge donations. This may include regular givers who have not pledged. Following discussion, it was agreed that we offer envelopes to those givers.
- Fran will contact Charter Trust to request a visit at our May vestry meeting to review our endowment fund accounts.
- Allocation of thrift shop profits will continue to be made 90% to capital improvement account and 10% to the food pantry.

Junior Warden's Report

- Mariette has been added to Citizens accounts. Fran also has authority to act as a signatory.
- Fran has notified Charter Trust of changes in vestry leadership.

Priest's Report

- Treasurer's position continues to be handled temporarily by our Junior Warden and Barbara Hickok, working with Sarah Marvin, bookkeeper.
- Per Mission Resource recommendations, we will continue to be open to opportunities to partner with other churches to maintain and move forward with ministry.

Parish Life/Inreach

- The search continues to fill the Treasurer's position, at least for the duration of an elected term.
- Parochial Report to the Diocese was completed and delivered prior to the March 1st deadline. Rev. Kathleen thanks all who contributed time and energy to this project.
- The vestry voted to give a gift certificate to the professional couple who volunteered to create our website. Fran made a motion to purchase an American Express gift card in the amount of \$150 as recognition for their time and talent. Jack seconded the motion and all were in agreement. Mariette will purchase the gift card along with an appropriate thank you note.
- Mariette will pick up office supplies as needed, was given the Staples charge card, and was reminded to keep receipts and forward to the church treasurer.

Worship and Prayer

- Rev. Kathleen thanked all who worked on the Bishop's visitation Sunday.
- The Bishop will attend the April vestry meeting. The meeting date is being adjusted to accommodate Bishop Rob's schedule (April 6th at 6pm).
- Mariette will schedule Readers/Eucharistic ministers and Acolytes for holy week services, also readers for the Passion readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday.
- Good Friday service will be held at 6pm on April 3rd (new time and only one service).
- Rev. Kathleen presented a new Sunday readings bulletin insert for Vestry review.

Outreach/Neighborhood

- The AA representative meeting has been rescheduled for April 22nd at 6:30pm.

Capital, Buildings and Property

- Jack reported that Wilkins completed installation of a replacement furnace for the parish hall with new venting to comply with current code. CO2 detectors were also purchased; one unit for the parish hall and a second for the church. Vents must be kept clear of snow and ice, and Jack has volunteered to monitor this for the remainder of this season. We will look at bringing other furnace vents up to code before the next winter season.
- Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors – Fran and Jack will take an inventory in each of our buildings. Will check for recharge dates on fire extinguishers and batteries on smoke detectors to bring everything current.
- Jack will mark locations of all outside gas and electric meters.
- Brian has purchased a white board (message board) for the parish hall. Jack will install.

Calendar Fran reviewed the upcoming events for March and April.

New Business

- Fran reviewed the order for pledge envelopes 2016. She will check price points with an eye toward reducing the quantity we order.
- Fund Raiser - Mariette will explore interest in holding a spring yard sale. Envision a late April or early May date on a Saturday morning. During the budget process, fundraisers were discussed as a means to decrease our deficit budget.

The next vestry meeting will be held on April 6 at 6pm, with the Bishop attending.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariette Roux, Clerk of Vestry

Vestry Members (three year terms)

Fran LaSalle, Jr. Warden: 2017 - Mariette Roux, Clerk of the Vestry: 2016
Lynda Bennett: 2017 - Jack Fowles: 2018 - Phil Petts: 2016 - Brian Sullivan: 2017
Both Senior Warden & Treasurer positions remain unfilled

Eucharist Minister and Reader Schedule

DATE	CRUCIFER	1 ST READER	2 ND READER	LEM
JUNE 7	Kim Chabot	Monica Lajoie	Phil Petts	Fran LaSalle
JUNE 14	Lynn Bennett	Lisa Spring	Nancy Harding	John Spring
JUNE 21	Phil Petts	RP Hale	Jack Fowles	Mariette Roux
JUNE 28	Lynn Bennett	Nancy Harding	John Spring	George Lajoie

First Readers say the First Lesson and the Psalm.

Second Readers say the Second Lesson and the Prayers of the People and the Military List Prayer list

CMC Parish Nurse Program at the Parish of Transfiguration
107 Alsace St, Manchester, NH ~ 603-663-8004 for questions or to Register

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

In collaboration with Walgreen Pharmacies the following events are scheduled for the month of June

6/7 Pneumonia Clinic 9:30am at St. Lawrence Parish – Goffstown for ages 65 & over

6/9 Pneumonia Clinic 8:30 – 10:30am St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford for ages 65 & over

6/18 Stroke Prevention 10-11am at St. Lawrence Parish – Goffstown

Chair Exercise Classes:

Tuesday's at Bedford Presbyterian, 10AM

Tuesday's at St. Elizabeth Seton 9-10AM

Thursday's at Transfiguration, 9:30AM

Knitting Group: Tuesday's at Transfiguration, 1:00-3:00 PM

Massage: call 603-663-8004 to register

Chair Massage,

2/12 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

2/25 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Parish of Transfiguration, 2/4 @ 10:30AM

2nd Tuesday at St. Joseph Cathedral Rectory, 1-2 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church - Goffstown

1st Monday @ St. Elizabeth Seaton, 6-7:30PM

1st Friday @ St. Pius X, 9 AM

Senior Group: St. Joseph Cathedral, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM

SHINE (Supportive Services for Older Adults)

St. Matthew's in Goffstown NH on Wednesday's 10:30-11:45AM

T'ai Chi for Health: Parish of Transfiguration, Tues. 6-7 PM

Contact 603- 289-0927 or nhtaichi@comcast.net to register

Walking Groups:

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30 AM

Wednesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30-10AM

Yoga: Sundays 3PM Bedford Presbyterian – Free will offering

Monthly Prayer List

It is our custom to change the prayer listing each month and begin new. After the service, you may add anyone who is in need of prayers and their name will remain on that list for the month. If you wish to add someone during the week, you may use either the church email or the newsletter one. Both are listed at the top of the front page of this newsletter – on our website, and a link on Facebook is also available. The email will reach me and I'll be sure to add them. Normally I print the listing on Friday.

Closing thoughts

Summer is fast approaching and we often fill our schedules with activities that do not always allow time for church on Sunday. Many children's sport activities occur or their practice dates are on a Sunday. It is amazing to witness this, but with churches offering several times and days for services, this has become second nature. A small church such as St. Andrew's we only have one service, so we often see a drop in attendance of parents, grandparents and other family or friends of children involved in summer sports.

Our summer this year will continue with only one service and with our priest, Rev. Kathleen recuperating from surgery we will have the opportunity to have visits from other Celebrants from around the area. It would be very nice for us to have as large an audience as possible to support them and the church in general. It will also help Rev. 'K' feel better to know we are carrying on her good work.

For those who always volunteer for hospitality, readers, Acolyte and Eucharistic Ministry, we say thank you. While it isn't always mentioned that day, it is noticed that several people just tend to 'pitch-in'. To those who even give the slightest thought of this, please speak with Mariette or Fran - we will be happy to guide you as you discern your participation in any church ministry.

In closing may I say what a great experience it is to attend our little church on the West Side, tucked in between the Library and West High...we may be small, but we are big in faith....our church has existed for over 125 years and it is due to the dedication and love from its membership. Let's continue our sense of community and family this summer and live up to one of the Five Practices:

Let's Show Up!

With Blessings and love

Fran

Things my mother taught me.

RELIGION: *"You better pray that will come out of the carpet".*

HYPOCRISY: *"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate*

Did you know that a typical lightning bolt is 2 to 4 inches wide and 2 miles long!

Remember to treasure your friends; they're the most valuable antiques you will ever have!!!