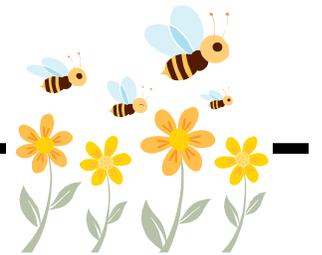


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Please do not hesitate to call Rev. Joe or Janet at any time at the above numbers with pastoral emergencies. Be sure to inform them if you or anyone you know in the parish is ill and/or in the hospital.

GREETINGS FROM REV. JOE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's really summer! It's not just the calendar. It really feels like summer. After months and months of very cold weather, starting before Thanksgiving, I sure am happy that it's finally warm. I hope you're enjoying it too. And just in time for the season, I'm announcing...

THE SUMMER (PRAYER) BOOK CLUB

There's a lot in our wonderful Book of Common Prayer. So often, we look past most of it. By habit we turn mostly to page 355 for Rite II on Sunday mornings. Occasionally we turn to page 323 for Rite I, or page 299 for Baptism. But the rest of it we largely ignore. There are prayers for many petitions and thanksgivings, psalms, the Catechism, important documents of our Church, statements about the foundations of our Episcopal beliefs, statements of our faith (creeds) we almost never use, and worship services relevant to all stages of our lives, just to list a few. Occasionally this summer, in sermon time in church, I'll be



leading you through a look at each of these facets of our prayer book. It will be eye-opening about the richness of our faith, and the power in your hands when you hold our prayer book. On Sunday, August 24th, we'll spend coffee hour time like a book group, looking back and reflecting on our encounter with this book. I'm sure we'll have learned a lot.

I will be encouraging each of you to sign out one of our prayer books to look at between our times in Sunday worship together, so you can explore on your own and raise questions about it. If you can't make it to church often over the summer, please stop on a Sunday morning, or during office

hours (Monday and Friday 9 AM to 2 PM) and sign out a prayer book to look at on your own, and join us on August 24th for coffee hour. If you can't stop by the church during one of the times I've listed to sign out a prayer book, maybe a friend can for you. And if you're away all summer, don't worry. If this proves popular, maybe we'll be able to repeat it later in our liturgical year.

In the meantime, I wish you a summer filled with God's blessing, and as always I hold you in my prayers.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Rev. Joe

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR WARDEN

As is often the case when I'm preparing to write my

piece for the Grapevine, I look back at what I wrote in

last year's edition for the same time period. Last year

Don't Forget!



*Sunday Services
now begin at
9am*

MESSAGE FROM SR. WARDEN (CONT.)

at this time, I was writing about the children of our parish and how exciting it was to see them in church on a hot, sticky Sunday morning over a month after the official end of our Sunday school year. I wrote about the then "Baby Liam" and how he was discovering his feet and voice and how delighted we were to be his church family. Fast forward a year and Liam and the children of St. Andrew's are still on my mind. This morning I was sitting in the office catching up on some business before church when the now "Big Boy Liam" came through the side door under his own steam and headed up the stairs to the sanctuary. He's not quite two and he already has a sense of how to do church. He likes to exchange the

peace, he is fascinated by the cross and he knows how to get to coffee hour. This is what happens, folks, when you bring your kids to church. They learn by the example we parents set. Kudos to Amanda and Bill, as well as all of our other faithful families who bring their children on Sunday morning. It is exciting to see the future developing right before our eyes.

Also coming under the heading of "Exciting Children's News" is the recent meeting that we had with Amy Cook, a Diocesan staff person who specializes in Christian formation. Paula Campbell, Molly Ratcliffe, Matt McKeon and I met with Amy to take stock of the year that has just ended and look over curriculum choices for next year in hopes of im-

proving our program. Not only did Amy bring a wealth of information to the table, she came full of enthusiasm and encouragement. Also on the Sunday school front is the exciting news that we have hired a paid part-time staff person, Donna Henderson, to act as our Director of Religious Education. Between the guidance and resources provided by Amy and a paid staff person who will run the program, we are confident that you will all be pleased with our new and improved Sunday school. Please stay tuned for more exciting news!

Peace,
Janet

MESSAGE FROM NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In a few weeks I will be spending my Sunday mornings with many of you at St. Andrew's.

As the new Director of Religious Education, I am looking forward to continuing my work with children and families serving your parish in this capacity.

I was born and raised in the Merrimack Valley, attending Catholic schools up until leaving for college at Clark University in Worcester, MA.

I returned to Lawrence and with my husband Gregg, we are raising our family (son, Zachary, (16) and daughters, Zoe (14) and Isabel (7)). I have been teaching at St. Louis School in Lowell for the past fifteen years and prior to that I was the Director of Family Literacy at UMASS Memorial in Worcester which included coordinating a home based preschool program and the Reach out and Read program. In addition, I have been a Catechist in my parish and

have had the pleasure of teaching various levels of CCD.

I am very excited to begin my new position at St. Andrew's. My priority is simply to insure quality, consistency, and faith filled religious education for your children. I will be working on enhancing the wonderful traditions already present and creating exciting weekly learning opportunities for children and families. I will be utilizing technology and social media to share information about upcoming events, themes for the weekly lessons, reminders, and so much more!!! Over the next few weeks I am looking forward to get acquainted with the staff, volunteers, and families.

Enjoy the blessings of summer, the slower pace, the joy of children's voices at play, and be ever grateful for each day!

Donna Henderson



MESSAGE FROM JUNIOR WARDEN

Well summer is officially here, and we'll be meeting at 9 AM through August to avoid the heat. You'll notice that a small altar is brought into the front of the sanctuary, giving us a more intimate environment. After particularly hot stretches of weather, there may be some Sundays that we worship in the newly renovated Parish Hall, where it will be much cooler and more comfortable.

utility sink at the far end of the kitchen. But we avoided a flood, and there was no damage to the floor.



did not fare well in the poor soil. And landscaping work along Messer Ave will result in much healthier lilacs in future years. And do take a moment to enjoy the beautiful memorial garden in front. It is a wonderful place to rest on the granite bench and contemplate the wonders of God's creation.

Wishing you all safe travels if you will be away over the summer months, and an invitation to join us Sunday mornings if you are in the area.

In His Service,
Laura Walta

Thanks to the faithful work of our sexton, Paul, the building is in good shape and always looks bright and inviting on Sunday morning. As might be expected in an old building, we did experience a broken water pipe under the floor of the kitchen in June. It was necessary to cap off the cold water pipe leading to the

Moving outside, there's been a buzz of activity. You'll notice a new Magnolia tree has been planted near Broadway in front of the rectory, thanks to the efforts of the Methuen Arbor Group and Groundworks Lawrence. Unfortunately, the Tulip tree planted at the corner of Broadway and All Saints Ave.



A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

While you are writing all your checks this summer please remember to write your pledge check to St. Andrew's Church. While many of us go on vacation during the summer, St. Andrew's is still here and operating and our expenses do not take a vacation. We still need to pay for the costs of running the church. While some of those costs are reduced or eliminated during the summer, many expenses are still with us.

Yours in Faith,
Valerie Carey

TOGETHER NOW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We are blessed by members who have continued to faithfully fulfill their pledges to the capital campaign. As a result, we will be able to continue the restoration of our beautiful organ. Our organist, Craig Seaman, reports that the next (2nd) phase of the organ project will be to re-leather the stop action pneumatics for the Great and Swell divisions, and also the pipe pneumatics for the Pedal. This work will probably be completed during the summer, depending on the schedule of Andover Organ. During this time, the organ may be unusable for a few Sundays, but I talked with Rev. Joe about having worship in the fellowship hall during the hot summer.

The 3rd phase of the organ project is scheduled for next January, and will be to refurbish the organ key action – rebuilding the Great and Swell keys and the Pedalboard, and replacing worn or broken parts in the action to the chests, and adjusting for optimal performance. This is great news, and God willing, we will have our organ back in close to original condition when we are done. Funds from the Capital Campaign 5-Year Pledge, received from the Episcopal Diocese quarterly to date:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Pledges Received in 2012	\$17,780	
Pledges Spent on Parish Hall 2012/13		-\$14,054
Pledges Received in 2013	\$13,943	
Pledges Received in 2014	\$ 6,172	
January	2,790.69	
April	3,381.42	
Pledges Spent on Organ 2013	_____	-\$11,100
Total Income/Expense	\$37,895	-\$25,154

NOTE: Expense does not include \$25,982 spent on parish hall from other sources

Available for Phase 2 of the Organ Restoration May 2014: \$12,741

Thank you to everyone for keeping up your pledges. Remember that our bright, beautiful, warm Parish 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.

Submitted by,
Huib Walta

Happy Birthday!



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

FLEA MARKET/RUMMAGE SALE

Flea Market/Rummage sale will be held on **Saturday, Sept 13th**. Please clean out your closets and bring them down to the church. If you need someone to pick up your items you can call Paula Campbell or Patti Eldred. Furniture or big items can not be given until a few days before the event because we have commitments in the gym. Please do not donate TVs or Computers. We are looking for volunteers for the event and leading up to the event.



Thank you
Paula Campbell (978) 794-1000
Patti Eldred (978) 686-1472

MISSION OUTREACH

Throughout this year St. Andrew's Vestry has been having discussions concerning our mission outreach. After much debate, it was decided to see if we could be involved in other ways with our neighbors in the Arlington district. For years we've helped the working poor with groceries and gifts at Christmas. Could we be involved in other ways? We invited Linda Soucy to our June meeting. She began by telling us how very helpful our association with the neighborhood has been to date. Linda said that with the help of food and gifts received, parents are able to keep up with rent and provide a stable home for their families.

We asked Linda to explain what M.A.N. (Methuen Arlington Neighborhood) does. She stated that their primary focus is the children; to give them a better life. One area of prime importance is education. Everyday, Monday–Friday, children come to the homework center to get help in completing homework and projects. Through grants and donations, the center has several computers, printers and a well-stocked library. To keep children involved in worthwhile activities, the center opens for breakfast on Saturday mornings. Following this, they partake in a craft activity. Lunch is served and then children are able to watch a current movie on a DVD purchased by the center.

Adjacent to their center is a park with basketball courts and playground equipment. In the summer, teens play games with, and direct the activities of the children.

There is a basketball tournament at the end of the summer, complete with trophies and a block party.

The children plan and present a *Peace in the Park* program and all participate in *National Night Out*. Children are never asked to pay to participate. Expenses are covered by grants and donations.

We on the Vestry are looking at the new opportunities for lending our help.

How can you help? We all wish to continue with the food pantry and adopt a family at Christmas, but there are many more areas where we could help.

Could you come for one afternoon to help a child do homework or projects? Could you come on a Saturday morning and help with a craft? Could you pick up craft supplies or a new DVD to donate?

Pray about it over the summer.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if each child could begin the new school year with a new friend/helper in "their corner?"

Bev Brown

For more information on volunteer opportunities with M.A.N., please contact Linda Soucy at 978-691-5645 or by email at MethuenArlington@yahoo.com.



The Food Pantry

Thank you to those who have signed up to bring one item from the list every week when you come to church, this list has recently been revised to suit the needs of the recipients.

Please sign up in the parlor, and participate in this ministry – it is very important to those in need.

Each week we give the following to each of six families:

Cereal, pasta, tomato sauce, soup, peanut butter, vegetables, tuna fish, rice, dry beans, soap, toothpaste and detergent.

In addition, we purchase milk and bread, so a monetary donation is also helpful.

Thank you for your continued help! Bev Brown

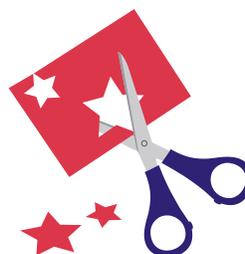
CRAFT COLLECTION

In August, we will be collecting craft/project supplies for our neighbors at M.A.N. (Methuen Arlington Neighborhood). Often times, the cost of supplies needed to complete a school project is not in a family's budget. Your donations will help children in the neighborhood have a successful school year.



Suggestions:

Colored pencils
Crayons
Markers
Construction paper



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Personas de fe tocando vidas

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Lawrence, MA 01842
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Fax: 978-689-2006

June 9, 2014

The Reverend Joseph Wilkes
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
90 Broad Way
Methuen, MA 01844

Dear Reverend Wilkes,

On behalf of Communities Together, I would like to thank your congregation for the generous donation towards the 2014 Diaper Drive in the amount of \$1284.90, in honor of retiring bishop, the Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE.

It is gratifying to see such generosity that allows us, in turn, to provide wonderful ministries to the Greater Lawrence community through programs such as hospital and nursing home chaplaincies, Vacation Bible School and Manos Felices at the Hancock Projects.

Again, thank you and your congregation.

Sincerely,

David Edwards
Executive Director

cc. the Right Reverend M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE

MERRIMACK VALLEY DEANERY

At the last deanery meeting, held at Trinity Haverhill on May 7, the deanery grants for Sending and Serving and the House of Mercy were awarded by vote:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newburyport:	St. Paul's Food Voucher Program \$800 House of Mercy Grant
Christ Church, Esperanza Academy:	Athletic Equipment for Esperanza Academy \$800 House of Mercy Grant
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Westford:	Spiritual Companionship Workshop \$400 Sending and Serving Grant
St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Lowell:	Basic Computer Training and Conversational, English for Immigrants \$1,500 Sending and Serving
St. John's Episcopal Church, Lowell:	St John's Center for the Arts: KALEIDOSCOPE, Harmony Youth Group, VBS Art Camp, Children's feeding Program \$2,500 Sending and Serving Grant

Ascension Day Choral Evensong

Anne Duffy, Betty Mackay and Jim Beagan participated in the Ascension Evensong at St. Paul's Church, North Andover. It was arranged by the Lower Merrimack Valley collaborative and was a wonderful service of music and prayer. The celebrant was Rev. Paul Bresnahan, who is now at St. Paul's. Betty was thrilled to spend time with Reverend Paul and his wife Cindy at the refreshment hour which followed the service. Rev. Paul asked about many of the parishioners from his time at St. Andrew's.

The following write-up was sent from the collaborative newsletter, the Flow.

The Lower Merrimack Valley Collaborative held a joint Ascension Day service of Evensong Rite I at St. Paul 's, North Andover, on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 29th at 7 o'clock in the evening. There were 58 people from 8 parishes represented. There was also a joint choir from 4 churches, conducted by Ed Stauff from St. Paul 's, North Andover . The readings were done by parishioners from 5 of the churches. We even had a young woman carrying Trinity, Haverhill 's banner.

The homily was a collaborative endeavor. With the example of the wonderful choir, the point was made that harmonizing voices created overtones which are not played, but are created by our minds and bring an added richness to the music. Our collaboration together creates overtones of richness in our shared experiences. The visual image of the Ascension of Jesus illustrates the new dimensions we are afforded in our faith and in our life together – COLLABORATION! We must be careful and care-filled with each other. Jesus' word for collaboration was love.

A Collect for the Collaborative:

Blessed Trinity, help your bride to be one as you are one. Guide us as we co-labor to be your hands and feet in the world. Equip us to carry out your wonderful commission. Unite our minds and hearts through the breath of your life-giving Spirit. All in the name of the one who dwells among us. Amen.

Composed by Suzanne DeWitt, St. Paul's, Newburyport; sung by Chris Cerrato, Trinity, Haverhill

The whole service was a model of collaboration and recorded by St. Paul 's NA choir master Ed Stauff! We are doing wonder-ful things together.

Jim Beagan



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.

COR UNUM MINISTRY

St. Andrew's has made a commitment to serve dinner at Cor Unum, across from St. Patrick's Church on Salem Street in S. Lawrence, on the LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH at 4:00-7:00. We were proud to have 8 volunteers in June, and hope to match that number each month. It seems that our ministry at Cor Unum is more popular with the adults than the teens, as we had a great group of folks from 11-75 there last month! There's a job for everyone, no matter what your age.

This is a wonderful ministry in that it allows us to "seek and serve Christ in all people," to "love our neighbors as ourselves," and to "respect the dignity of every human being" as we serve a dinner meal, restaurant style, to the homeless and disadvantaged in the Greater Lawrence area. Cor Unum serves breakfast and dinner meals 365 days per year, and is totally run by volunteers using donated food. Come join us and see for yourself what a wonderful experience it is! (Note: it is even air conditioned during the summer!)

Please mark your calendars now so that you don't schedule other activities into that slot. This is an important responsibility we have taken on-the Cor Unum volunteer staff and over 300 homeless and hungry are depending on us.

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.

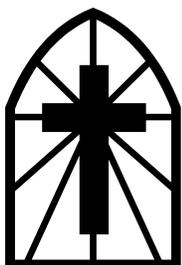
TOILETRY COLLECTION

During Vestry's recent meeting with Linda Soucy of the Arlington Neighborhood, it came to our attention that the purchase of the toiletries we all take for granted often cuts into the weekly food budget of one of the working poor families that our food pantry supports. As a result, we are setting up a collection point for the travel size items that you often find in hotel rooms. In a week when a family's food



budget is tight, a travel size bar of soap or bottle of shampoo could make a big difference. If your travels this summer and beyond take you to a hotel or motel that offers complimentary toiletry items (soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc.), please consider bringing them back to us. You'll find the collection bin in the parlor at coffee hour.

MEMORIALS

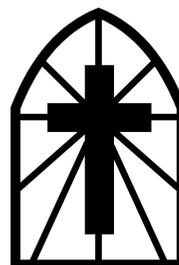


Music Memorial Fund

Garden Memorial Fund
Ruth Clements

Music Memorial Fund
Robert A. Ratcliffe

**In Honor of Bertha Rothwell's
90th Birthday*



ST. ANDREW'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (CAMP) HELP NEEDED!



Vacation Bible School relies on help from the parish family every year. This help can come in many forms. We rely on people to help set up the decorations on August 2nd and to help take everything down on August 7th after the program is complete. We need help working stations (crafts, movies, snacks, Bible Adventure, games) and in creating sets. We also need actors to play in skits. We also rely on the parish to provide specific foods for snack time. Below is a list of foods that we still do not have donated. Please consider donating one or more of the items listed below or to help out in another way.

- 5 loaves of white bread
- 6 bags of cubed cheddar cheese
- 6 bags of cubed ham
- 4 bags of crouton cubes (large)
- 5 bags of plain bagels
- 5 large containers of whip topping
- 6 containers of yellow sugar crystal sprinkles

Please contact Valerie Carey 978-362-3230 or by e-mail at carey.james@comcast.net if you would like to help.

Vacation Bible School

WHEN: August 3-7, 2014

WHAT TIME: 6:00-9:00 PM

WHERE: St. Andrew's Church
90 Broadway
Methuen, MA

WHO: Children entering K-6th grade
in September



We will once again be having our Vacation Bible School (camp).

The Registration Form is included on following page of this Grapevine edition.

This is a week of fun that you don't want to miss!

It is a fast paced week of music, crafts, games, snack, drama and silliness.

Register early so you don't miss the fun!

Preregistration is recommended!

* For more information, call 978-689-0463 or visit our website at
<http://www.standrewsmethuen.org>

ST. ANDREW'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (CAMP) REGISTRATION FORM - AUGUST 3-7

Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School (camp)



Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade entering in September 2014: _____

In Case of emergency, contact:

Mother: _____ Phone #: _____

Father: _____ Phone #: _____

Other: _____ Phone #: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home church: _____

Name of special friend your child might like to be with: _____

Order form for selected items from VBS:

T-Shirts: circle your choice

Children' sizes and adult S, M, L \$5. Adult XL-2XL \$8

Size: Children: S M L XL

Adult: S M L XL 2XL

Please pay for the T-shirt with your registration so that we may have them available to you when you arrive at VBS Sunday Evening.

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Thank you!

MARK THE DATE

Vacation Bible School (Camp)



This years VBS program has a medieval theme, with ladies, Kings, and knights aplenty.

There will be music, crafts, movies, snacks, games, and Bible Adventures galore.

Don't miss this exciting event!

August 3-7, 2014 6:00-9:00PM

**Registration & Flyer
in this editon of the Grapevine**