ST. ANDREW'S SIGNPOST

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

MARCH 2012

Vestry Minutes – February 9, 2012

Discussion of the brick renovation Larry Hibbard needs to make to his Riverwalk building. It will be necessary to remove all of the plants along that wall this spring to install a drainage system, and then replaced after repairs are done. Larry Hibbard and Mike Clayton will bring workers to help move the plants. Larry Hibbard will work with us on how to minimize the look of the existing white paint but no decisions will be made concerning artistic finish until brick is repaired.

Mike Clayton will gather helpers for the Pancake Supper February 21st.

The vestry voted to pay the Church Insurance in one total payment to save extra fees. A motion was also passed to pay \$15,000 as an extra payment on our 2008 Renovation Diocesan loan to reduce principal.

A motion was passed to replace the water-damaged light covers in the parish hall and kitchen. Carpet and chairs also need cleaning and we will get bids.

Annual Meeting – February 12, 2012

Pat LaPorte reported that a preliminary budget has been passed for 2012. Our pledges are down slightly so the 2012 budget was adjusted, but basically the same as 2011. We did end 2011 in a good financial base. Our Diocesan Asking will be increased for 2012 based on income from 2010.

Elbert Hubbard, Jim Perry and Janice Hartl were elected vestry members and Jane Farris and Joan Hazelton will be Diocesan Convention delegates at St. John Cathedral in Spokane the third weekend in October.

Linda Cox thanked the outgoing vestry members, Susan Fiala, Hannah Hubbard, and Rudy Mayer for their service.

Judy Oliver shared information about the sizable donation made toward beautification of our grounds. The parish hall mural has been refurbished, back office steps repaired, iron fence repaired and repainted, Chelan entry Episcopal signs refurbished, and more work done on the garden.

An energy audit of the church and parish hall resulted in other improvements to the building during 2011. Exit doors to courtyard and parish hall with ones more energy efficient and with insulated glass have been installed. The priest's office and bathroom windows were also replaced and kitchen windows re-puttied. Energy efficient lighting will replace existing light bulbs as they burn out. Exit signs were brought up to code. Some painting of doors will be done in the spring.

The last two gift baskets to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development were won by Pat LaPorte and Margaret Kamphaus. \$85.00 was collected to be donated to ERD.

Vestry Roster as of February 2012

Linda Cox, Senior Warden

Joan Hazelton

Barb Sutor

Mike Clayton

Judy Oliver

Jim Perry

Pat La Porte

Elbert Hubbard

Liz Perry

Janice Hartl

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The hard working men put on a successful pancake supper under the able direction of Mike Clayton with the help of the kitchen crew and wait staff Jeff LaPorte, Larry Hazelton, Elbert Hubbard, Jim Perry, Reuben Sanchez and Caitlyn Reinhart. The supper was made special with the pancake cooking expertise of Ken Hartl. And not to be forgotten are the table setters and flower arrangers, Barb Sutor and Joan Hazelton. St. Andrew's thanks them all!!!

Lenten Study Group

Wednesdays during Lent at 7 pm in the parish hall all are welcome to join with the group studying the book *Final Words* by Adam Hamilton. Hamilton explores Jesus' final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Then each chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today.

One can join in any week as each session and chapter explores one of Jesus' final words. Books are available.

ALL PARISH SPECIAL EVENT

At coffee hour on March 18, there will be a special celebration and shower for our newest member Johanna Ingrid Clayton born January 25, 2012. She made her first appearance in church on February 19 and was quite the beauty queen in her pink, heart covered sleeper. There will be a baked potato luncheon and cake for all. Gifts are optional. Come and join the fun and fellowship.

**March will see our snowbirds beginning to fly back to St. Andrew's and we will be happy to see them all.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Fenton - 12

Bonnie & Ellis

Morton-31

Darrell Thayer - 15

Greta Griffiths - 27

Ed Haskell - 29

Please note:

No ECW in March

Re: Lay Service Schedule

If you know of any dates in the months ahead that you will be unable to serve, please let Phyllis know as soon as possible so she can make up the schedule accordingly. This may avoid having you to make some changes later.

Lent is the season of the year that runs for forty weekdays and six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter and is a special season of preparation for Easter. The liturgical colors are purple or the natural color of unbleached linen. The penitential tone of the season is reflected in the prohibition of the singing of the Gloria during Lent. Many people observe Lent by undertaking special programs of study; many practice self-denial. The purpose of Lent is not self-punishment but preparation for Easter through concentration on fundamental values and priorities.

Wall, The Rev. John N.; A New Dictionary for Episcopalians, Harper & Row, 1985

Palm Tree

For the Jews the palm had both practical usefulness and symbolic significance. Its Hebrew name is tamar. For the Jews it symbolized grace and elegance. A single upright trunk may rise up to one hundred feet; it has no branches but its top is crowned by fan-shaped leaves, beneath which the dates grow in clusters. It is an exceptionally valuable plant, providing starch, sugar, oil, wax and fruit; mats are woven from its leaves; paper and threads are made from its fibers; and liquor is extracted from its sap. When growing in the desert it indicates the presence of water. Its large, feathery leaves or branches were used as emblems of victory or triumph. When our Lord entered Jerusalem the people 'took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him' (John 12:13).

Chancellor, John; The Flowers and Fruits of the Bible, Beaufort Books, 1982

Symbolism in the stained glass Lenten windows

The stained glass medallions depicting the Lenten season of the church year are located on the left side of the sanctuary behind the organ. The pillar or column with the ring and the flagrum symbolize Christ's suffering. The rooster is the symbol for Peter and meant to contain a warning for steadfastness of faith. The center medallion is the sacrament of Penance which symbolizes us preparing for the forgiveness of our sins. The keys are the keys to the Kingdom. The Celtic cross is symbolic of the fact that we can only receive absolution and forgiveness through Christ. The third medallion with cross and shroud and the three nails depict the nails driven through the palms and feet of Jesus and the crown of thorns are all symbols of Christ's humiliation and suffering. The seasonal color along the lower border is purple.

Take a minute to look closely at the symbolism of the seven church seasons in the medallions of our stained glass.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2012

March 4 – 10am Holy Eucharist – Boyle

March 7 – 7pm Wednesday night Lenten study group

March 8 – 4pm Vestry

March 11 – 10am Holy Eucharist – Mayer

March 14 – 7pm Wednesday night Lenten study group

March 18 - 10am Holy Eucharist - Mayer

At coffee hour, celebration with Johanna Clayton

March 21 – 7pm Wednesday night Lenten study group

March 25 - 10am Holy Eucharist - Mayer

March 28 – 7pm Wednesday night Lenten study group

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