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GREETINGS FROM REV. JOE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each week in our Holy Eucharist, during the Prayers of the People, we pray for all those who cannot be with us in church. Most often, we think of these prayers as intended for our sisters and brothers who cannot get to church by reason of illness, infirmity, or moves away to distant places to live with family. And most often, they are the intention of our prayer. But in the summer this prayer takes on added significance for our many sisters and brothers who are away traveling, or who otherwise need time off from routines for rest and recreation. If you are away for much, or most, of the summer, be assured that we keep you in our prayers, too. It is our hope and prayer that God grant you in your travels, just as we hope and pray God grant each one of us who stays behind, what-



ever is needed for safe, happy, and faith-filled times. Remember us in your prayers. And when you are in town, please join us in worship at our 9 AM time for July and August. We'll be planning a couple of hymn sings during our Sunday worship, the first one being at 9 AM on July 21st. It's a great opportunity to call out your favorite hymns, especially if they are ones we don't often sing. We'll also experiment

with worship on a few Sunday mornings in our remodeled, and cooler, parish hall to see if that might be a better venue during the hot summer months. To all my St. Andrew's parishioners, whether around or away, I wish you a wonderful summer!

Faithfully Yours in Christ,
Rev. Joe

SENIOR WARDEN MESSAGE

Dear St. Andrew's Friends,

I wanted to share with you an epiphany that I had in church this morning, the first hot, sticky Sunday of the summer. Those of you who regularly attend our 9:30 service know Baby Liam. Much to

our delight, his parents, Bill and Amanda, brought him to church this morning, just as they have faithfully done since before he was born. Liam is nearly a year old now and he is beginning to stand on his own two feet and finding his voice. It has been an absolute joy to watch

this beautiful baby boy grow into a little person. One of Liam's many friends is Joshua Kwakye. Joshua, who is also regularly in church, is another beautiful child who has a smile wide enough to light up any room. It seems like yesterday that Joshua was the St. Andrew's baby who got

SENIOR WARDEN MESSAGE (CONT.)

passed around from one set of arms to another and here he was this morning sitting in a chair holding Baby Liam. Also in church this morning were the Miller children, as well as two other infants. Our regular Sunday school programming ended a month ago and here we were

on a hot, sticky Sunday morning with a church full of kids. Thanks to the diligence of parents like Bill and Amanda, Peter and the Millers, as well as the connections that these children are forming on a weekly basis with our parishioners, we are not only looking at a parade

of beautiful babies, but we are seeing our future leaders. How exciting is that!

Peace,
Janet

JUNIOR WARDEN MESSAGE

Sometimes, we have to remember to not only be thankful for the good things that happen to us, but also for the bad things that did NOT happen! That's been the case over the past two months, as everything runs smoothly, and the biggest problem was getting the recycling bin emptied. Praise the Lord, for the peace and quiet. And for the steady work of folks like Paul, our sexton, who continues to keep everything under con-

trol. Among other things, I am also thankful for Bob's amazing work in the Memorial Garden. Do stop and enjoy the floral display!

Other developments over the past two months are some painting on the rectory on the trim and doors. Summer hit with a bang this year, as we went from a very cool wet Spring to full blown heat and humidity. But we've got the

windows open and the fans going on Sunday mornings, so don't be afraid to come by for a 9 AM service before it gets too hot.

Fortunately, we are in a good spot with Buildings and Grounds, and that makes for a brief report.

In His service,
Laura Walta

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER



While our church activities seem to slow down during the summer months our bills do not take a vacation. The oil still gets delivered (although much less often) the lights are

still on, music is still played, our services still go on (although earlier) and your pledges/donations are still needed. When you are paying your house hold bills please

do not forget your church.

Sincerely,
Valerie Carey

PLEDGE PAYMENTS

As we enter the summer months when our regular Sunday attendance and plate collections typically drop off, our pledge payments are already lagging behind by about \$3000. If you will be away from church during the summer, we'd appreciate receiving your payments by mail. Another easy way to make your pay-

ments (year round) is electronically by using your bank's bill pay feature. If you want additional information on electronic payments, please see elsewhere in this issue or speak with Janet Ratcliffe.

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH PHASE I OF THE ORGAN PROJECT

Phase 1 of the Organ Project has been completed by the Andover Organ Company. As an employee of Andover, I was responsible for this project, and did most of the work. While working on the organ, I took pictures to explain how the organ works, and what would cause it to malfunction. The main problem we were trying to solve was "cyphers", e.g. notes that would continue sounding after the key was released. It was suspected that leakage in the bottom boards was the major cause of the cyphers, and so this phase focused on making sure the bottom boards sealed completely against the bottom of the chest.



This picture shows the inside of the chest with the pipe pneumatics. Each pneumatic controls one note of one stop. Considering that there are 61 notes on the keyboards, and 20 stops (11 on the Swell, 9 on the Great), that makes a grand total of 1220 pneumatics!

The valves can be seen near the top of the pneumatics. These valves close against the holes leading to the pipes. When a stop is turned on, air is allowed into the stop channel (the horizontal chambers in this view), but the valve blocks the the air to the pipes. When a note is played, the pneumatic collapses, pulling the valve away from the pipe hole, and allowing the pipe to sound.

The gasketing seen on the bottom of the chest is made of paper, and is in generally good condition. Dark areas can be seen, indicating that there was leakage between the gasketing and the bottom board. Any leakage could cause the pneumatic to collapse fully or partially, causing a cypher.

These next two pictures show the bottom boards "before" and "after". All of the bottom boards were flattened, and leather gasketing was added to help seal the note channel holes. As can be seen in the picture on the left, there was

some leakage around the holes, especially along the edge.



This picture shows a bottom board after it was flattened. The small holes on the top of the board connect to the individual pneumatics. The larger holes on the end of the board connect to the note channel, which extends the length of the board. Each board was made in two pieces. The note channels were routed out on each of piece, and then the two pieces glued together.



*If anyone would like to join the **Altar Guild**, we would love to have you. We need your help. Please see Gail Ratcliffe if you are interested and she will be glad to give more information.*

PHASE I OF THE ORGAN PROJECT (CONTINUED)

This picture (below) shows the end of the chest, and the holes that connect to the note channels on the bottom boards. Inside the holes are the valves that are opened by the key action. These valves are known as the Primary actions, and will be refurbished in the next phase of the organ project



While working on the organ, I discovered that some of the pneumatics were failing. For example, the picture at the top of the next column shows a pipe pneumatic with a broken hinge, which prevented the valve from sealing reliably, and the picture below that shows a pneumatic which had ruptured. Both of these pneumatics were removed, the leather replaced, and then reinstalled. After this discovery, I tested all of the pneumatics, and releathered the ones that seemed to be the worst.



Phase 2 (Primary action) and Phase 3 (Key action) of the Organ Project are being scheduled for next year.



Respectfully submitted by Craig Seaman,
Organist and Music Director

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MESSAGE

Just a brief note that Phase One of the Organ Restoration is completed, and the Manual Chests and Stops have all been repaired. Do ask Craig for an explanation of what that means- he has some great photos and loves to talk about the organ. It is an historic instrument, and the first of its kind in several respects. The next phase is scheduled for Spring 2014, when we will repair Pedal, Great, and Swell

Primary Units. We are fortunate that Craig can be intimately involved in this work, and is willing to share it with any of us who are interested. Have you ever been inside the organ? Pretty fascinating to see how it all works. Thank you to everyone for keeping up your pledges. To date, we have received \$26,647 in pledge payments! Remember that the

Hall is now advertised as available for rentals on the parish website, complete with some photos. Keep us in mind if you know of people looking for a venue for 160 or fewer people.

Again, thank you to our pledgers to the Capital Campaign!

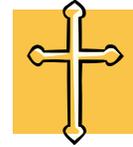
By Huib Walta

MEMORIALS



Music Memorial Fund

Mary Eldred
Judy O'Connell



Pastoral Care and Prayer List

Please notify the church office if you or someone in your family is ill or hospitalized.

In addition to keeping you in our prayers, our Pastoral Care team would like to send one of its members to visit you and bring communion. We refresh the prayer list quarterly. Please contact the office 978-689-0463 or admin@standrewsmethuen.org if you wish keep someone on the list or add someone new.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 7	Jordan Polmatier
July 18	Kayla Allbee
July 27	Avangelina Ayala
August 5	Theodore Saindon

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP



Our Sunday School is in urgent need of your help. As a result of other commitments, our leaders, Paula Campbell and Erin will not be available for Sunday school duty until early November. Paula and Erin intend to plan out lessons for the period that they are away, but will need someone to substitute for them during this time. Please call or email the church office if you are able to help and we will put you in touch with Paula and Erin. Thank You.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Jameson Falk graduated from Central Catholic. He will be going to UMass Lowell in fall.



Our 8th grade graduates include: Mally, Clive and Lars Falk, Kyleigh Cooley and Sarah Ratcliffe.

Congratulations to all!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

It may be summer, but the teens are still trying to get together, and have been a great help with some church related service projects. What a great attitude! And thanks to a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and donations from friends of the Youth Group, along with some group rate negotiations with different organizations, most events have been free for participants. We've been busy over the past couple of months, and have more planned! We play hard at our fellowship events, work hard at our service events, and enjoy each other's company ALL the time!

Over the last two months, we:

May 19 Thanks to Fr. Joe and Janet for covering for me when I couldn't make it. In keeping with the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, the teens and their friends at Nevins shared stories about their favorite memories and especially of friends and relatives that died in service to our country.

May 26 Despite threats of rain, a few of us walked the Rail Trail to Salem. It is a very level, dirt/stone trail that goes through some very pretty scenery, behind the MSPCA, and ended with a snack at CVS in

Salem. Round trip, it was probably 3 miles or so- just enough without being exhausting!

June 7 A large group of teens volunteered to serve dinner for the Friday Night Specials at their annual Prom. They did an awesome job, and received a special letter of thanks from Trudy and George Driscoll, and Beth Regan.

June 15 Several teens went to Boston for the afternoon, trying out the treats at Faneuil Hall and then participating in the evening on the historical Boston Ghost Tour. Special thanks to Debbie Wunderlich and Matt McKeon, who not only did the driving, but led the group when I broke my toe and was unable to walk. It sounded like everyone had a good time and learned a lot.

June 20 It was a hot, humid afternoon, when a few teens joined me to do an Arlington Neighborhood canvas for Vacation Bible School. We talked to adults and children, and left flyers in 250 mailboxes. Everyone was very pleasant, and we hoped that at least a few would join us for VBS which ran June 23rd-29th.

And coming up, so mark your calendars:

July 10 Serve dinner at the Cor Unum meal center in S. Lawrence

July 23 Lowell Spinners baseball game against the Brooklyn Cyclones

August 4 Serve dinner at the Cor Unum meal center in S. Lawrence

August 17 Trip to Boston with Duck Tour

In September, we'll have a reunion with our friends at the Nevins.

A huge thank you to the parents that drop off and pick up the teens from all of our events! This wouldn't work without your support. All teens, whether members of St. Andrew's or not, are welcomed to join us in our monthly schedule of social and service events. Please watch for upcoming emails as we are able to put specific dates/times to each of our plans. Parents are always cc'd on the emails to keep them in the loop. Teens (or parents) are asked to **please** indicate whether or not they will be attending, as rides have to be arranged. Adults are welcomed to help drive/chaperone!

Laura Walta



Please consider helping out with the coffee hour ministry and take a turn providing cookies or pastries.

The sign up sheet is on the door connecting the downstairs parlor and kitchen.

CHURCH BOOK CLUB



The next selection for book club is a memoir called The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls. Anyone interested in joining the book club discussion may contact Krista McLeod for a

book. She will have copies available in late July. The next meeting will take place in the church parlor on Wednesday, September 25th at 6:30pm.

"We read fiction and non-fiction. We seek books that enlighten and enrich our spiritual journey. We seek books that tell stories or have characters to which we can compare and contrast our own faith journeys. We seek books that challenge our notions of God, conventional religion, heaven, and good and evil. We seek books that challenge us to think about the human family and our relationship to our world and our history. We seek books about comparative religions and alternative faiths. We select books that will create discussion and make us think!"

“PANDAMANIA”, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

On June 23-27, 2013, St. Andrew’s Church became a bamboo forest filled with children and pandas.

We had 25 children register to experience this adventure and 30 or more the last two days by adding some visitors that could not make it the whole week due to school. This was a busy and exciting 5 days.

We learned that God created us, God listens to us, God watches over us, God loves us, no matter what, and God gives good gifts. The children learned this by going from station to station experiencing these truths in different ways. We started each evening with music and a skit about Panda Pete (or Patti) who wanted to be a panda. They eventually decided that God made them a person and God had a plan for them as a person.

The children experienced the Bible stories of creation, Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal, Jonah and the whale, Jesus’ resurrection, and the story of Hannah and her wish to have a child. This station allowed the children to participate in the story.

The children played games that reinforced these Bible truths (while often getting wet). We had to guess what creature we had on our foreheads, bamboo balance, water fall, bam-

boo roll and very funny volleyball to name a few.

The children also made some awesome crafts during this week: we made Chinese lanterns, climbing pandas, God watches bracelets, panda catchers, I love VBS sun catchers, as well as picture frames with crew pictures in them.

We watched a movie adventure about Chadder Chipmunk which brought the Bible truths to real life situations.

Our snacks also reinforced the story/Bible truths. We ate Maker Mix, Elijah’s Altar, Fish Food, Cross of Life, and Sweet Gifts with Ice Cream.

Each evening ended with more music and creations that were made to be like God’s abilities, which, of course, could never compete with what God could create or do. We also had a competition between the crews as to who could bring in more food for the food pantry. Crew 2 won the competition but the food pantry and those it supports were the real winners with three boxes of food collected.

The program ended Thursday evening with a lot of “good byes” and “see you next year”.





Thank You!

I would personally like to thank all the people who participated, donated food or money, ran stations, acted in skits, helped build sets or props etc.

This program could not exist without you and your support.

Sincerely,
Valerie Carey & Mimi Falk



The Food Pantry

Thanks to many of you, we again were able to give food to six families in the Arlington Neighborhood each week. We have many faithful donors; it is such a help!

As summer arrives, new needs will arise and we will strive to continue our weekly donations. As you shop, we ask you to remember these families and pick up one (or more) items on our list and bring it with you to church. It all adds up and is a great help!

Each week we give the following to each family: Tuna, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, green veggies, yellow veggies, soup, peanut butter, jelly or fluff. In addition we purchase milk and bread, so a monetary donation is also helpful.

Thank you for your continued help! Bev Brown

DID YOU KNOW?...

That it's possible to make electronic donations to Saint Andrew's? It's as easy as using the bill pay feature that most banks now offer free of charge to their checking account customers. You simply set up Saint An-

drew's as a payee with our name and address and



then schedule payments in the amounts and at the times you desire. Be sure to direct the payment to the attention of our pledge recorder and include your envelope number in the account number field.

If you have any questions,

FAREWELL...

I'm sure many of you have heard that I will be leaving my position as Church Secretary at St. Andrew's this summer. It's hard to believe that I have been working here for nearly four years! I have truly enjoyed getting to know so many of you. I honestly could not have asked for a better boss in Rev. Joe. Thank you so very much Joe.

A big thank you to Janet

Ratcliffe also, for the guidance she has given me in this role. I very much appreciate the time and assistance Jan has consistently given me here.

I have been lucky to work with a group of parishioners throughout my time here who have been so willing to help me learn the ropes. (Laura, Jim B., Gail, Elaine, Krista, Craig... and many more!) I'm so glad I got to know you all.

It certainly was not an easy decision for me to move on but I believe it will ultimately be in my best interest.

Hopefully I will see a few of you from time to time in Methuen.

I sincerely wish everyone at St. Andrew's the very best.

Janet McDonald

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July 21st Hymn Sing

Sept. 25th Book Club Meeting, 6:30pm.
Please see Krista McLeod for details.

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