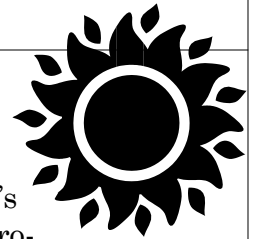




The Anchor

June 2011

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow MA



Ahhhhh

Summer at St. Andrew's

Life may be slower and school may be out, but St. Andrew's isn't on vacation! Enjoy the summer-paced worship and programming with your parish community. Casual dress is encouraged (after all, Jesus wore sandals!).

Worship Schedule

*Our summer schedule of services begins on the weekend of **June 25 and 26**; Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at **5 p.m. on Saturdays, and 9 a.m. on Sundays**. All Saturday services will be held in the St. Andrew's Room to take advantage of the air conditioning.*

In general, we will be using Rite II (contemporary language) as well as other worship resources from The Episcopal Church and around the Anglican Communion. Special services are shown below:

July 10: Rite I (traditional language)

July 17: Outdoor Eucharist *

August 14: Rite I

August 21: Outdoor Eucharist *

* in the Columbarium; indoors in case of rain.

Regular schedule for Eucharists (5 p.m. Saturdays, 8 and 10 a.m. Sundays) resumes September 10 and 11.



Summer Parish Office Hours

June 27 through Labor Day:
Weekdays 9 a.m. to noon.

A special place for kids ...

This summer, the Chapel will be set up with kid-sized tables and chairs to provide a space where they can color or work on quiet craft activities during the Sunday 9 a.m. services. Fr. Derrick will continue to begin the liturgy with a short message for kids. The children may then go to the Chapel where they will be supervised by Sue Lussier and assistants. They may rejoice their families at the exchange of peace.

Sue is looking for a few teenagers or parents to assist. If you can help on one or two Sundays, please email Sue at Formation@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org.

Summer in the city

The summer months are a good time to visit the Church Without Walls. Sleep in a little later, then join our Core Team and our great rotation of area clergy at Court Square in Springfield any Sunday at noon. Want to know more about CWW, and see some photos? Find us on the web at www.St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org/churchwowalls.asp

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Vestry Develops Parish-Wide Theme

The Vestry, St. Andrew's' principal decision-making body, gathered on April 30 as part of their annual retreat to explore the purpose of the Vestry and what it means to serve on it. (The retreat began on April 29 with dinner, conversation and several entertaining rounds of the game Apples to Apples.) Through prayer, scripture reflection and discussion, Vestry members gained insights on leadership in the context of a Christian community and specifically their role in cultivating community among parishioners along with other leaders of the church, including the Rector. As a way to exercise that role, Vestry members and the Rector continued a two-month conversation on the importance of creating a parish theme and associated goal. Through a brainstorming exercise, this specific theme emerged:

Creating Caring Connections

Such a theme will help the Vestry and the congregation augment and deepen our understanding and practice of community. Throughout the rest of 2011 and 2012, a hoped-for outcome is for the theme to permeate life at St. Andrew's. Committees, ministry teams and staff members will be encouraged to incorporate the theme in how they implement God's work through their respective ministries. A specific goal relating to "Creating Caring Connections" and affiliated objectives will be established by the Vestry in the coming months.

When used effectively, churches and organizations find that themes and goals help:

- ◆ provide focus for common life
- ◆ strengthen common purpose
- ◆ affirm and develop group identity
- ◆ foster intentional collaboration
- ◆ encourage strategic planning
- ◆ capitalize on the group's time and energy

Please stay tuned for how you can get involved in implementing the 2011-2012 parish theme! Your thoughts about the theme and/or how to implement are most welcome—please communicate your ideas and questions to any Vestry member, the Wardens or the Rector.

St. Andrew's 2011 Executive Committee and Vestry

Senior Warden: Wende Wheeler

Junior Warden: Larry Morrow

Clerk: Betsy Scuderi

Treasurer: Wally Rodger

Catherine Brill

Carol Howland

Raif Ishak

LauraLisa Oliver

Cindy O'Malley

Ruth Reynolds

Kathy Riess

Chandler Taylor

Mike Young



Summer Reading Suggestions

Looking for something to augment your beach reading? Here are some ideas to feed your spiritual side:

Your Faith, Your Life, Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lowell (2009). A thorough, engaging and accessible overview of the Episcopal Church, with something for newcomers and lifelong Episcopalians alike.

The Practice of Prayer, Margaret Guenther (1998). A practical book which addresses the questions of those seeking to begin or deepen the exploration of their spiritual lives. The fourth volume in the excellent *New Church's Teaching Series*.

Girl Meets God, Lauren Winner (2002). The lively, often humorous and always thought-provoking account of the author's journey from Reform Judaism through Orthodox Judaism and finally conversion to Christianity.

The Faith Club, Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner (2006). The three authors — a Muslim, a Christian and a Jew — wrote this book in the wake of 9/11 to explore and understand each others' faiths, as well as their own.

Thank you from the Fetzes

Dear People of God at St. Andrew's:

We continue to be overwhelmed by the multifaceted ways the people of St. Andrew's have welcomed us as we transitioned to a new community and church. Your willingness to participate in the Meet and Greets and your desire to be at church



to interact with us and among each other is profoundly moving and inspiring.

Because of you and the acts of hospitality you have extended to us, we feel that we have already found a

home here. Also, we see many opportunities for us to offer our gifts to the St. Andrew's community and for the same community to form us as Christians.

Our gratitude for you and for God bringing us to serve with you exceeds anything for which we could have prepared ourselves. We will continue to give God thanks for you.

With sincerest appreciation,

Jamie and Derrick Fetz

Thank you from the Wardens

We would like to extend our deepest and heartfelt appreciation to all who conspired in the wonderful celebration on May 15. It is an understatement to say that we were both surprised and overwhelmed. Your thoughtful gifts are so very appropriate ... we will think of you all as we enjoy them!

It has truly been a privilege to serve the parish as wardens over the past two years. But our roles are only a part of the whole – we are a part of the community of God gathered in this place. The journey we have taken in transition has been accomplished together – we have relied on the faith, strength and wisdom of all of you – the vestry, parishioners and clergy who have journeyed with us. So, on so many counts, thank you. We look forward to continuing to work as we discern God's call to the community of St. Andrew's as we move forward.

Faithfully,

Wende Wheeler and Larry Morrow



Church School Notes

Important Dates:

June 5— All classes meet as usual. J2A and R13 will also meet at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship.

June 12— Pentecost Sunday: all classes will meet. Wear red! Also Carwash and Sundae Sunday.

Parents of J2A — please join your children for class at 9 a.m. for a special class and meeting with Fr. Derrick about the Pilgrimage. Please be prompt as Fr. Derrick will need to leave to prepare for the liturgy.

Sundae Sunday and Carwash: June 12!

After the 10am liturgy there will be "make your own sundaes" to celebrate the end of the church school year and a car wash to benefit Open Pantry's Loaves & Fishes program. All children and parents are welcome and encouraged to participate!!



NEW!! Summer Chapel Fun!!

On summer Sundays, Fr. Derrick will continue to begin with a children's message. Afterwards, children may go to the chapel to color or work on a quiet craft or activity during the sermon and join their families at the exchange of peace.

We will have a kid friendly area and will be in need of one or two adults or teens each week. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex or e-mail Sue Lussier at formation@st-andrews-longmeadow.org with your availability. Thank you!!

Birthdays in June

1	Ken Brill
2	Helen Blount
5	Kelsey Burroughs Justin Adams
6	Lauren Crafts
9	Cindy O'Malley
10	Luke Pasterczyk Robert Sears Jason Skypeck
11	Benjamin Gladwin Charlene Sellica Kathleen Schneider Kennedy Westcott
12	Adam Janes
13	Vanessa Rea
15	Jackson Nolan
16	James Temple
17	Andrea Davis Don Hansen Paul Whitlock
18	Camille Burger Ivan Hoyt
19	Eric Murray
21	Carl Jasmin William Riess
22	Denise Humberston Jane Lawson Kathy Whalen
23	Eleanor Stevens
24	Lyman Wood

25	Emily Weldon
26	Ann Burnett
27	Lily Beals
28	Lizzie Brill
29	Chandler Taylor

Anniversaries in June

2	Caroline & Bill Toner
10	Mary & Stephen Strebel Annamarie & Hunter Golden
12	Phyllis & John Bogert
14	Lorie Dixon & Jeff Greim
16	Paula & John Gallup Dianne & Dick Sprinthall
17	Jane Hopkins & Bill Fisher
18	Lauren & Douglas Crafts
20	Marjorie & Rick Murray
23	Ruth & Harry Reynolds
24	Margaret & Paul Whitlock
25	Donna & David Liebman Cindy & Dan O'Malley
26	Joy & Ralph Brown
27	Margaret & Don Agnoli Sandy & Norm Beals
28	Ann & Don Burnett
30	Tina & Steven Dieterich

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or does not appear, please contact the parish office.

Milestones**Confirmed May 21**

Chip MacElhiney

Received into the Episcopal Church May 21

Maggie MacElhiney

Baptized May 14

Michael Nathan and Andee Marie Lavner, children of Ryan and Meghan Lavner

Congratulations and Welcome!**Congratulations Class of 2011!****High School Graduates**

Sarah Baltruweit
Greg Hepper
Tori Lussier
Sam Sprinthall

**College and Graduate Programs**

Scott Frost
Julia Ishak
Daniel Rossi

All of our graduates will be specially recognized during the 10 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, June 19.

Looking for your feedback:

What do you think of the new Worship Guide?

Please join Fr. Derrick for coffee, conversation, and your thoughts on our new seasonal Worship Guide on Sunday, June 5 at 9 a.m. in the St. Andrew's Room.

Parish Directory Available

A new Parish Directory has just been published ... pick up a copy in the narthex or the parish office.

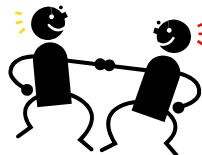
Meet and Greets Continue

Enjoy spending time with Fr. Derrick and fellow parishioners in a small group setting! Relationships will be formed and deepened through conversation and eating together. If you haven't already signed up or already attended, you are invited and encouraged to sign up for an upcoming Meet and Greet:

Sunday, June 5—6:30-8:30 p.m., at the home of Donna and Steve Burrall.

Thursday, June 9—6-8 p.m., at the home of Andrea and Dave Taupier.

Thursday, June 30—6:30-8:30 p.m., at the home of Carol Quinn.



Please call or email Jan Brega in our Parish Office if you wish to sign up: 413-567-5901 or Admin@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org.

Notes from the Missions Committee

Open Pantry Needs You

Did you know that Open Pantry comes by every week to collect our donations of canned food and other non-perishable goods for their center? This is a vital ministry that needs constant attention so they can keep their shelves stocked at all times of the year. Why not take advantage of the "buy one get one free" sales at area grocery stores and leave your donations in the hall outside the parish offices?

Where are you a Volunteer?

vol' un-teer One who enters into, or offers himself for, any service of his own free will

You probably remember when Susan Baldwin spoke to the congregation about her volunteer work with *The Community Survival Center* several weeks ago. The Missions Committee would like to know more about how people give of their time and energy where their help is appreciated free of charge. You may want to speak to the congregation as Susan did or let the committee report it for you. Please contact any member or its Chair, Carey Lape and we'll be sure to report our findings to you in a future Anchor. You may find that one of these opportunities will appeal to you.

Newcomers' Gatherings Scheduled

All who are new to St. Andrew's, or who just are interested in learning more about the parish and the Episcopal Church, are invited to attend one of the two upcoming Newcomers' Gatherings. The will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 10 and Sunday September 25. More information will be forthcoming. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Jan Brega in our Parish Office at 567-5901 or by emailing Admin@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org.

Save the Dates!:

**Sunday, September 18:
Homecoming Sunday**

**Sunday, October 16
Celebration of New
Ministry**

Cotton Candy Masters! Check out our Facebook page for more great photos from Long Meddowe Days! You'll see more cotton candy, and the St. Andrew's contingent in the Long Meddowe Days parade.



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Schedule

- Weekday Eucharist
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist -
Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sun-
days at 8 and 10 a.m.
- Parish Office will be
open 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday;
9 a.m. to 12 noon on
Friday.
- See page 1 for the sum-
mer schedule beginning
June 25.

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