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Dear Friends at St. John's—

Thank you so much for your love and support this summer as I enjoyed the chance to practice my diaconal ministry among you. Your gifts--the two beautiful stoles--were put to good use during my short time at home, and I look forward to the many occasions I will use them in the future. . . There are many changes here, so I ask your continued prayers for me and for the seminary as we both grow into new phases of our lives.

*Love and Blessings,
Claudia.*

Dates to remember

October Food collection - **Cereal**

October 1 – 9-4 - Rummage Sale

October 2 – 9-12 - Rummage Sale

October 3 – Blessing of Animals, Bring photos

October 7 – Cursillo weekend

October 10 – 3pm - Cursillo weekend closing service @ Camp Pioneer, Angola

October 13 – 6:30pm - Vestry

October 14 – Applefest setup

October 17 – **Applefest**

November Food collection – **Food for Holiday meal**

November 2 – 4pm - **Election Day** Chicken 'n Biscuit

November 6 – 7:30pm Christ Church: Meet the candidates for our next Bishop

November 10 – 6:30pm Vestry

November 12 - **Pious Press Deadline**

November 13 – St Andrew's Bazaar

November 20 – 10:30am - Christmas Shoebox Project

November 25 – 10am – Thanksgiving Eucharist

December 5 – Annual Meeting

Your Priest's Perspective

May God be merciful to us and bless us, And show us the light of his countenance and come to us. [Psalm 67.1]

This issue of Pious Press will take us from Applefest to Advent, from harvest to Thanksgiving, from a season of working hard to a season of waiting. We will be taking some time during these two months to continue the conversation we began last spring about what we value most in the blessings we share, the gifts we bring, and the needs we confront. It is time to build upon our past, and to grow beyond it, to be faithful to the dreams of those who came before us but also to imagine new possibilities for our community.

During these weeks we will also be preparing to elect a new bishop. We will have the opportunity to meet the candidates on November 6th, at 7:30 p.m., at Christ Church in Lockport. Your delegates are not required to vote as you would vote, but they are obligated to listen to your views and to be open to the Holy Spirit when they gather with other lay delegates and clergy on November 20th for the Electing Convention. Please be open and forthright in your views about the candidates and their visions for our diocese. This is an exciting time and a rare opportunity to share our hopes and renew our sense of larger purpose.

As the days shorten, as we put away our sandals and take out our coats, may we always be mindful of how blessed we are to be here, together, serving a God who loves us with a steadfast fierceness beyond our understanding.

We Only Need

We need not count
every seed atop
the swaying grasses

or number the waves
rolling onto the rocky shore
or measure how far we can see
before the ocean vast
meets the sky immense.

We need not imagine
how many fishes
wander the depths

or where the stars reside
in the blue sky of day.

Nor must we be aware
of our hearts
pumping in our chests

or the movement of tiny sparks
in the neurons of our brains.

We only need sense
the One who creates
and sustains all things

and breathes when we breathe,
cries when we cry.

Patrick Flanigan





Financial Report

July Income: \$3793; Total expenses: \$3532;

Difference: +\$261.

August Income: \$2711. Total expenses: \$3305; Difference: -\$594.

APPLEFEST

AppleFest this year is on October 17th, and it is quickly coming upon us. The weeks leading up to AppleFest make for an exciting time as preparations are in full swing. We are again looking forward to the delicious food from the kitchen, and the bake table. The wonderful crafts and gifts from the craft table, the fresh produce outside, and the lovely gift baskets as well. If you are still looking for something to help out with please let me know.

Still need to feel you are contributing? How about making a basket for the auction? Better yet, how about getting some gift cards from various sources, gift certificates from places you frequent. You might be surprised how many places will donate if you tell them why or what for.

If you would like, Lois Carter would also take cash donations to put towards making a basket for you if you would like. Now...do you still need ideas? Here are some basket ideas she has collected along with many baskets so you need not purchase baskets at this point. St. John's seems to do a pretty good job of recycling baskets as her "project room" is full of them. Just give her a call and she will help you assemble and wrap them too.

Now for the ideas: Baby Basket with items for a new infant or mom, Travel basket with ideas for comfort away from home like a small flashlight, travel size bottles, a carry-all etc, Armchair Travel experience with a good travel book, fancy chocolates, DVD of an exotic place, A specific food basket like Popcorn, Spaghetti, Soup etc., Cleaning Basket (the holidays are coming!) or a Busy Box for kids with crayons, art materials, Play-doh, games, puzzles... You get the idea. Be creative, unique if you want but have fun doing it.

Thank you all for your time and help; it is, as always, greatly appreciated. Let's make this year's event a great success!

Kirsten Rodgers

News from St. John's

E-newsletters – We will be sending an e-newsletter in the months when Pious Press is not published. Our first issue went out in September. Please confirm your email address with the office (stjohnswilson@juno.com). Copies of this newsletter will be printed for those who do not use email. This is an opportunity for us to stay in touch with our members who are away from church. There will also be a Niagara Deanery e-newsletter that will sent on or about the 15th of each month. This is a means for us to stay informed about ministries and events at other churches, and to support one another more effectively in our shared ministry of being the Body of Christ in this place.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – As you know, Deacon Rocky's diaconal ministry is a volunteer chaplain at the Family Justice Center in Buffalo, a resource center for victims of domestic violence. Deacon Rocky and Pastor Judith are also part of the Interfaith Partnership against Violence that is based in Buffalo. We will be including prayers and reflections in our services during October.

Stewardship Campaign – For the first time in several years, we will have a stewardship campaign at St. John's this fall. The purpose of this campaign is to reflect on and renew our commitment to St. John's: What gifts do we bring? What blessings do we share? What needs do we see? What promises are we willing to make? At our Annual Parish Meeting on December 5th we will use our responses to these questions to set goals for 2011.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – a number of congregations across the diocese and the country have begun a ministry of knitting or crocheting shawls for people who are ill or experiencing important transitions (having a baby, going off to college, changing residence). Kathy Massie will visit St. John's November 14th, and after the service she will give a presentation on what this ministry involves and will explore ideas with us about how we might develop this ministry at St. John's.

December 19 – 4 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Andrew's. A new opportunity for the children from both congregations—and all of us—to enter more deeply into the Christmas story. The service will include children from both congregations in an enactment of the Christmas story, youth readers and musicians, and a cantata sung by a choir including youth and adults from both congregations. After the service, we will gather in the Undercroft for a potluck supper. Watch for more information.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



“Every shoebox offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child.”
Franklin Graham

It is that time of year again to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. This year's campaign runs from November 15th through November 22nd, 2010.

At 10:30am on **Saturday**, November 20, St. Andrew's and St. John's (children of all ages... that means adults as well) will come together for our annual Operation Christmas Child extravaganza. We will prepare and pack up shoebox Christmas gifts and enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

Operation Christmas Child is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanspurse.org). The idea is to create Christmas shoeboxes for children 2- 14 years old to be shipped around the world to needy children. The website reports that a large portion of shoeboxes will be going to Haiti this year.

You can be a part of this in many ways:

- You and your family can make up your own box(es) or bring your gifts to St. John's on November 20 to join with us as we all put our boxes together.
- You can donate monetarily towards gifts. Several of us will go shopping before November 20 to get the gifts we need to stuff the boxes. In addition it costs \$7.00 **to mail one box** so money for shipping expenses will also be needed. In order to have another successful year, we will need to raise **at least \$1000**. Envelopes marked Operation Christmas Child will be available in the pews and the narthex and all checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's.
- You can come at 10:30 a.m on November 20 and enjoy fellowship and lunch at St. John's where we will pool our resources and put the boxes together to be shipped.

Here are some gift ideas suggested by Samaritan's Purse:

TOYS – small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise, Slinky, etc (make sure you include extra batteries if the toy requires them)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES- pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books

HYGIENE ITEMS – toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth

OTHER – hard candy or suckers (double bagged), mints, gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

We will also need Christmas wrapping paper, scotch tape, shoeboxes (regular sized), or plastic bins, large rubber bands for wrapping the boxes. Bring your own scissors if you will be wrapping boxes.

Things **not** to include: used or damaged items, war-related items, chocolate, food, liquids, lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans.

A sign-up sheet will be in both parishes so we can get a head count for lunch. Don't miss this great day for you and your kids!!!

Around the Deanery

Questions for the candidates should be given to your delegates by **Sunday September 26th**. Members of the Transition Committee will synthesize questions from all our congregations for the formal part of the discussion at the walkabouts.

Outreach: Delegates brought school supplies for Journey's End Refugee Resettlement Center to our Deanery Council Meeting on September 2nd. We agreed to collect items from our churches for Journey's End for each Deanery Council meeting. **The item for our Pre-Convention Workshop on October 12th is coats.**

Please plan to take part in the candidates' walkabout visit to Christ Church on **Saturday, November 6, at 7:30 p.m.** This will be an opportunity to hear the candidates speak and to meet them personally. Information about the candidates is available at www.episcopalwny.org.

Election of the 11th Bishop of Western New York: Niagara Deanery will be responsible for providing sweets for the Electing Convention on November 20th. Each church is asked to provide **7 dozen** cookies or brownies. Your delegates may bring them to the cathedral on Friday November 19th or on November 20th.

The Deanery Youth Ministry Team currently includes Sammi Cutlip, Terra Cutlip, Jeff Edmister, Sarah Harrington, Marty Roesler, and Jennifer Seefeldt. They have planned three events for youth and families this year: The Family fun Event at Skateland in September, an Advent Study on the Millennium Development Goals and Gathering of Gifts for our Unbirthday Party in January, and an Overnight Lock-in for youth in the spring.

Millennium Development Goals Advent Program - The Deanery Youth Ministry Team has proposed a change to our tradition of having a collection and the youth choosing gifts from the ER-D *Gifts for Life* catalog at their Unbirthday Party on Epiphany Sunday. They are preparing materials for each church to use in order to learn about the Millennium Development Goals during Advent. At our Deanery Council meeting in September, each delegate chose a goal from a hat; their congregation will learn about that goal during Advent and will choose a gift appropriate for that goal, for which they will raise money. These gifts will be presented at our Party on January 9th -which will include families in addition to our youth. Here is the list of goals chosen by the congregations whose delegates were at the meeting;

Christ Church - Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

Grace Church - Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

St. Andrew's - Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty & hunger

St. John's-Wilson - Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

St. John's-Youngstown - Goal 3: promote gender equality & empower women

St. Paul's - Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Delegates from St. Peter's and St. Stephen's were not able to attend the meeting. They might choose to learn more about

Goal #4: Reduce child mortality &

Goal #6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

The following websites are particularly helpful for learning more about the MDGs:

www.un.org/millenniumgoals

www.unicef.org/voy/explore/mdg

<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org>

www.er-d.org

The Rev. William Winston is ending his 2-year term as our clergy representative to Diocesan Council. **The Rev. Ellen Brauza** will stand for election at our October 12th meeting.

We welcome a new Deacon to our Deanery: **The Rev. Deacon Rocky Dworak** is now serving at St. John's-Wilson & St. Andrew's-Burt. Deacon Rocky will continue his diaconal ministry as a volunteer chaplain at the Family Justice Center in Buffalo and prison ministry in Collins, NY.

Deanery Clericus will meet on **Wednesday October 6th at St. Stephen's-Niagara Falls**. We will have dinner together at **5:30**, with Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Deanery Community Events

October 1-2 Rummage Sale - St. John's-Wilson

October 12 7 p.m. -Deanery Pre Convention Meeting - St. John's-Wilson

October 16 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Auction - Grace Church

October 17 11a.m.-3 p.m. Applefest - St. John's-Wilson

October 22-24 All Day Jumble Sale - St. Paul's-Lewiston

October 29-30 All Day Diocesan Convention

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November 2 4 p.m. - Election Day Chicken & Biscuit Dinner at St. John's-Wilson & at St. Paul's-Lewiston

November 6 7:30 p.m. Walkabout of Bishop Candidates at Christ Church

November 13 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bazaar - St. Andrew's-Burt

November 20 Electing Convention - St. Paul's Cathedral

Congratulations to Nick Failla for the good job that he did at the Niagara County Fair. He showed 5 beef cattle – Waylon, Willie, Rebel, Sooner and Goober - Three Polled Hereford and two Black Angus. He received numerous blue and red ribbons but he is most proud of the trophy and blue ribbon which he received for Champion Bull Calf with Rebel. He also placed first in the Senior Division for Livestock Judging, was chosen to go to State fair, but unable to attend this year. Nick's next adventure with his animals will be at the Fall Preview Show in Cobleskill, October 15, 16, &17.

Internet Shopping

A Link to Amazon.com is now available on our website. St. John's will earn up to 15% of all sales made by accessing amazon.com through this link.

Tell your friends and family about this opportunity and the next time you shop at amazon.com, go to www.stjohnswilson.com, scroll down and click on the small orange and white rectangle on the left side of the page. Save that page in your Favorites or your Bookmarks for future use.

Green Team – Denise Failla and Jeff Pyskaty

On August 2, 2010, Jeff and I met and conducted an energy assessment. We looked at the water, electric and gas bills from 2008 – 2009 and compared then to 2009 – 2010 (including estimates for the remainder of the year.) We found that the 2 year total was \$7307.24, and the yearly average was \$3,653.62. The goal of the Green Team and St. John's is to reduce the total usage by 10% by September 2011. That would be \$365.36.

We looked at different ways to reduce the church usage. The first thing we did was lower the hot water tank temperature from 130 degrees to 110 degrees. We will speak to someone regarding the toilets and checking for any leakage because the water bill has increased significantly.

In the future we would like to see the light bulbs in the sacristy, storage room, janitor's closet, robe room and sump pump room be replaced with energy efficient bulbs.

We will be meeting with the Sunday school students, teaching them ways which they can be greener and more energy conscious. We will also be making some homemade cleaning products. We are looking for individuals who would be interested in helping us on this committee. As well as those who can provide us with more history of the building.

St. John's has an account with "Niagara County Bottle Redemption Center" located at 4022 Lake Ave in Wrights Corners. The building is just south of Rt 104 on the west side of the road. They are open 7 days a week from 10am through 6pm. We are registered as a non-profit organization and the facility will give us 5 ½ cents per can/bottle. Once our total reaches a certain amount, the company will send us a check.

Individuals can take their cans/bottles directly to the site and simply tell them that they are for the St. John's Church, -Wilson and they will count them and add the correct amount into our account. Or, people can bring them to church and the Pyskaty family will take them over for us.

Junior Warden's Report ~

"We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count."

Neil A. Maxwell

As I sit at my desk and look out the window, I see the wind gently blowing through the leaves on the trees. I see that the leaves are beginning to change. I love fall - all the sights and smells of fall - the cool, crisp temperatures, the leaves as they change colors- yellow, red and orange, fresh, crunchy apples, mums and pumpkins. These beautiful and brilliant changes have been created by God for each and every one of us to enjoy. It is important that we take the time to enjoy these simple blessings.

There are many more blessings which God had bestowed upon us. We each have our own talents and treasures which to share with others. Fall is a time when I sit back and reflect on the individual gifts which he has given me - wife, mom, daughter, sister, nurse, leader, Acolyte master, Sunday school teacher and Warden. It's time for me to focus on my strengths and develop my weaknesses in a more positive manner.

Take the time to realize your own talents and blessings – whether it is providing an ear to listen to a troubled friend, giving someone a hug, helping the neighbor or fellow parishioner with a task, baking for coffee hour, donating your unused clothes or household items, bringing a food item for Community Missions or helping out with one of the upcoming events at St. John's or St. Andrew's. Acknowledge your blessings and share them with others. Shine your light.

Peace in Christ,
Denise Failla



When I think of fall I think of pumpkins/Jack o' lanterns. What process do we go through in order to change this plain pumpkin into Jack o' lantern? Think about how a Jack o' lantern relates to each and every one of us.

First thing we have to do is find the pumpkin – each one is unique in its own way. We then have to wash off the dirt and mud. Then you cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin and clean out the inside. You scoop out all the seeds and the yucky stuff. The next thing you do is carve a face. You cut out the eyes, nose and mouth. I don't know about you but I always put a smile on my Jack o' lantern.

The next step is to put a candle inside the Jack o' lantern. Then you light the candle so that the light will shine through the eyes, nose and mouth.

Finally, when all is finished, I place him in the window so that everyone can see its light.

This is a pretty good picture of what happens to each of us when we invite Jesus into our heart. He picks us up, cleanses our life from sin, and removes all the yucky thoughts and seeds of doubt, hate and selfishness from within us. He then puts a smile on our face and puts his light within each of us to shine for the whole world to see.

When you are preparing your jack o' lanterns for Halloween, I hope that it will make you think about Jesus and all of the blessings that he gives to us and that we should share with others.

“All the blessings we enjoy are Devine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition, that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbors” *John Calvin*

Little Roses Home for Girls

I feel a bit redundant writing about one of my pet projects yet again, but I need to tell you how meaningful your support to these little girls is for them. Your generosity at the picnic where we celebrated Christmas in August, produced six boxes to be mailed to Miami for adding joy to their Christmas Season. I am delighted that the money collected covered the \$100 postage and a few more gifts for the girls. The few dollars left is already with the few Limpera I had left from last January when we bought bed pillows for the girls. I know it will be used well this upcoming January when I return to Honduras.

There is a tea being held at St. Paul's Harris Hill on Oct 2 from 1 - 4 PM. It is a fun time and of course a worthy cause to bring the whole Diocese together to share in fun, tea, delicious goodies and a huge basket auction, all to support the girls in Honduras. If you are interested in attending, the tickets are \$20. If you are unable to attend, we are selling basket tickets after church. However, this will end prior to the event.

The need is ever present in Honduras. The problems of housing and feeding 77 girls, let alone getting them off to school and making sure the homework is done sometimes seems incomprehensible. However with dedicated Honduran women who work with them as "Tia's (Aunts), it all seems to get done. I marvel at the laundry and drying lines, the amount of food preparation, all these practical things, but most of all at the joy on the faces of these girls. They are indeed their own family in spite of having a biological one that perhaps just cannot care for them. Why do I go back to the Home? Mitch Albom had a column in the paper that said it all.

Because we are still needed.

Because we can still help.

Because when we arrive, the children hug and hold us and grab our hands.

Because they smile and pray and say words like "thank you".

Because when they gather together, sitting in each others laps, they sing gloriously!

Because they who have little, give you a homemade necklace or bracelet or drawn picture.

Because when we leave the girls extract a promise from us. That's why I go back!

Vestry Highlights
July 14, 2010

Discussion

- ✓ **Adult Education regarding the Election of the Bishop**
We agreed that use of bulletin inserts and newsletter pieces would be the most effective way for people to learn about the episcopacy and the election of our next bishop. Pastor Judith+ may also use sermon time for teaching on this matter.
- ✓ **Planning for the Picnic Eucharist: August 15 at Drifting Meadows Farm** - We agreed that St. John's will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and condiments; St. Andrew's will provide rolls, beverages, and paper products. We will find out how many grills may be needed. Families will bring their own chairs and a dish to pass.
- ✓ **Green Team** – Denise Failla and Jeff Pyskaty represent St. John's on the Green Team. At the September meeting they will present a report on their review of our energy use by reviewing our utility bills for 2009-2010 and mapping our energy use in the church buildings.
- ✓ **5 Wishes Community Conference –Saturday September 25, 9a.m.-noon at St. Andrew's** Janet Hoffman, Denise Failla, Lois Bateman, and Lois Carter are on the planning committee. This program for the community will be free. Presenters will guide discussion on how to support individuals, families, and caregivers in meeting their wishes for the later stages of life regarding medical care, physical comfort, emotional support. Members of both St. John's and St. Andrew's will provide refreshments and serve as greeters.
- ✓ **A Parish Town Meeting will be held on Sunday September 12**, prior to the Covenant Team meeting on September 13.
- ✓ We will participate in the diocesan-wide Blessing of Backpacks on September 12.
- ✓ We will invite volunteers to sell hot dogs at **Wilson Bike Night on Friday August 6th** as a fundraiser for St. John's operating budget.

Vestry Highlights September 8, 2010

Our Treasurer's Report was accepted. An Audit was conducted on August 18th by a Committee: Norm Kopek, Jeff Pyskaty, and Doug Bowden and Lew Bell (authorized by the Diocese to do parish audits). The Audit Committee commended Lois Bateman for clear and complete records.

Resolved

- We will have a Stewardship Campaign this fall that will develop the theme of "Blessings, Gifts, and Needs" that was discussed at the Spring Parish Meeting and the implications of saying "Our doors are always open."
- We will provide the opportunity a parish youth group that will begin with a meeting with our youth to see what they would like to do together, and we will explore opportunities for community service both in Wilson and in Buffalo.
- We will incorporate announcements and birthday blessings into the Sunday service more regularly.
- The Treasurer will set up a Deacon's Discretionary Account that will be used according to the same guidelines that govern the Priest's Discretionary Account.
- Fundraising Proposals for 2011 will be reviewed at the October Vestry meeting on October 13th.
- We will include in the bulletin announcements an invitation for people to sign up to be Coffee Hour hosts.
- We will include in the bulletin announcements on the first Sunday of each month that the loose offering will go to the priest's and deacon's discretionary accounts.
- We will make printed copies of the e-newsletter available for those who do not have email.
- The Vestry will be more diligent about calling people to inform them about special events. Pastor Judith and the Wardens will decide together when to make telephone calls and to home.
- There will be a monthly Deanery e-newsletter distributed from St. John's account, with no charge to the Deanery because our account allows for up to 500 emails/month, far more than we can use for ourselves.
- We will put together a photo display of our parish family for the Parish Hall

Discussion & Reports

Applefest -Lois Carter and Gloria Bryant asked for assistance in soliciting vendors for Applefest Booklet ads. The following persons agreed to help with follow-up visits: Millie High, Sharon Rhodes, Jeff Pyskaty, Jennifer Puskas, and Barb Kopilinsky.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Project will be held on **Saturday, November 20, 10:30-noon**. Stacy Lampman will organize the project again this year, and we are looking for someone from St. John's to work with her. St. John's will provide pizza for the event (St. Andrew's provided lunch last year.)

The Green Team -Diane Failla and Jeff Pyskaty have done an energy map of the building, and have reviewed utility and water bills. They reduced the water temperature in our sinks to 110 degrees. We are also planning to have the children and youth make "green" soaps, cleaners, and play dough to be sold at Applefest.

5 Wishes Community Workshop at St. Andrew's - Many volunteers have offered to provide food, to be greeters, and to help with setting up and cleaning up.



We come to church every Sunday expecting to see beautiful flowers on the altar and we are never disappointed. Many thanks to Marcia Sabey for this. She does this for St John's and all of us as her gift to God.

St. Andrew's-Burt And St. John's-Wilson
Covenant Team Meeting Summary

Report from St. John's

We have several new families who have become active. St. John's had a float in the Wilson Days parade. We have started an e-newsletter that will be sent out on the months that the Pious Press is not published and to announce special events; the Pious Press has a new format and a new procedure for submissions. St. John's held a community pancake breakfast for the soccer tournament in July and sold hot dogs at the Wilson Supercruise Night in June. The Green Team has done an energy assessment of the building, and we have been preparing for the 5 Wishes Community Seminar that we are co-sponsoring with St. Andrew's. We will be dedicating new kneeler cushions for the church on September 19. We are preparing for our Rummage Sale on October 1-2 and for Applefest on October 17th.

Report from St. Andrew's

Homecoming Sunday on September 12th with backpack blessings was very successful and lively. Our Hospitality Team has initiated some new plans for welcoming—gift bags, Welcome Cards, "Brag Cards," new pamphlets, and a new welcome sign. We are now preparing for the St. Andrew's Bazaar on November 13th. The Community Store is open on Thursday evenings and on Saturdays. We now have a special monthly collection for the Newfane Community Food Pantry that focuses on a specific theme; the August collection was school supplies.

Reports on Shared Initiatives:

- The 5 Wishes community Workshop on September 25th - Judi Naylor. Members of St. John's & St. Andrew's will serve as greeters and will provide refreshments
- The Green Team - Doug Wintersteen & Denise Failla. St. John's has done an energy assessment; the Green Team will meet in the fall.
- The joint musical groups involving our youth - Doug Wintersteen. Emails will go out inviting youth to participate
- The Calvin Institute Grant Proposal for Worship Renewal - Judith+. The Grant Writing Team will meet on October 11
- Our joint Confirmation classes will begin in October - Judith+
- Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Project - Cindy Harrington. Shoebox Family Project will be on **Saturday November 20, 10:30-noon.**
- Our Little Roses Tea & Basket Auction - Cindy Harrington & Lois Carter. The Tea will be on **Saturday, October 2nd**. Tickets are available from Cindy & Lois
- Picnic Eucharist & "Christmas in August" for Our Little Roses - Lois Carter. We raised almost \$250. in addition to gifts for the orphanage

Discussion

(1) 2011 Covenant Agreement

- We proposed minor changes in wording to indicate the following;
 - Wardens are ex officio members of the Covenant Team
 - The Covenant Team will discuss, but not determine, dates for parish meetings
 - The annual evaluation will include discussion of how to support the clergy in their ministry
- The Vestries will vote on the 2011 Agreement at their October meetings

(2) Advent, Christmas, Epiphany

- We talked about how to make this season more meaningful for our congregations without imposing additional burdens on those who would lead liturgies and organize events. We agreed that we would compile a book of daily meditations, and we would each work with the program on the Millennium Development Goals being designed by the Deanery Youth Ministry Team.
- We will share in a Service of Advent Lessons and Carols on **Sunday December 19, at 4 p.m.** Children and youth from both congregations will do readings, enact the Christmas story, and participate in choral and instrumental groups. The service will be followed by a potluck supper.

(3) Matters of General Interest

- We will share more information about serving on the Covenant Team, and a report from the Covenant Team will be part of each Parish Annual Meeting. We agreed that persons will serve open-ended terms on the Covenant Team, talking with Judith+ if and when they feel ready to step down. We want to be intentional about making sure that everyone understands what the Team is, what it does, and why it is an essential part of our Covenant.
- Both congregations will explore the possibility of establishing a Scrip program, by which TOPS cards are sold at the church, with a percentage of the income coming to the church.

Concerns for Future Meetings

Next Meeting: Monday January 31, 2011 - 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's, we will make plans for Lent, Eastertide, and Pentecost.

From the Bench Z y Z y Z

A few weeks ago we sang Hymn #380. After service that day several people commented to me that they had not realized there were other verses to the hymn as the last verse of the hymn is the common Doxology. I say common, because many hymns end with what is called a doxological verse. This particular hymn "All People that on Earth do Dwell" is the tune and the words most of us use for the Doxology.

This hymn is based on Psalm 100. During the 1500's when the Reformation swept across Europe, a division among protestants developed concerning congregational singing. Martin Luther of Germany advocated singing hymns and carols. Followers of John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland thought only the Psalms of David should be sung. He felt worship should be simple, consisting of prayer, preaching and Psalms.

In 1551 a hymnbook of Psalms was published in Geneva. This majestic and beautiful melody was composed or adapted to Psalm 134 by Louis Bourgeois. Ten yeas later when another Psalter was compiled, this tune was used for Psalm 100 as versified by The Rev. William Kethe, a Scottish clergyman.

Ever since the publication of 1561 hymnal, the tune has been called 'The Old Hundredth'. It is probably the oldest hymn of praise in the English language. It is also known as "Calvin's Reformation Hymn".

We have added this to our service once again due to popular demand. So now you know a bit about it even if generally we use only the last verse.

Keep Singing!

Lois

Altar Schedule

DATE	DAY	TIME	SERVICE	COLOR	MEMBER
Oct 3	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
Oct 7	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
Oct 10	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
Oct 14	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Marcia Sabey
Oct 17	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
Oct 21	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Lois Bateman
Oct 24	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Allison Carter
Oct 28	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am St. Simon &	Eucharist St. Jude	Red	Allison Carter
Oct 31	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
Nov 4	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Gail Freischlag
Nov 7	24 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High
Nov 11	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Millie High
Nov 14	25 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
Nov 18	Annointing & Bible Study	11:00am	Eucharist	Green	Jean Reid
Nov 21	Christ The King	9:00am	Eucharist	White	Marcia Sabey
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day	10:00am	Eucharist	White	Marcia Sabey
Nov 28	1 st Sunday of Advent	9:00am	Eucharist	Purple	Lois Bateman

Lessons

Sunday	First Lesson	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
October 3 Pentecost 19	Lamentations 1:1-6	Lamentations 3:19-26	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
October 10 Pentecost 20	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalms 66: 1-11	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
October 17 Pentecost 21	Jeremiah 31: 27-34	119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	Luke 18:1-8
October 24 Pentecost 22	Joel 2:23-32	65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
October 31 Pentecost 23	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	119:137-144	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
November 7 All Saints	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
November 14 Pentecost 25	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12:2-6	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
November 21 Pentecost 26	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1: 68-79	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
November 28 1 Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Reader Schedule

Service Date	Lector	Prayers of the People	Lay Reader	Chalice	Crucifier	C 1 st Acolyte	2 nd Acolyte
October 3 Pentecost 19	Nancy Thompson	Robyn Knueger	Allison Carter	Robin Schummeister	ALL ACOLYTES		
October 10 Pentecost 20	Allison Carter	Jacquie Rodgers	Sharon Rhodes	Mike Kerwin	Nick Falla	Kevin Doyle	Michael Pyskaty
October 17 Pentecost 21	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Janet Hoffman	Keith Rhodes	Kyle Lyon	Matthew Pyskaty	
October 24 Pentecost 22	Janet Hoffman	Sharon Rhodes	Keith Rhodes	Sharon Rhodes	Johnnie Carney	Jared Carney	Kevin Doyle
October 31 Pentecost 23	Justin Naylor	Robyn Knueger	Jackie Rodgers	Gail Freitschlag	Kevin Doyle	Jared Carney	
November 7 Pentecost 24	Robyn Knueger	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Robin Schummeister	ALL ACOLYTES		
November 14 Pentecost 25	Jacquie Rodgers	Allison Carter	Sharon Rhodes	Allison Carter	Kyle Lyon	Michael Pyskaty	Matthew Pyskaty
November 21 Pentecost 26	Janet Hoffman	Sharon Rhodes	Keith Rhodes	Mike Kerwin	Nick Falla	Kevin Doyle	
November 25 Thanksgiving							
November 28 Advent 1	Justin Naylor	Robyn Knueger	Janet Hoffman	Keith Rhodes	Johnnie Carney	Jared Carney	

Please remember that you are not available when scheduled, you need to find your own replacement, or contact Pastor Lee.
Thank you for all that you do, each and every week!!

85. A Quadruple-X Cross-Word

Using the clues, fill in the Up and Down Diagonal answers.

DOWN

1. Sides of a river.
2. Frighten.
3. Roman galleons.
4. Flash caused by flint.

UP

5. Skeleton.
6. Astrologers study them.
7. Checks for content.
8. Configuration.

