



The Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Worshipping God ~ Serving Our Community

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A Note from the Pastor's Desk

The Good Shepherd

(Excerpt from Good Shepherd Sunday sermon 4/26) - Rev. Kathleen Cullen)

Every year in the Liturgical Calendar the fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. It serves to shift our focus from the post resurrection appearances of Jesus to the nature of God's work in the world.

Have you ever noticed that there is no singular word for sheep? We are all in this together – there is connectedness and community. That is how we are supposed to live. Belonging to Jesus, and knowing him and being known by him, shapes us as a community of faith.

And what about the sheep not of this fold that Jesus refers to? God's community is open and inclusive. Jesus embraced the outcast, the oppressed and the marginalized, all the ones with whom we find so difficult to live with and relate. Jesus' call for one flock and one shepherd does not imply sameness.

Actually, the gathering of the flock is the work of God in Jesus. Our job is to provide space where all are welcome. Provide space in our hearts, minds, facilities, culture and neighborhood. It's God's work to gather the sheep, *not ours*. It is not up to us to say who is in and who is out. Christ died for all. We need not burden ourselves with the how and why of a Muslim's salvation for example or anyone else's for that matter. What we *do* need to need to take upon ourselves is the respect for the dignity of every human being and the making of room in our hearts and minds, lending our voice to the outcry for justice and peace. The rest is God's job.

Who is "other" for us?

How is God calling St. Andrew's Church today?

Whom is God calling us to enfold in love today?

AMEN

*Blessings,
Rev. Kathleen*

Parish News:

The Food Pantry

For MAY, the pantry requests that we bring *Pasta* 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.

April 21st, half a dozen people unloaded 1200 pounds of food from the NH Food Bank.



Check out our Facebook page for all the photos!
See our West High students lending a hand on Food Pantry Day, April 21st.

Quarterly financial update

The Vestry wishes to thank all who have contributed, either by a keeping their pledge or adding something to the Sunday collection. For anyone who may not have pledged, but normally give something either in the form of cash or a check, we would like to offer you an envelope without committing yourself to a definite amount. Please see Fran LaSalle if you would like to do this.

We also ask that you take advantage of the extra envelopes in your pledge box. We will be presenting the *West High Scholarship* at an evening ceremony next month. All donations from those envelopes will help us meet our budgeted amount for the scholarship. Any and all extra donations will help greatly to off set the repairs we have incurred this first quarter and to work toward balancing a deficit budget.

Honors for the month of MAY

Birthstone: Emerald Flower: Lily of the Valley

BIRTHDAYS

04	Jillian Spring	07	Lynda Bennett
12	Abigail Riley	17	Mark Riley
20	Sirena Crotty	30	Ryan Harding.

ANNIVERSARIES

10 Debra & James Langer

REMEMBRANCES

Charles Cole by the Langer Family
Samantha Jean Simpson by Jackie Schorling
Kathleen Mack by Willis Mack & Barbara Inglis

St. Andrew's parishioner, Bob Chabot will be presented with the Distinguished American Award at the 28th annual Joe Yukica-New Hampshire Chapter of the National Football Foundation awards dinner on May 5 at the Executive Court banquet facility in Manchester.

"I can tell you anyone who played for coach Chabot still has the utmost respect for him," said former Memorial halfback Mike Shaughnessy (1962-65). "He was a great athlete, a great coach and is a true gentleman who has accomplished so much in his life."

The Distinguished American Award is given to an outstanding person who has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game and who, over a long period of time, has exhibited enviable leadership qualities and made a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football in New Hampshire.

The 92-year-old Chabot and his wife, Virginia, plan to attend the banquet and. Dr. Ken Thomas, halfback (1962-65) on the famed 1965 Division I state championship team, will speak on behalf of his coach. Thomas said Chabot's way of teaching his players was very effective. "He never cursed, never yelled or shouted at you.

In 15 years at Memorial, Chabot coached the Crusaders to six Division I State titles, including three straight championships (1971-73). His 88-49-4 overall record included a state record of 27 straight wins (1970-73) that stood for 29 years."

Tickets to attend the banquet can be ordered by calling another former Memorial standout, Don York, at Indian Head Athletics at 627-1292. Deadline for ticket orders is May 2. A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Bob, congratulations from your parish, we are all proud to know you!

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We are saddened by the news that *Nellie Asadoorian*, 92 years young passed away on April 7th. Nellie had been a long time parishioner and had been missed since she was no longer able to attend church. Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Sona and Dennis Hirth of Merrimack, and a son and daughter-in-law Shant and Jane Asadoorian of Raleigh, N.C. Private services for the family will be held at their convenience. Memorial contributions may be made in Nellie's name to Animal Rescue League of NH, 545 Route 101, Bedford, NH 03110

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her

**ST. ANDREW'S YARD SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 2nd
8am - Noon
ST. ANDREW'S PARKING LOT
Rain Date May 9th**

Our church has not had a fund raiser in awhile, and it looks like we could use one this year!!! You can help St. Andrew's erase our deficit budget...

- Gather your 'no longer used' items - clothes, household items, books, shoes, children's toys, etc. (clean, and in good shape please!)
- Donate them to the Church. Profits from the sale will go to St. Andrew's Church.

OR

- Rent a table and sell on your own, for a \$15 donation to the church.
- Spread the word to friends and family. The more the merrier!
- Volunteer to help on May 2nd. We will need cashiers, help with tables, etc. Would love to have a food table (grilled hot dogs, chips and drinks?), but we need volunteers support to do it.

Questions or comments? See Mariette (mariettel@comcast.net).

Pentecost Sunday is May 24th
Remember to wear RED and stay to have a parish photo taken.

Graduations are coming soon

In next month's newsletter, we would like to continue our tradition of honoring those family members graduating this year. Please provide the person's name and relationship to you, the school they have attended, any awards or honors they received and where they will go from here: high school, college, grad school, military, or they plan to pursue a career in _____ (engineering, accounting, management, etc). Please email that info to me using our newsletter email address on top of the first page. If you do not have a computer, you may handwrite the information and bring it to church. If I am not available, place it in the collection plate. Thank you

Eucharist Minister and Reader Schedule

DATE	CRUCIFER	1 ST READER	2 ND READER	L. E. M.
MAY 3	Phil Petts	RP Hale	Barbara Hickok	Mariette Roux
MAY 10	Kim Chabot	Monica Lajoie	Mariette Roux	John Spring
MAY 17	Lynda Bennett	Jack Fowles	Phil Petts	George Lajoie
May 24	Phil Petts	Lisa Spring	John Spring	Fran LaSalle
MAY 31	Lynda Bennett	Barbara Hickok	Jack Fowles	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

**Vestry Meeting Highlights
February 22, 2015**

Present: Rev. Kathleen Cullen, Fran LaSalle, Brian Sullivan, Phil Petts, Jack Fowles, Mariette Roux
Absent: Lynda Bennett

The meeting opened in prayer, led by Rev. Kathleen.

Rev. Kathleen read an email message from the Mission Resources Committee, thanking us for attending their meeting on February 11 in Hopkinton to present our request for Fair Share Adjustment. We should receive an answer to our request by mid March.

The January vestry minutes were approved on motion made by Brian and seconded by Fran. All were in agreement.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Junior Warden, Fran LaSalle, in absence of a Treasurer. The vestry questioned the plate income amount for February, and Fran offered to contact our bookkeeper for clarification. Mariette made motion to accept the treasurer's report with exception to verify the plate amount. Jack seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Resolution - Fran presented a resolution for vestry approval and signature. At least two members of the vestry must have authority to accept deposits, approve changes in asset positions, and sign checks and other instruments to withdraw from or deposit to the accounts of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,

Manchester. The resolution authorizes Fran LaSalle and Mariette Roux to act as signatories and removes George Lajoie as a signatory. Motion was made by Phil and seconded by Jack to approve the resolution. All were in agreement. Fran and Mariette will meet this week at Citizen's Bank to sign the necessary bank documents.

Parish Life/In-reach

- Currently, the vestry consists of six members. Rev. Kathleen would like to see a seventh vestry member to finish out at least one of the terms left open, and asked the vestry to consider possible candidates. In addition, we continue our search for someone to fill the Treasurer's position, at least for the remainder of the elected term.
- The Parochial Report is due March 1st. Fran and Rev. Kathleen have completed the report and it will be mailed to the diocese this week.
- The new web site is ready to launch this week, contingent upon the designers.
- Mariette will pick up office supplies going forward. Fran will supply an office key and the Staples card.
- Liaison for funerals and weddings should include Mariette, as scheduler and Lisa Spring (altar guild).

Worship and Prayer

- The Lenten Program Embracing Forgiveness will begin this Sunday (March 1st) following coffee hour.
- Bishop Rob's Visit – March 8th
- We will meet on March 7th to clean the parish hall and kitchen in preparation for Bishop Rob's visit, and ask for volunteer participation. Fran will notify our housekeeping team to concentrate on the bathrooms this week.
- An expanded coffee hour will be followed by a discussion forum with the Bishop. All are invited to participate in the discussion.
- Rev. Kathleen will seek volunteers to coordinate the coffee hour.
- The Bishop has offered to follow this visit with a meeting of the vestry at a future date.

Diocese

Lay Leadership Institute for Vestries will be held on May 9th from 9:30 – 3:30pm. Vestry members please save this date!

Capital, Buildings and Property

- •Brian will purchase a white board to use as a means of communicating information. It will be installed in the parish hall.
- Parish Hall Furnace -
- The blower motor for the parish hall furnace is failing, and will need repair. Jack Fowles received estimates for both repair and replacement, and as the furnaces (there are two that operate in tandem) are 14 years old, it may be more cost effective to replace the heating unit, and bring the venting up to code. Jack is in the process of getting a second quote from Trombley Heating. In addition, CO2 detectors should be purchased for both the parish hall and the church (currently there are none). This is a safety issue.
- Brian made a motion to replace the parish hall furnace, blower and vents, and purchase CO2 detectors, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 based on the best quote from Wilkins and Trombley. Mariette seconded the motion and all were in agreement. Jack will follow up and schedule the installation.
- Shoveling will need to be kept up around furnace vents to keep them clear. Jack did this following the most recent storm and has offered to continue to monitor throughout the rest of this winter.

Fran reviewed the March/April calendar.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariette Roux, Clerk

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

Delegates to the Southern Convocation (two year terms)

Monica Lajoie – Jackie Schorling – Sue Critz

Music at St. Andrew's

Choir Director: John Spring

Organist: RP Hale

Voices in the choir vary, but we thank Bev, Lisa, Jillian, Shelly, Monica, Jackie, Mariette, Paula, Mary Jo, George, Phil, Mark, Dick for lending their talents to our weekly services.

Landscaping Team:

On Saturday morning, April 25 the team began the first of our yard clean up days and it was a huge success. Many people arrived, parishioners, members from outreach groups and neighbors, ready to work, and much has already begun for the season. Take a moment to look around the properties and see how nice everything looks and keep your eyes ready to behold the flowers and shrubs as they begin to blossom. To all who were involved in any way, thank you and to our organizer, Joan, thank you for your ministry!



St. Peter's in Londonderry - Apple County Craft Fair

St. Peter's holds two craft fairs each year. Crafters from all over the state, as well as Maine and Massachusetts, come to exhibit their creations. The church provides food, from hot dogs, hamburgers, and popcorn, to freshly baked pies, cakes, breads, brownies and cookies. We also raffle off a hand-made quilt created by one of our parishioners. The May craft fair is one day, and is held on the Saturday after Mother's Day. The September craft fair is a two-day event held the weekend after Labor Day.

2015 Spring Fling Craft Fair: Saturday, May 16, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

2015 *Fall* Apple County Craft Fair: Saturday, September 12, 9:30 am - 4:00pm, and Sunday, September 13, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Hospitality/Coffee Hour/Altar Guild

To all those who start our Sunday morning coffee, set up the table, bring goodies and stay to clean up, we'd like to say thank you. It is a ministry often overlooked since much of the work begins and/or ends while most of us are on our way into church or leaving.

Like the Altar Guild this ministry is a 'behind the scenes' event, but we would be lost with those who faithfully perform these duties.

If you would like more information on how you could help share in either ministry, please speak with Mariette Roux, or Lisa Spring.

Prayer Listings

One of the nice things many churches do today is a reading of names for those who are troubled, ill or grieving. During our service after the *Prayers for the People*, these names normally are read and include also those men & women we know who are serving in the military, both stateside and in areas of conflict.

At St. Andrew's we change our listing on a monthly basis. Check the table in the front of the church for a new list each month. Names may be added after the Sunday service. If a name has been check marked, it means that person is already on our current list.

Anyone who wishes to email a request during the week may do so by using the following email address newsletter@standrewsmanchester.com.

CMC Parish Nurse Program at the Parish of Transfiguration

107 Alsace St, Manchester, NH ~ 603-663-8004 for questions or to Register

Faithfully Fit Forever (FFF)

Wednesdays 9:30-10am * 30 minutes exercise; 10-10:30am * Speaker;
Closing with devotion & prayer

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR MAY'S "FFF"

5/6 Asthma Issues and Treatment: Mary Alice Curry, CMC

5/13 Celiac Disease and Non-Celiac Gluten Intolerance: Sarah Aster and Danielle Gagnon, CMC

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

Please note the change in the Thrift Shop Saturday morning hours. The shop now opens at 9a.m. an hour later than it did....donations will still be accepted on that day. Thank you.

From Conant Street:

Spring is finally here and we have had a bump up in sales. Thank everyone for all the wonderful donations. The only donation we really need is people to help this summer. We have summer vacations coming up and I really would like to spend some Saturday mornings in my kayak. I am convinced the work we do is so important to the community but I honestly need a break.

There is a church Yard sale in May and I am hoping people will come into the Thrift Shop to take a look while they are there. If you are interested in helping up please let one of us know.
Thanks, Lisa

The Thrift Shop will be closed on May 23 for Memorial Day Weekend!

Closing thoughts

Those who work on bulletins, the altar guild or many other ministries within the church, are aware of the 'Seasons' of the church year, as we refer to them. We have been in 'Easter-time' for the later part of April. In May we celebrate Pentecost with the following Sunday being Trinity Sunday. After which we enter Ordinary Time....meaning there are no specific observances, although there are Saint's Days and other remembrances of folks from ancient times there are no specific church observances.

At this time, the colors of the Altar will change. There will be green linens on the altar, pulpit and lectern as well as any chasuble and stole that Rev. Kathleen wears. This is Christian wide season. If one enters a Roman Catholic Church for instance, they will have the same color of adornments.

If you have a church calendar you may note that there will be days during the week when a color would be changed if we were holding services but since St. Andrew's normally conducts only a Sunday service from now until Advent, we will see green, which is symbolic of all living things and of God's creation.

Our current green set purchased a few years back by one of our parishioners, was donated in memory of her mother. This is a nice way to remember and honor a loved one. If anyone would be interested in doing this, please see Rev. Kathleen, we certainly could use any set: white, red or purple linens. Thanks to anyone who may consider this.

Peace to you all, Fran