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GREETINGS FROM REV. JOE

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

Reflecting on our Advent and Christmas seasons this year, I am grateful to so many of our parishioners and staff for their extra efforts to ensure that we had wonderful worship, fellowship, and outreach activities. We do a lot at our church despite that we are a small parish. It's a testament to our faithfulness and dedication that this is so. Thank you, everyone. I hope you found joy in your life in the church over the last couple of months as I have.

Looking ahead, it's the season of resolutions. It's a new calendar year. Traditionally this means that many of us think about the things we do that we want to sustain, and the things we want to change. We often think about the effort this will require with some trepidation. This is because change is difficult. But it's also because we know from our life experiences that keeping promises, and following through on our resolutions, is hard. We sometimes don't succeed. But as faithful Christians who believe in the Resurrection, we are a people who are called to new beginnings. So, each year we try. My prayer for us is that we ask God's guidance and inspiration to make resolutions that excite us, and that are achievable, so that we have the real hope of maintaining our motivation, staying on track, and following through. This I pray



for on behalf of us as individuals, and on behalf of us collectively as a parish. Let this new year be a refreshing start for us all.

Speaking about change, we have some open positions in parish lay leadership in February. We will elect people to fill these positions at our annual parish meeting. Details about that meeting will be forthcoming. We will elect a senior warden, junior warden, treasurer and clerk to one year terms. We will elect two vestry members to three year terms. Please speak with me or any of the officers, or any member of vestry, for more information about these positions. I am praying for a great turn out at our annual meeting so that we have wide representation in setting the direction of our parish for the coming year.

I am also praying for a great turn out for the visit of Bishop Gayle Harris to our parish on Sunday, January 11th. She will preside and preach at our 9:30 AM service. Then she will

speak with the parish, and do Q & A, at the coffee hour to follow. After that she will meet with vestry. It's always a wonderful Sunday when she visits. Please mark your calendars and plan to be in church that day to greet her.

In the meantime, please know that I keep you in my prayers. I ask that you keep me in yours. Happy New Year!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Rev. Joe



Blessing the Bounty
November 2014

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR WARDEN

As everyone knows by now, I'm a lame duck. After six years as Senior Warden, I'll be stepping down as of our annual meeting in February and, as such, this is my final time occupying this space in our newsletter. I had been struggling for weeks about what I'd write, feeling that I needed to leave you with something deep and spiritually moving. And then we had church this morning and our no rehearsal, low stress, intergenerational, very memorable Christmas pageant and I'd found my inspiration. This morning was everything that I love about St. Andrew's strangely wrapped up in a pair of Victoria Secretlike angel wings.

First, we had a new idea and we weren't afraid to take a chance on it. What would happen if we took this new approach to a Christmas pag-

nant? What if there were no rehearsals or lines to learn? Would our adult parishioners participate? What happened was a huge success that left us all smiling. We had many hands, old, young and in between alike, come together to tell the story of the birth of Jesus in an almost Seussical, slightly irreverent, very St. Andrew's kind of way. Not only did we have the children of the Sunday school in the traditional roles of Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds and manger animals, but we had Matt as Ceasar Augustus, Patti, our head angel in feathered wings, Huib leading a very excited band of shepherds and the three wise men played by Harry, Jim and Chris. One of our Sunday school boys really wanted to play the part of an owl and, perhaps most unforgettably, we had Liam show up at the

manger in his dinosaur costume. Not only did we witness the hope and excitement of the Christmas story, but we saw hope and excitement for our future. The love, talent and skills that put on this morning's pageant make for a very bright future here at St. Andrew's. Just imagine the other new ideas lurking out there that we might want to take a chance on! Even though I am stepping down from a leadership role here at St. Andrew's, I am looking forward to our future and the possibility of collaborating on many more no rehearsal, low stress ventures together.

May peace and joy be your gifts at Christmas and your blessings all year through!

Peace,
Janet

Christmas Pageant December 2014



MESSAGE FROM JUNIOR WARDEN

Holiday greetings to all! I hope your Advent was blessed, that your Christmas was joyous, and that your New Year brings you health and happiness. Thank you to all who participated in the "greening" of the church in December- it looked beautiful through Advent and Christmas. The old motor on the oil burner died out on December 23rd, but the crisis was averted with a quick replacement, and Christmas Eve services were warm and cozy!

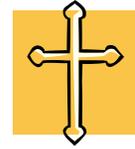
With the upcoming visit by Bishop Gayle on January 11th, we are busy getting everything

back to normal and trying to look our best. I'm happy to report that the elevator has passed its annual inspection, and the kitchen is scheduled to get its inspection in January. You might notice that Paul has polished all of the woodwork in the upstairs parlor. He's also patched that terrible sidewalk at the side entrance.

The winter is a quiet time outside, with just the clearing of snow when a storm hits. This would be a great time to re-create a Building and Grounds Committee. We could take a look around at

the projects that need attention, prioritize them, and have an action plan for the arrival of Spring. As far away as it seems, the days are already getting longer, and it will be here before you know it! Please contact me or email admin@standrewsmethuen if you'd be willing to help with this. Once I know that there is interest, we can schedule a convenient meeting. Your ideas and experience with various types of projects would be very helpful!

In His service,
Laura Walta



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.

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Building Faith—Brick by Brick

Happy New Year! This time of year often encourages us to reflect on our lives and even resolves to make changes, how we eat, how we spend our time, perhaps to workout more.

These physical evaluations, tangible measurements, often start out strong and more often than not, fizzle. In 2015, I challenged myself to reflect on my faith. Is my spirituality healthy? Have I made a commitment to grow with God? Do I talk with God daily? Friendships grow through communication, so I have made the commitment to deepen my friendship with God. Speak with him daily. Slow down and be still long enough to hear God speak to me too. I can't wait to see how this goes!!

Sunday School is moving right along. 2015 brings Legos into our routine! We will be starting to implement curriculum that allows chil-

dren to create Bible stories as they understand them through Legos. They are very excited about this development. We are very grateful for our Lego donations and we are eager to build our faith, be it Lego brick by Lego brick!



On behalf of the children, I would like to recognize our volunteers who help make Sundays so fun for us. Please keep Matthew and Madeleine McKeon, Molly Ratcliffe, and Paula Campbell in your prayers. Each have been self-

less and generous with their time to offer direct instruction, or an extra set of hands to our weekly sessions. Thank you so much for your contributions. It is very much appreciated.

Donna Henderson

TOGETHER NOW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Who has just celebrated the 8th anniversary of his ordination.

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

Ephesians 4:11-12

I want to report on the progress of the Organ Restoration Project. Thanks to your faithful stewardship to the Together Now capital campaign, we now have all the funds necessary to pay for the second phase of the project, where they are repairing the keyboards and pedal boards. You can already hear the difference the various repairs have made. And we are fortunate to have the talents of Craig Seaman, our organist, who ends every service with a piece of music that brings out the best from our special organ.

According to Craig, the next phase of the organ project will begin on January 12, after the visit from Bishop Gayle Harris, with an anticipated completion date of February 18 (Ash Wednesday). During this phase the organ will not be usable. L But this phase will improve the playing action of the organ, and will include several projects. As Craig reports:

1. The keyboards will be removed and refurbished. Any missing, or severely damaged, key coverings will be replaced, and the keys will be rebushed to remove excessive side-to-side as well as front-to-back movement.
2. The pedal board will also be removed and refurbished.
3. The primary actions for both manuals (Great and Swell) will be removed and cleaned. The action for each key (61 on each manual) contains a threaded wire, two disks (made of layered fiber, felt and leather) and four leather nuts. The disks and nuts have deteriorated over time, and will be replaced.
4. The primary action for the two Pedal stops (Bourdon and Open Diapason) will be refurbished. The action for each pipe (32 for each stop) contains a leather pouch, a threaded wire, two disks and four leather nuts. The leather pouches had been replaced about 20 years ago, but have deteriorated to the point that they need to be replaced again. The disks and leather nuts will be examined, and replaced if they have deteriorated beyond their useful life. Because the disks and leather nuts are inside the chest, they tend to last longer than the pouches, which are outside the chest.
5. The manual trackers will be replaced. The "trackers" are strips of thin wood, which dry out and become brittle over time. Each key has two trackers: a horizontal tracker which runs from the key to the roller board below the chest, and a vertical tracker which runs from the roller board to the backfall under the chest. The primary wire (from step 3) attaches to the other end of the backfall.
6. At the end, everything will be reassembled and adjusted for optimum performance.

What a list! Craig has offered to hold another seminar about the organ, with parts for "show-and-tell". So plan to stay after church on January 25 (or February 1 if it snows).

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	\$10,687	
January	2,790.69	
April	3,381.42	
July	2,203.36	
October	2,312.00	
Pledges Spent on Organ 2013		-11,100
Pledges spent on Organ 2014		- 2,500
Total Income/Expense	\$40,098	-\$25,654

TOGETHER NOW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE (CONT.)

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

Available for Phase 2 of the Organ Restoration December 2014: \$ 14,444.

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



FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

We had another musically full holiday season, beginning with a rendition of "All Good Gifts" from *Godspell* for Thanksgiving. During Advent we held our traditional service of Lessons & Carols, and the Christmas Pageant, with their associated Christmas carols. And then on Christmas Eve the choir sang an arrangement of "Sussex Carol", with special thanks to Madeleine McKeon (clarinet) and Cathie Seaman (tambourine). On the first Sunday after Christmas we had another Hymn Sing, with favorite Christmas carols and other hymns selected by the congregation. And, finally, the choir is preparing a special anthem for the visit from Bishop Harris on January 11.

During our Christmas Eve service, we traditionally sing two of the most popular Christmas carols, *O come all you faithful*, and *Joy to the world*. Both of these hymns have a long history, their popularity can be partly attributed to the tunes we now use.

The earliest known copy of the lyrics for *O come all ye faithful* dates from about 1743, and was originally 4 verses written in Latin as *Adeste fideles*. There were several English translations, which were paired with various tunes. But in 1861, the tune and text that we now know were published together, and soon entered the permanent Christmas carol repertory.

Joy to the world is a paraphrase by Isaac Watts of the second part of Psalm 98, which was initially published in 1719. The text was published with the tune *Richmond* in earlier hymnals, but was included in the appendix of the 1940 hymnal with the tune we now use, *Antioch*, and has also gained international popularity.

Craig Seaman
Organist/Music Director

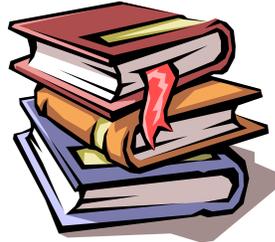
CHURCH BOOK CLUB 2014-15

Upcoming Dates & Selections

**Sunday, January 18th After Service –
Mountains Beyond Mountains**

by Tracy Kidder

The book examines the life and work of Dr. Paul Farmer who is the founder of "Partners in Health", a worldwide charity based in Boston, and focuses on his work in Haiti and beyond.



**Wednesday, April 29th 6:30pm –
Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk Cross**

A historical novel set in the 9th century that examines the life of the only woman Pope, who lived as a monk and eventually assumed the Papacy disguised as a man.

**Sunday, March 15th After Service –
Desire of the Everlasting Hills: The World
Before & After Jesus by Thomas Cahill**

Part of the "Hinges of History" series...What is the place of Jesus in the history of the world?

**Wednesday, June 3rd 6:30pm –
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver**

The story of a missionary and his family who travel to the Belgian Congo in the 1960's. Told from the point of view of the wife and daughters of this difficult man.

If you are interested in joining us for the book club, please speak to Krista McLeod or Janet Ratcliffe.

"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!"

BISHOP HARRIS VISIT

Bishop Gayle Harris will be visiting the parish on January 11th for our 9:30 service, for Q and A with the parish during coffee hour, and to then meet with the vestry.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- January 2 - Christy Lee
- January 12 - Kristofer Wunderlich
- January 22 - Curtis Robarge



- February 1 - Huib Walta
- February 5 - Gail Ratcliffe
- February 7 - Kyleigh Cooley
Robert Pauley
- February 14 - Evelyn Ratcliffe
- February 16 - Mally, Clive & Lars Falk
- February 18 - Nicholas Wunderlich
- February 19 - Krista McLeod
Peter Kwakye, Sr.

If you don't see your name on our Birthday list, please contact the office and let us know!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015

Saint Andrew's Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

The Election of the following:

- Clerk of the Annual Meeting
- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Two Vestry positions available to serve 3-year term
- Delegates to the Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of MA

Delegates to Deanery:

- Greater Lawrence Council of Churches
- Parish Historian

Other Business will include:

- The receipt of annual reports from all Parish organizations

- The receipt of annual financial reports
- A report on the adopted 2015 budget
- Any other business as may properly be brought before the Congregation for its consideration

Your participation is crucial to our success. First, you'll likely remember from previous years that we need a quorum in order to proceed. That means we need parishioners to be present and sign in. We can't even get the meeting started if we don't have people willing to do that.

Secondly, Vestry members, your representatives to the board that oversee the business of our church, are elected at this meeting. As of this writing, we have a number of positions that will need to be filled, including Junior Warden, two three-year seats on the Vestry, parish historian, delegates to the convention and representatives to Communities Together.

If you'd like the job descriptions for any of these positions, please let us know. This annual meeting is a great opportunity to help St. Andrew's move forward – please consider how you can help make it a success!

Attention all

Committee Chairs:

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday in February, so we need to start thinking about our annual report. We'll need your inserts for the report no later than Jan. 20th so that Jill will have enough time to compile and produce the final printed copies. Submitting a report either in the body of an email or by attaching a word document to an email will be appreciated since that will make the job of compiling the report much easier.

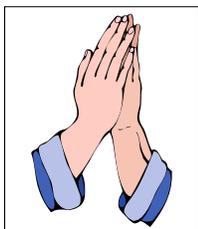
Thank you!

VESTRY OPENINGS

February 1st is the date for the annual meeting. Elections for parish leadership positions, including Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Clerk and two Vestry seats, will take place at that time. Please speak to Janet R. or Rev. Joe if you would like to hear

more about any of these positions. If you have never taken a turn in one of our leadership positions, or if it's been a while since you last served, please consider stepping forward. We would welcome your fresh perspective, as well as some new energy.

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF THE EPIPHANY



Gentle God, the tinsel falls, the year turns, the carols fade. The blessing of Bethlehem that touched all the gray in our lives with star-silver is past. In this turning season of long cold nights, we ask God's presence beyond our holidays into the wintering times of our

lives, so that we can begin to grow and become strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God.

Amen

COR UNUM MINISTRY

Community service is a wonderful way for young and old alike to connect on a personal level with those less fortunate than ourselves. It is easy to take our good fortune for granted. In serving others, we are doing God's work and restoring a sense of dignity and worth to those who so often feel marginalized and invisible. This is what it means to "seek and serve Christ in all people." I am often told that something as simple as looking a person in the eye when you speak to them, smiling as you serve them, calling a person "sir" or "ma'am," can bring a sense of happiness and belonging. The experience changes the way I think about the world around me. It makes me re-evaluate my own priorities. It brings into focus that while God has provided us with abundance, it is divided in ways that create scarcity. It makes me wonder how we can change that reality, and achieve a world that is closer to what God intended.

St. Andrew's continues to support the mission work of Cor Unum in South Lawrence. On the last Friday of each month, some of us from St. Andrew's join other volunteers to serve a hot dinner meal to the homeless and disadvantaged. We meet at the Cor Unum "restaurant" off Salem Street (beside St. Patrick's Catholic Church) from 4-7pm for three hours of community service in a clean, friendly, well lit, air conditioned (summer)/heated (winter) environment.



I invite you to join us. Bring a friend. Bring your children. 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. Help us make a small difference in the life of another human being.

Submitted by Laura Walta

IN MEMORY OF...

MOORESVILLE, NC: Dora Arsenault Atkinson, 92, of Mooresville, N.C., passed away on Friday, December 19, 2014, at Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, N.C.



She was born on December 11, 1922, in Lawrence, Mass., to the late Michael and Emma Poirier Arsenault. Mrs. Atkinson was retired from Atkinson's Package Store. She was a member for over 50 years of St. Andrews Church in Methuen, Mass., where she sang in the choir and Altar Guild. Mrs. Atkinson volunteered at the Senior Citizens Center and helped build it. She loved her Golden Retriever, Maddie, and her life also revolved around her family especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 27, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

BAPTISM



Please help welcome the newly baptized and her family to St. Andrew's:

- Ella Lynn Collopy

Baptized on November 30, 2014



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.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the findings from the 2014 survey of Episcopal congregations:

- The median Episcopal parish had 61 persons at Sunday worship in 2013 according to the annual Parochial Report—down from 66 in 2009 and 77 in 2003.
- Over half of Episcopal congregations (58%) are small, family-sized congregations where average worship attendance is 75 persons or less (2013 Parochial Report data). Pastoral-sized congregations make up the next largest proportion of parishes and missions (19%). Corporate-sized congregations with 351 or more in worship represent only 3% of Episcopal congregations.
- The largest proportion of Episcopal congregations (45%) offers a single worship service each weekend. Many others (38%) hold two services on a typical Sunday. Another 13% have three services, while only 3% have at least four services. Churches with one service typically use Rite II or alternate between Morning Prayer and Rite I or Rite II.
- Majorities of congregations report that worship *often* or *always* includes:
 - Eucharist (99%)
 - Organ music (87%)
 - Kneeling by the congregation (73%)

... but only small minorities report that worship always or often includes:

- Acoustic instruments (21%)
- Drums or other percussion equipment (8%)
- Electric guitar (7%)
- Personal testimony (3%)
- Smaller parishes are much less likely to have fulltime paid priests than are larger parishes. Less than one third (29%) of parishes with attendance of 75 or less have full-time paid clergy.
- 84% of congregations list food pantry, soup kitchen or meal projects among the ministries provided.
- Churches that describe their coffee hour as “vibrant with lively conversation” or “somewhat chaotic with lots of food” were much more likely to be growing than congregations that had no coffee hour or described their coffee hour as “typical” or “rather formal.”

The survey results contain many interesting tidbits like those noted above. The full report is available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/research. We've also posted a copy of it on our bulletin board by the Messer Ave. entrance.



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.

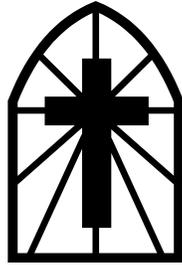
Each week we give the following to each of six families:

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

MEMORIALS



Memorial Fund
Dora Atkinson

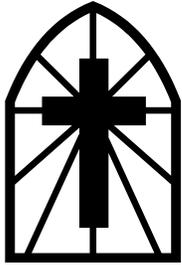
Organ Memorial Fund
Emma Chase-Mack
Herbert Seaman

Garden Memorial Fund
Frances Beagan

Music Memorial Fund
David Iverson

Building Preservation Memorial Fund
Dora Atkinson

Memorial for Food Pantry
Mary Privitera



SAVE THE DATE!
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Andrew's St. Patrick's Dinner is back on!

Saturday
MARCH 14, 2015

There will be the traditional meal, a fun, lively sing along, and gift basket raffles.

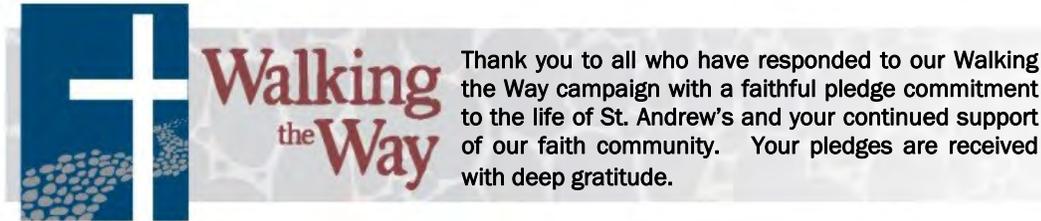


Watch for more information but save the date!!

All proceeds benefit our food pantry for the Arlington Neighborhood.

Bev Brown

WALKING THE WAY CAMPAIGN



Thank you to all who have responded to our Walking the Way campaign with a faithful pledge commitment to the life of St. Andrew's and your continued support of our faith community. Your pledges are received with deep gratitude.

Donna and Douglas Allbee
James Beagan
Joyce Brearley
Mary-Ellen Briggs
Beverly A. Brown
Blanche Campbell
Paula Campbell
Valerie and James Carey
Claire Cavanaugh
Donald and Sharon Chase
Carol Collopy
Deb Donegan
Anne S. Duffy
Patti Eldred
Jim and Carol Elliott
William and Dorothy Haney
Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hargreaves
Albert S. Harvey
Lawrence and Barbara Hill
Kathleen Hillis
Karen Keleher
Norma Lee
Betty MacKay
Joanne Markavitch
William McBride

Joanne and Fred McCraw
Matt McKeon and Krista McLeod
Christopher and Elecia Miller
Elaine M. Morissette
Harry Noorigian
Robin A. Palmieri
Virginia Palmieri
Evelyn Ratcliffe
Richard and Gail Ratcliffe
Janet Ratcliffe and Robert Pauley
Molly Ratcliffe
Beth Regan
William and Amanda Robinson
Bertha Rothwell
James D. Shirton
Paul and Joyce Sparta
Lisa Storie
Michelle Surette
Sharon Taylor
Laura and Huib Walta
Nancy and Reggie Weisenborn
Rev. Joseph W. Wilkes
Frank J. Worthy
Doryce C. Wunderlich



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 Andrew'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, please speak with Janet Ratcliffe or Valerie Carey.

MISSION OUTREACH

In furtherance of our objective to increase mission and outreach at St. Andrew's, Vestry voted at its December meeting to donate the proceeds of our special Christmas offering to the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc. in support of the after school programming they provide for children who live in our neighborhood. A check in

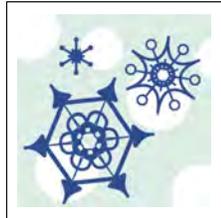
the amount of \$914.00 will be forwarded in the coming weeks. Since adopting this objective in January of 2014, St. Andrew's has donated a total of \$2198.90 to the Communities Together Diaper Drive and Methuen Arlington Neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

**SAINT ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

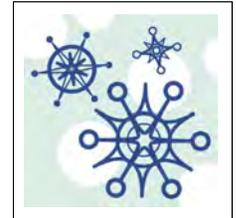
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WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS



Throughout the winter season, we will change the voicemail greeting on the church phone to reflect cancellations or delays in Sunday services due to weather conditions.



MARK THE DATE

- Jan. 11th** Bishop Harris Visit
- Jan. 18th** 10:30am Book Club
- Jan. 20** Annual Report Information due
- Jan. 25th** 10:30am Tour of the organ
- Jan. 30th** Cor Unum Serving
- Feb. 1st** Annual Meeting
- March 14th** St. Patrick's Day Dinner

If you have an email address and are not currently on our email distribution list, please contact the office.

Distributing the Grapevine via email is a tremendous cost savings for us.

Thank you!

