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FROM THE RECTOR

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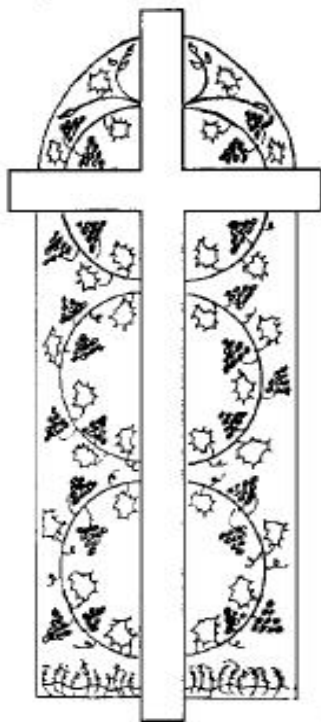
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I read an article recently about charitable giving. In 2009 it was predicted that charities and non-profits would suffer from a lack of financial gifts, but so far that has turned out not to be the case. Larger corporations have maintained or decreased donations in the past 10 months, and charities were prepared for this loss of income. Yet even though larger businesses are less able to give as in previous years, individual gifts have not only been maintained, but have increased in some cases as well.

Economists give many reasons for this trend. One reason is that people who tend to include charitable giving in their yearly budget do not consider this to be discretionary spending. For those who truly see that having a steady income is not something to be taken for granted, giving charitably is a non-negotiable. When one is in the habit of donating before an economic crisis, when the spirit of empathy and compassion are already infused in one's personal finances, the importance of that practice increases enormously.

This, of course, is true for those who are in the habit of pledging to the church's operating budget. When we are forced to look seriously at how we spend our money, those things that used to seem meaningful, such as entertainment and discretionary spending, are culled. What remains are what we hold as true priorities. Home, church and family are what can get us through difficult economic times, and these things rise in importance automatically.

I have seen over the past few months how we as a congregation have been taking any opportunity to cling to one another. In June the Vestry cooked a spaghetti supper for the parish, and nearly 80 people enjoyed great food and fellowship on a Sunday afternoon. A group of people shared expenses and took a trip out to Tanglewood for a concert after church. The youth group went on a very successful and fun mission trip. On Rally Sunday a large crowd gathered to eat, reconnect and to explore the wonderful ministries we have. The church is an important resource for us all in times of difficulty, and it is time for us all to prayerfully consider how we can support this community financially.



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Please pray about what your pledge to St. Andrew's will be this year. Perhaps you will be able to maintain the amount you gave last year. Perhaps by now you have trimmed your budget and are able to pledge a bit more than last year. Or perhaps you have not yet pledged and you are ready to commit to keeping St. Andrew's alive. Whatever financial state you find yourself in, you have the opportunity to keep this community a place where we can all find the abiding and consoling presence of our God.

Your friend in Christ,

Julie

Coventry Suppers Sign-Ups have begun!

After the bombing of Coventry Cathedral in England during World War II, the congregation worshiped and enjoyed fellowship at each other's homes, rotating the hosts and sharing the responsibilities. Thus began the tradition of Coventry Suppers, an organization of supper clubs within a parish community. Coventry Supper groups meet for a simple meal in their members' homes once every month or six weeks, with the dates being set at the participants' mutual convenience. The host provides the main course and assigns the rest of the meal to the others in the group. Good conversation and friendships develop and grow deeper over the shared dinners from fall through spring. Here's how it works: Look for the sign-up sheets on the "Parish Information" bulletin board in the office wing. After you sign up, you will get a list of the members in your group so that each group can start meeting. A designated convener will help the group get started, and the location will rotate through the group members' homes each month. The beauty of this supper series is that it is informal, friendly, and helps participants get to know people at St. Andrew's. Those who participated last year had a great time and are signing up again, so join the fun!

UNITED THANK OFFERING — FAN POPE

United? Yes, we are Episcopalians from all across our national church, men, women, children who pray, learn and commune together. When we put our dimes and dollars together with our prayers for God's children around the world, we are even more united.

Thankful? Yes, there is so much to be thankful for: each new day, a baby's new tooth, Jesus' resurrection and ours; an older person's model for living and a beautiful colorful tree.

Offering? Yes, we offer these tokens of our thankfulness, combined with the prayers and gifts of many of our brothers and sisters.

UTO Sunday is October 11. Checks may be written to "St. Andrew's Church" with UTO on the memo line. Cash is good too! You may mark your name on the envelopes in the pews.

ADULT FORMATION BONNIE SCHAFER

You may have noticed that we have moved from using the term “Adult Education” to “Adult Formation”. It is a subtle change, but it says a lot about our programming. The word “formation” indicates that we not only seek to feed our minds and educate our intellectual selves, but that we are also continuing on our journey of being formed by Christ. With these Adult Formation offerings we hope to instill a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge, but also a desire to grow spiritually and to become better disciples.

All Adult Formation meetings are at 9AM

On October 4th— the service for the Blessing of the Animals. There is no Church School or Adult Formation that day.

On October 11th there is no Church School or Adult Formation because of the Columbus Day Holiday weekend.

On October 18th there will be a discussion on the book "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan. This is an excellent book on trying to understand the history and what has been going on in the Middle East. The book can be purchased through local book stores or Amazon.com. All 10 copies that we had on Rally Day were sold!

Also on October 18th there will be a meeting after church in the Wilson Library to plan the Women's Retreat to be held on November 20th and 21st at the Marist Center Bishop's House.

On October 25th — Shaheen Akhtar from the Wayland Islamic Mosque will be our guest speaker on the book "The Lemon Tree" by Sandy Tolan. Come and hear perhaps a different perspective on this book.

On November 1st — Melaine Levesque will lead a discussion on Stewardship.

Woman of the Parish save the dates November 20th & 21st. We are planning a retreat called "Wasting Time with God". Watch for a poster with more information. It will be held in Framingham. You may stay overnight, or attend whatever part of the time fits best in your schedule. Take some time for yourself. It should be fun and relaxing. Details will be available on the website. Questions can be forwarded to Valerie Gaines or Rachel Carlson

FYI: The Framingham Public Library and Framingham State College are sponsoring the author James Carroll on Sunday October 4th at 2:30 PM at Dwight/Center for the Performing Arts at Framingham State College. The talk is called "The Violence of God: Politics and Religion at Home and Abroad". Mr. Carroll is a New York Times best selling author and columnist for the Boston Globe. He is a former priest and author of 10 novels and 5 previous works of non-fiction, including the National Book Award winner “An American Requiem”. His latest book is "Practicing Catholic". He will do a book signing after the talk and copies of his books will be available.

STEWARDSHIP — MELANIE LEVESQUE

“Using the gifts that God has given to us to do the work that God is calling us to do”

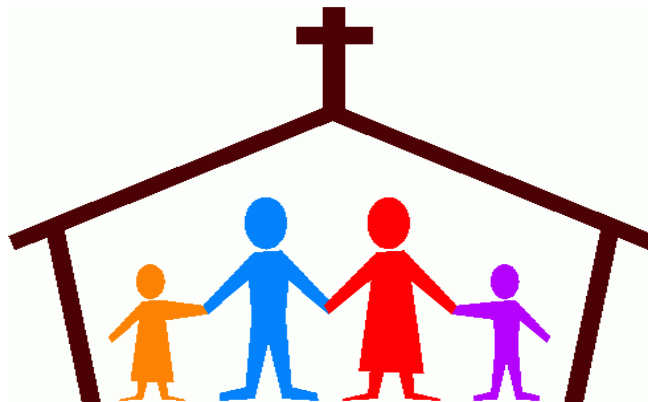
Dear Fellow Members of the St Andrew’s Family,

Fall has arrived, the holidays will soon be here and it is again time to think about our Stewardship of St Andrew’s. Sunday, **November 15th**, will be Stewardship Sunday at St Andrew’s – the day when all of us have a chance to pledge our time, talent, and a portion of our earthly wealth to support the continued growth and mission of our church, and the day we celebrate our Patron Saint Andrew. Your commitments to St. Andrew’s over the past year in terms of your time, talent and financial contributions have made 2009 a remarkable year in the life of our church and we thank you for your generosity. We believe that 2010 can be even better and we have faith that it will be with your help.

Reflect on your abundance...Reflect on your blessings

In the coming weeks you will be receiving a brochure that details all of the ways that the St Andrew’s community has shared its gifts of time, talent and treasure over the past year. The hope is that this brochure will help you to better understand the finances of our home and give you a way to look at discerning your annual pledge to support it. The intentional act of pledging brings both joy and a sense of communion with the spiritual home that we have created. Please pray about your pledge response. The grace, love and commitment of our parishioners remind us that this church is a rock upon which we can rest and depend. In the coming weeks our Stewardship goal will be to explore ways to care for our home using all of our many gifts and treasures. Expanding the understanding of stewardship, giving and community will help us to build a strong church in every aspect. On behalf of the Vestry I thank you in advance for your support.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:21



MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS

Flower Offerings may be made at any time of the year to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for a specific **blessing** or in **memory** of a loved one. The flowers and plants **enhance the chancel** , remind our parishioners of a **specific blessing or memorial** , and after the services the flowers are **delivered to sick/shut-in parishioners** . This weekly occurrence is a wonderful St. Andrew's tradition and we hope that every family (from newcomers to long time parishioners) will make a flower offering this year. Call the church office (508-875-5095) or Ellen Patterson (508-545-1301) for requests or information and mail the form, which can be found on the tract rack in the Memorial Room, along with your donation to the church. **We are in particular need of flower offerings for the Sundays in October and November.**

Please note: The weekly flower offering – suggested donation is \$30, which is necessary to cover the cost of the flowers during these times of rising costs and decreasing number of donors. Each weekly offering may include multiple names. Thank you.

I would like to have flowers on the altar on

Date

They are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

list christian names(s)

or

in thanksgiving for:

donated by:

Donation enclosed

\$

mark checks (“altar flowers”)

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

From the Parish Office

Baptism—the next opportunity for baptism will be on All Saints' Day, November 1. If you would like to learn more, please be in touch with the Rector.

Remember to turn back your clocks on Saturday, October 31.

Tidings deadline will be Thursday, October 8 for the November issue. Please make every effort to get your article(s) in on time.

Burial: Thelma Mosley September 29, 2009

News from the Pews:

Welcome Newcomers

Helen, Ego, Iweka and ND Iweka
1622 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01702

Daniel Vivacqua
1610 Worcester Road #647
Framingham, MA 01702

Steven Davis
13 Joanne Drive #27
Ashland, MA 01721

Change:

M/M Robert Shields
11 White Road
Wayland, MA 01778

Parish Prayers

In thanksgiving for the 97th birthday of Ida Kaler and for the birth of Bryce Aaron McConnell, the first grandchild of Sandy and Dave McConnell.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Framingham, Massachusetts

Christian Education News

Rite-13 Ceremony Oct. 18

Questions? Concerns? Contact
Deacon Lori @ 508.836.3160;
lmills-curran@standrewsframmas.org

Our flourishing Rite-13 class began a new year under the guidance of Vanessa McGrath, Cathy Corcoran and Hannah Shearer-Boehme. Rite-13 enjoyed a great start-up year in 08-09. This program aims to acknowledge that middle school youth are growing into adulthood. Each year, 6th graders experience the Rite-13 ceremony, in which parents and the parish draw attention in liturgy to their growing

abilities. This year, the banquet will be Sat., Oct. 17 at St. Andrew's from 5-6:30 PM. The spread will be great; the ban



Bon Voyage!

quet is designed to resemble a rehearsal dinner. Parents will have

spent two weeks writing a letter of appreciation to their child, noting the satisfactions they have felt in parenting the child and wishing them "bon voyage" as they move into their new status as teenagers and explorers in the faith. The senior high youth group and those members of the class who have already experienced Rite-13 will "receive" the 6th graders into their community of exploration.

October 2009

Parents report that the public reading of the letter to their child at the banquet is a wonderful and enriching experience. Look forward to this lively and growing group making a big splash in our community in the years to come. The group has already made extensive selections of future activities, including a wide variety of fun staff and exciting adventures.

Acolyte Fall Meeting set for Oct. 4:

Newbies stay another 45 minutes; call if you need to arrange make-up training.



All those who desire to be acolytes should attend our first acolyte meeting on Oct. 4 at 11:30. Newbie acolytes, acolytes coming from another parish, and any wanting to brush up on their skills should plan to stay another

45 minutes. Any student fourth grade and up can be an acolyte. It entails only a few meetings a year and plenty of fun! Acolytes play an impor-

tant role in the liturgy, and many say it enhances their worship experience. Please make every effort to attend.

Take a Bow Thanks to:

- **Michel Puchulu, Barbara Lovely-Lin, Chris Daniele and Patty DerGarabedian** for support to the transitioning senior high group.
- **Vanessa McGrath** for undertaking to help with our burgeoning Rite-13 class.
- **Patty and Mark DerGarabedian, Kim Desiata, Sarah Larson DiPalma, and the Connolly family** for their willingness to help with a wide variety of church school tasks.
- **The various church school families who walked for homelessness.**
- **Larry Adamson**, working hard on getting glass windows inserted into all our lower level doors, as required by the new Safe Church policy.



Welcome New Students ! We're so glad to have you!

Erica Desiata, Ego Iweka, Iweka Iweka, N.D. Iweka, Mary Connolly, Audra Connolly, Trey Connolly, and last but not least, AJ Larson DiPalma!

October 2009 Christian Ed Calendar

Date (Sundays in bold)	Event
Oct. 4 St. Francis	Animal Blessing (No class) Assemble with pets or pictures @ 9:45 Acolyte Meeting and Basic Training 11:30
Oct. 11	No class (<i>Columbus Day</i>)
Sat., Oct. 17	8:30 to 3:30: Safe Church Training, Natick (open to all; sign up @ www.diomass.org) Rite-13 Banquet 5-6:30 PM in Harris Hall
Oct. 18	Regular Class Rite-13 Ceremony 10 AM
Fri., Oct. 23	Fright Fest Trip to 6 Flags for Gr. 6-12
Oct. 29	Regular Class Families with Young Children Halloween Event 4-6 pm
Nov. 1 All Saints	Joint program for Fledglings (with parent) thru Gr. 5

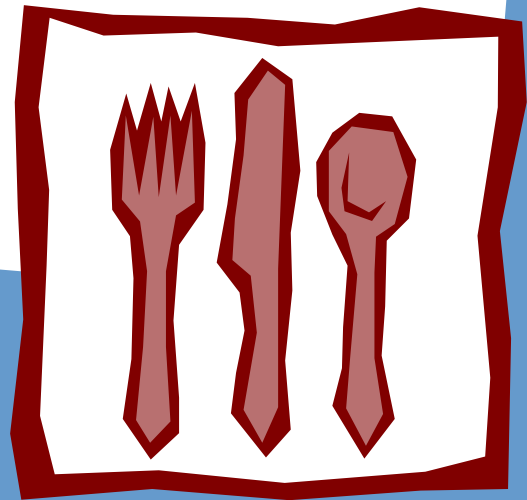
Parish Potluck

We hope you will join us for a Parish Potluck on
Saturday, December 5, 2009,
for some fun and fellowship!

Please let us know if you will be coming and what type of dish you will be bringing; signups will be available, or you can email events@standrewsframma.org with the information. There is no charge, but we do need to know how many people will be coming so that we can plan accordingly.

Date: 12/5/09

Time: 5:30 PM



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 508-875-5095 or events@standrewsframma.org

Your help is appreciated!

We appreciate anyone's help in staying after and cleaning up. Many hands make light work!

St. Andrew's Master Calendar October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:				1	2	3 7:30 Men's Bible Study 8 AM Women's Bible 10am Vetrn. Acuptr.
4 Pent 18 8:00 HE 9:00 No church school 10:00 HE St. Francis Animal Blessing 11:30 Acolyte Meeting and Basic Training 11:30 Property Mtg. 11:30 Outreach Mtg.	5 7PM Alanon & Alateen	6 12pm Staff Mtg. 7:30-9:30 PM Gateway Camera Club 7:30 PM Choir	7 No school 6PM: Garden Club 7:30 PM Chaplaincy St. Francis Service (FSC)	8	9	10 7:30 Men's Bible Study 8 AM Women's Bible 10am Vetrn. Acuptr. FSC Apple Picking
11 Pent 19 UITO Ingathering 8:00 HE 9:00 No church school 10:00 HE	12 OFFICE CLOSED Columbus Day 7PM Alanon & Alateen	13 12pm Staff Mtg. 7:30-9:30 PM Gateway Camera Club 7:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Vestry	14 11:30 HE & Lunch 7:30 PM Chaplaincy Compline (FSC)	15	16 4:30 Salvation Army Kitchen	17 7:30 Men's Bible Study 8 AM Women's Bible 8:30-3:30 Safe Church Training, Natick 10am Vetrn. Acuptr. 5-6:30 PM Rite-13 Banquet (HH)
18 Pent 20 8:00 HE 9:00 Regular CS/Y/AE 10:00 HE with Rite-13 Ceremony 2 PM TBPA	19 7PM Alanon & Alateen	20 12pm Staff Mtg. 7 PM Teachers Mtg. 7:30 PM Choir 7:30-9:30 PM Gateway Camera Club	21 7:30 PM Chaplaincy Healing Service (FSC)	22 MECA Story-telling Workshop 9:00-3:30 (HH & Kitchen)	23 "Fright Fest" Youth Trip to Six Flags 3:15 PM to 12M	24 Climate Action Day 7:30 Men's Bible Study 8 AM Women's Bible 8:30-3:30 Safe Church Training, Brookline 10am Vetrn. Acuptr.
25 Pent 21 8:00 HE 9:00 Regular CS/Y/AE 11:30 Health Care Proxy Meeting 4-6 PM FYC Halloween Dinner	26 7PM Alanon & Alateen	27 12pm Staff Mtg. 12:30 Deanery Clergy Gateway Camera Club 7:30-9:30 PM 7:30 PM Choir	28 7:30 Chaplaincy <i>Mea Culpa</i> Film Series (FSC)	29 PM	30	31 7:30 Men's Bible Study 8 AM Women's Bible 10am Vetrn Acuptr.