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The Rev. David S. Luckett, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church



PENTECOST 2009

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Dear people of St. Andrew's-By-the Sea,

I write this as a personal greeting to each of you as we mark the end of another Easter season with the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, the celebration of the Holy Spirit, possesses its own distinct flavor. The symbols provide an appropriate closure to these months of celebration. On the first day of Lent, the remnants of fire—ashes—marked our foreheads. With the celebration of Pentecost, fire dances above the heads of the faithful. We see crowds, wind, flame. A large group of Spirit-filled people gathers as the disciples rush outdoors.

Greater than any political or social reform, the transforming power of the Spirit of Jesus effectively changed the course of human events. For those who accepted and believed, the Spirit provided the enthusiasm and inspiration to announce the good news of Jesus' victory and to share it with others by continuing Jesus' mission of forgiveness and mercy. Because of the Spirit, the many and diverse individual followers of Jesus became one in Christ.

Therefore, Pentecost is active and urgent. As you and I begin this new interim ministry together, the Spirit of God is active and urgent in our lives here at St. Andrew's By-the-Sea. Getting started is always an exciting adventure, a time for challenges as we envision our sense of mission. It is my prayer that we can approach our time together with a sense of hope and common commitment to our calling to be the servant church here, at this time, and in this special place. May all who care about this

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SPOTLIGHT

**St. Andrew's
Online Storefront**
has several new items:
here are a few.



Eight of the shirt styles come in colors other than white.



Caps, tote bags,
bumper stickers,
license plate frames,
note cards:



What other items
would you like?
Talk to Fred &
Carol Fenn.

See pp. 4 & 5 for details about
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USUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
Fellowship Time 11:45 am

Thursdays

Motley Crew 9:00 am

REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETINGS & EVENTS

Parish Breakfast

(usually the second Saturday)

June 13 8:00 am

Church Work Day until noon

Vestry Meeting

(usually the third Sunday;
second Sunday this month)

June 14 Noon

Pot Luck Dinner

(usually the third Wednesday)

June 17 5:30 pm

The Sea Net is generally published monthly (except for January and a combined summer issue) and welcomes and encourages submissions from St. Andrew's one and all... prayers, poems, artwork, photos, quotations, little stories, longer stories, meditations, book reviews, ideas for articles.

The deadline for submitting material for *The Sea Net* is the 15th of each month.

FROM THE INTERIM PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

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church—its unity, its life, and its peace, care for it not in order to keep a church building / institution more or less upright, but because we are part of the Body of Christ, for the world truly needs the Body of Christ. St. Andrew's By-the-Sea is blessed with outstanding lay leadership; the gifts and talents here are many. May we open our lives in joy and trust of the Spirit that all of the gifts, ministries, and works of the individuals in our congregation be united into a common force for building God's kingdom. I look forward to sharing with all of you the many enhanced opportunities for ministry and pastoral care.

*May tongues of fire light a flame under us
May we express ourselves in unity of purpose.
May we be filled with the Spirit
as the risen Christ breathes new life in us.
As we are sent out, may we share the fruit of
the Spirit's gifts with others*

Finally, Jan and I thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to us as we travel across the bay to be with you. We are delighted to be here and look forward to sharing this time and ministry with you.

ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA VISION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea
is a dynamic Episcopal church,
intentionally diverse,
sustained by sacramental worship,
serving the community in Christ's name
both within and beyond our walls.



BEING A CHRISTIAN

"You call yourself a Christian!" So says Humphrey Bogart to Katherine Hepburn in the 1951 all-time classic *The African Queen*. In an earlier scene, Miss Hepburn in the role of a stern Methodist missionary in 1914 war-torn Africa has methodically and calmly poured Mr. Bogart's total supply of gin into the river. Sitting primly in the shade reading her Bible on board the boat, she is pointedly ignoring Mr. Bogart's efforts to engage her in conciliatory conversation. He asks her why she is being so mean. In his mind, Christians are not mean people.

Calling yourself a Christian: what does that mean? Webster's *New World Dictionary* defines Christian as "a person professing belief in Jesus as the Christ or in the religion based on the teachings of Jesus. In Acts 11:26, the Life Application Bible, New International Version, says the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. In Antioch the first Gentile church was founded. Paul used this city, third largest after Rome and Alexandria, as his home base during his missionary journeys.

Jerry and I recently returned from our second visit to Italy. In Rome, where Constantine granted freedom of worship to Christians in AD 313, we had the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of early Christians. Early one morning, shortly after sunrise, we visited St. Peter's Basilica. Rays of sun were streaming in the window, lighting the vast space. It was quiet—no tour groups. At the small side altars, monks, nuns and other faithful were kneeling on the

hard floors, waiting to partake of the body and blood of Christ. With reverence, we approached the rail surrounding the massive Papal altar and gazed down to see the crypt of Saint Peter. Magnificent marble statuary high on the walls depicts saints and martyrs. There was Saint Andrew with his X-shaped cross.

On another day, we visited the church in Piazza di San Pietro, where the chains that bound Peter are displayed in a reliquary; chains that bound him while he was a prisoner in the Mammertine prison. We walked in the Coliseum where Christians were tortured and killed for sport.

As we approach the season of Pentecost, all of this gives me much to ponder. We call ourselves Christians, we Episcopalians of Saint Andrew's By-the-Sea. We, like the disciples, are empowered by the Holy Spirit in our baptism. Reading the Book of Acts, we can see how the disciples became apostles; messengers or missionaries, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Is it easier for us to do this today than for earlier Christians? We are not chained in prisons, crucified, or thrown to the wild beasts for sport. We do not have to gather in dark caves to worship and share fellowship. We have comfortable churches; we enjoy religious freedom. And yet we spend energy and time squabbling amongst ourselves, denominations claiming to have the one true way; Episcopalians and Anglicans arguing about who has "got it right."

What are you doing with your life to reflect the fact that you consider yourself a Christian? Can people see the Christ light in you? Can they see the joy

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manifested in you by your relationship with Jesus Christ? Do your actions speak of the love of Christ?

In closing, let us remember the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe. I leave you with this prayer to the Holy Spirit. May it become a part of your prayer life.

Spirit of WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.

Spirit of RIGHT JUDGEMENT and COURAGE, guide us and make us firm in our Baptismal decision to follow Jesus's way of love.

Spirit of KNOWLEDGE and REVERENCE, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another.

Fill our lives with WONDER and AWE in your prescience which permeates all creation. Amen

Like the disciples, are empowered.

Kathy McGee
Senior Warden



FUND RAISING

When you hear those two words you might think somebody is trying to get in your pocket for “a buck”. At times that might be true, but here at St Andrew’s we think of it as not only a source of revenue to fund our outreach but also as a way to communicate to the community what we are all about. By making the community aware of what we do, we instill an interest which we hope will make folks want to become involved and come worship at our church. To have an effective fund raising effort the members of the church have to get involved—it can’t be left up to the same “handful of people”.

We have formed a fund raising committee which is diligently working to come up with some great fund raising projects. When the call goes out for volunteers, “step up to the plate” and utilize your talents to help the project become a success.

Status of Fund Raising

First, I am sorry to say that the initial plans for our first fund raiser have been tabled. The idea to have a **tour of upscale homes** was good but the timing was bad. We have not been able to get the support we need from the local real estate community to continue this effort during the summer months. In place of this activity, we plan to have a **luncheon for the ladies of the community which will feature a style show and silent auction**. Jennifer Lee and Claudia Nadeau are heading up this project and sometime in June the plans for this activity will be finalized.

St. Andrew’s By-the-Sea Online Storefront: This is a great way to promote our church in the community through our line of products, each with our St. Andrew’s logo.

Carol and I are heading up the maintenance of this website and we have added some new apparel which I think you will all like. For each product we sell, the church gets \$3.00.

You can shop today by going to:
www.cafepress.com/standrewsdestin

In the near future, we will have a selection of products in the parish hall for viewing, but we will not be selling any products at the church. So shop on line! In the future, we will be adding additional products, and if you have a special request let us know and we will see if we can add the item to our storefront.

These are but two of the fundraising efforts that we are currently working on for now and in the near future. I will continue to keep the congregation updated as to the progress of all of our fundraising projects.

Your Junior Warden,
 Fred Fenn

The next vestry retreat
 will be
 just after Labor Day.



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY SUMMARY
 FOR MAY 2009

Service	Total for May	Previous Month (Apr.)	YTD (through 05/09)	Total Last Year (2008)
Monday lunches: # served	44	37	205	709
1/2 gal homemade soup: # donations received	9	4	58	201
Lunch Bags: # recipients	53	74	266	792
Food Pantry: # bags / # people	32/47	34/43	147/215	507 # families helped
Gas Coupons: # families helped	13	7	42	74
Bicycles: # bikes given out	15	6	30	53
Showers: # towels used	179	62	371	741

CLASS AND POVERTY AWARENESS QUIZ

for EdChange and the Multicultural Pavilion
<http://www.mhhe.com/multicultural>

Please circle the correct answer for each question. The answers appear below.

1. In 1978 corporate CEOs in the United States earned, on average, 35 times more than the average worker. Today, they earn __ times more than the average worker.

- a. 35
- b. 150
- c. 240
- d. 300

2. The majority of poor people in the U.S. live in

- a. urban areas
- b. rural areas
- c. suburban areas

3. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 33% of the U.S. workforce was unionized in 1962. What percentage is unionized today?

- a. 85.6%
- b. 50.8%
- c. 27.1%
- d. 12.5%

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SOCIAL JUSTICE / OUTREACH

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4. Which of the following variables most closely predicts how high someone will score on the SAT test?
- Race
 - Region of residence
 - Family income
 - Parents' academic achievement
5. How many children around the world die each day from hunger-related causes?
- 160,000
 - 16,000
 - 1,600
 - 160
6. The U.S. military budget is by far the highest of any country in the world. By 2003, the U.S. military budget was roughly equal to that of:
- the next 5 countries combined
 - the next 10 countries combined
 - the next 15 countries combined
 - the next 20 countries combined
7. What percentage of people around the world lives on less than \$750 per year?
- 10%
 - 33%
 - 50%
 - 75%
8. According to UNICEF, the wealth of the three richest people in the world is roughly equal to the Gross Domestic Product of:
- the 5 poorest countries
 - the 18 poorest countries
 - the 48 poorest countries
 - the 308 poorest countries
9. How many people in the U.S. live in poverty according to the U.S. Census Bureau?
- 1 million
 - 12 million
 - 37 million
 - 120 million
10. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, how much more likely are African American and Latino mortgage applicants to be turned down for a loan, even after controlling for employment, financial, and neighborhood factors?
- 15%
 - 30%
 - 45%
 - 60%
11. According to a Catalyst study, what percentage of Fortune 500 CEOs are women?
- 50%
 - 22.4%
 - 8.3%
 - 1.2%
12. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, how many millionaires are there in the U.S.?
- roughly 3,500,000
 - roughly 1,000,000
 - roughly 500,000
 - roughly 150,000
13. Which of the following statements is consistent with research on poverty and education in the U.S.?
- Economically disadvantaged people do not value education as much as people of economic means.
 - Wealthy students who attend high-poverty schools perform worse than poor students who attend low-poverty schools.
 - Illicit drugs are more prevalent at high-poverty schools than low-poverty schools.
14. According to United for a Fair Economy, how much money did the U.S. government spend in 2005 on corporate welfare (economic incentives, often provided to support corporations' expansions into overseas markets)?
- \$1,250,000,000
 - \$12,500,000,000
 - \$125,000,000,000
 - \$1,250,000,000,000

15. What percentage of the U.S. Government budget goes to welfare and Social Security?

- a. 25% to welfare and 25% to Social Security
- b. less than 1% to welfare and 20% to Social Security
- c. 20% to welfare and 1% to Social Security
- d. less than 1% to welfare and less than 1% to Social Security

Notes:

1. The State of Working America 2004/2005 by Lawrence Mishel, Jared Bernstein, and Sylvia Allegretto, 2005, p. 214.
2. "Where and Why Are 10 Million Children Dying Every Year" (2003) by Robert Black, Saul Morris, and Jennifer Bryce in The Lancet, 361.

Jennifer Lee
Social Justice / Outreach Chair

Answers at bottom of this column.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
EACH SUNDAY FOR
OUR FOOD PANTRY.
THANK YOU!



Answers: 1=d; 2=b; 3=d; 4=c; 5=b;
6=d; 7=c; 8=c; 9=c; 10=d; 11=d;
12=a; 13=b; 14=c; 15=b.



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

PEOPLE

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary is not included—or if it's incorrect—please be sure to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

- June 3..... Michele Fry
- June 3..... Bill Nichols
- June 5..... Bill James
- June 6..... Beverly Marzoli
- June 9..... June Cunneen
- June 10..... Heatherlynn Coutts
- June 12..... Ruth Anne Bolick
- June 24 Kimberly Morse

ANNIVERSARIES

- June 27 Henning & Anne Harmuth
- June 28 Jeff & Penny Vires



ST. ANDREW'S ON THE ROAD

Visiting other churches while on vacation or otherwise away? Why not bring the bulletins or newsletters back, **put your name on them**, bring them by the parish office, put them in the offering plate, or mail them in? We like to see other churches' bulletins and this is a good way for our parish family to keep in touch with one another.

Thanks to the following persons for bringing in items from where they have worshipped:

- **Jerry & Kathy McGee**—bulletins from Saint Paul's Within the Walls Anglican-Episcopal, Rome, Italy, and St. George's Anglican, Venice, Italy
- **Bill & Sherri Russell**—bulletin from St. Patrick's Episcopal, Somerset, Kentucky

Happy traveling!

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