

ST. ANDREW'S SIGNPOST

The Rev. Linda Mayer, Community Priest
Linda Cox, Senior Warden
Rudy Mayer, Junior Warden

JANUARY 2012

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Vestry Notes:

The energy upgrades continue to be made with the installation of a new window in the office wing bathroom. The Episcopal Church signs that are at the entrances to Chelan have been reinstalled after being refurbished.

Linda Mayer announced that Anders Peterson, Lutheran minister trainee, will be joining us occasionally to preach and assist in our services. He and his wife will be spending the summer in Holden.

Pledge cards need to be in before the 2012 budget can be determined.

The Annual Meeting will be February 12 and all committee reports need to be in to Phyllis by January 29th.

The next meeting is January 12 at 4 PM.

At the Colville Tribal Casino in Manson on Friday, Dec. 23rd, I was joined by Hannah Hubbard (Clerk of the Vestry) and Sharon Lukas (coordinator of ChelanValley Hope) to have a picture taken of us receiving a check in the amount of \$24,000.00. The Chelan Valley Mirror should publish this picture on Wednesday. KOZI Radio also did a live broadcast with Melissa from the Casino and myself. There were a large number of Christmas presents which were donated to needy children before Christmas. The food that was collected has been given to the Food Bank.

The Vestry will be visited this week via e-mail and on Sunday, January 1st to discuss possibilities for using the funds to **assist families in need , senior citizens, and at risk high school students**. If anyone is aware of a specific need they should contact Linda Mayer with detailed information. The funds will be put into a Designated Account to be used only for this special purpose.

Linda Mayer+

Would you like to serve on the Vestry?.....

The Vestry serves as the Board of Directors for St. Andrews, oversees the budget and makes the decisions concerning our facilities. Three new vestry members will be chosen at the annual meeting February 12. Rudy Mayer, Susan Fiala and Hannah Hubbard have faithfully served their three year terms and will retire.

St. Andrews needs your ideas and insight, if you would like information about serving on the vestry or would like to volunteer contact Linda Mayer, Linda Cox, or any vestry member. Those now serving are Pat LaPorte, Judy Oliver, Barb Sutor, Joan Hazelton, Mike Clayton and Liz Perry.

Your ECW Elects New Officers for 2012

The Episcopal Church Women met December 7 for their last lunch meeting of 2011. They voted to provide additional monetary support to a local family to help brighten their holiday season. A final vote was also cast to extend the terms of the current officers for 2012.

President – Jean Haskell; Vice-President – April Clayton
Secretary – Pat LaPorte; Treasurer – Linda Cox. We meet every other third Wednesday at 12:30 pm, usually in the Parish Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings and if they decide to join the ECW, dues are only \$10 per year. The group has several fund raisers, the main one being our world famous Pie Social in August. The money raised is contributed to local causes that assist women and families. We also enjoy fellowship and tasty lunch meals we take turns preparing. Since the group asked for the soup recipe that was the main course at our December meeting, it is offered below for all of you who read the Signpost.

Italian Sausage and Pasta Soup (no fail)

1 1/2 lb. ground sausage	2 cans diced tomatoes
3 carrots, chopped	2 cans white beans - drained
1 medium onion, chopped	1 T. dried basil
4 cloves garlic, minced	2 C dried large shell pasta
3 qts chicken broth	1 regular bag spinach leaves
Parmesan cheese and salt & Pepper to taste	

Brown sausage in 10 qt. dutch oven. Spoon out all but 1 T. fat. Add carrots, onion, garlic, stirring often until onion is soft. Add broth, tomatoes, beans and basil. Bring to boil. Add pasta, reduce heat and simmer covered stirring occasionally until pasta is just tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in spinach and cook until wilted. Add seasonings to taste. Pass parmesan cheese for garnish.

Staying in touch with our own:

Fred Rarden has been moved to Colonial Vista Care in Wenatchee. Linda Mayer reports that his spirit is strong though his body and voice are failing. Please remember him in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Colonial Vista Care, 625 Okanogan, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Visiting the Thayers in their new home by Jean Haskell

It was time for Ed and I to return home to Chelan following a Thanksgiving celebration with family on the Long Beach Peninsula. I remembered that Judy and Darrell Thayer had recently moved to The Dalles, so we decided to return home along the Columbia River and see their new "digs".

We phoned ahead to make sure they would be there and they assured us that our timing was ideal and they would look forward to our overnight visit.

We endured torrential rains and winds along the Columbia Gorge that day, but Darrell promised that the weather would improve as we traveled east. Sure enough, the sky brightened as we approached The Dalles and located their new row house overlooking the river. It was twilight as we unloaded the car and found a comfortable spot for our dog in their large daylight garage. They had just finished moving in and yet everything was in order. Judy had even located the one misplaced item –her new smart phone.

We were treated to a wonderful home-cooked meal and a lovely bottle of wine from Maryhill Winery which is across the Columbia River bridge from the Dalles. Judy had already reupholstered the dining stools which coordinate with their new décor. After a restful night, we woke up the next morning to a view of Mr. Hood out of the guest room window and a cup of home-brewed coffee! I was ready to settle in for a few more days, but there were miles to go and obligations awaiting us back in Chelan.

Both Judy and Darrell wanted to hear about all the current happenings at St. Andrew's. They have located, but not yet attended the Episcopal Church in their new home town, and Judy has checked out a group of artisans that she may be joining soon. They asked to be remembered to each and every one of you and promised they would be back for a visit in 2012.

JANUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NO ANNIVERSARIES

April Clayton - 11

Linda Mayer - 14

Don Jantaas - 20

Hannah Hubbard - 26

Phil Madden - 28

Jordana LaPorte - 30

Fruits of the Bible – Grapevine

The vine, its fruit and the wine made from it are mentioned constantly in the Bible, from Noah onwards. Noah, indeed, planted a vineyard after the deluge and drank a bit more than was good for him. (Genesis 9: 20-21) The vine, wheat and olive – those essentials of the Holy Land are part of everyone's daily life. This was the promised land.

The vines of Palestine were famous for their heavy clusters of large juicy grapes. The spies sent by Moses to explore the land of Canaan cut, in the valley of Eschol, near Hebron, a cluster of grapes that was so large "that they bore it between two on a staff". (Numbers 13: 23) The Israelites in the wilderness longed for the puny grapes of Egypt unaware of the delicious ones which lay ahead of them.

The grape vine is the first cultivated plant to be recorded in the Bible. Its origins are uncertain; botanists say that it came from Armenia, where it still

grows with the luxuriant wildness of a tropical creeper, clinging to tall trees and producing abundant fruit without pruning or cultivation.

The vine is honored before all other plants of the world. “the fruitful vine” and “the vine brought out of Egypt” symbolized the Jewish people and our Lord compared himself with the “true vine” of which His disciples were the branches.

Chancellor, John; *The Flowers and Fruits of the Bible*; 1982' Beaufort Press

Calendar for January 2012

January 1 – 10 am Holy Eucharist – Mayer

January 8 – 10 am Holy Eucharist – Wilder

January 12 – 4 pm – Vestry

January 15 – 10 am Holy Eucharist – Boyle

January 18 – 12;30 ECW

January 22 – 10am Morning Prayer

January 29 – Epiphany 10am Holy Eucharist – Boyle

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