

St. Andrew's Signpost

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

October 2010

Vestry Notes September 9, 2010

Doug Cockbill has finished his tenure with St. Luke's and St. Andrew's as of August 31.

Michael Steele from the community committee looking into a new home for the Food Bank discussed the ongoing search. Several alternatives were mentioned that may affect the overall role of St. Andrew's. More information will follow. Linda Mayer and Jean Haskell serve on the community committee.

The church will be open for prayer on Sept. 11 from 9AM to 12PM.

A new Parish Directory is in progress and should be available soon.

The Stewardship Harvest Dinner will be October 31st after church. It will be a potluck with ham provided. Invitations will indicate what everyone should provide.

Stewardship Project through Episcopal Relief and Development

Over a billion people lack access to clean drinking water and over 1.6 million people die each year as a result. Thousands of hours are lost searching for clean water. By building a well for a community – giving both a water system and training in basic sanitation – we could help secure access to one of life's necessities, allowing families to grow strong for the future.

The Stewardship team (Pat LaPorte, Hannah Hubbard and Linda Mayer) are challenging the members of St. Andrew's to collect "Change for Clean Water" with the goal of helping a family and/or a community gain access to clean water. We have a water bottle at the coffee bar after church each Sunday where you may add your change, coins, dollars, etc. If we earn up to \$215.00 we will be able to provide a family with clean water through Episcopal Relief and Development. If we earn as much as \$750 we can buy one share in a well for an entire community. Think of the difference this could make

in the lives of children and their parents. It is one way we can be good stewards of our world.
Hannah Hubbard

As an additional note to this, our former acolyte and child care helper Sarah Cross is in Paraguay teaching personal health, which includes teaching the children to brush their teeth. . . . clean water is a necessity.

Harvest and Stewardship Dinner October 31 after church. Potluck with ham provided. Notice will be given on what each is to bring.

Parish Notes

The landscape crew has been working very hard and now has changed the plantings in the circle. It will eventually be a perennial garden with a continuous blooming cycle throughout the year.

When our snowbird priest and her husband, Linda and Rudy Mayer, leave for Arizona St. Andrew's will be served at least two Sundays a month by Marilyn Wilder and Paton Boyle with Morning Prayer on our Sundays without a priest. We all appreciate their time and service.

October 8 & 9 is the Habitat for Humanity garage sale at the Methodist Church in Manson. Items can be brought to the church Monday through Friday.

Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday October 9 at 3 PM. Linda Mayer said she will bless any animal that appears.

The Lay Service schedule for October, November, December is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please review and make any necessary changes as soon as possible. Please arrange a substitute if a change is necessary and leave a note in the office.

Looking ahead November 7 Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clocks back one hour or you will be early to church!!

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Lord, hear our prayers:

Healing and Strength for:

Marianne A, Lauren B, Rita B, Jim B, Terry D, Bill F, Diane G, Jenny M, Ellis M, Jill N, George P. Julianne Q, and Shea R.- as well as those in your hearts.

Birthdays

Larry Cox.....4
Jack Reynolds.....13
Randy Farris.....14
Kathy Madden.....17
Pink Smith.....17

And Anniversaries

(no anniversaries in October?)

We are trying to update our birthday and anniversaries list. Please let the office know of any additions or corrections. We want to recognize these important dates in your lives.

Who was St. Teresa of Avila? 1515-1582

Saints day – October 15

One day St. Teresa of Avila and some of her sisters were attempting to cross a storm-swollen stream in a small cart. Their donkey balked, and St. Teresa ended up drenched to the skin and covered with mud. Looking to heaven, she said, “God, if this is the way you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!”

For St. Teresa, God wasn't a remote, distant entity but an everyday friend. She felt comfortable talking with God about every aspect of her life, including stubborn donkeys. This doesn't mean she wasn't reverent or respectful. St. Teresa is also the author of two of the greatest mystical treatises of all times – “The Interior Castle” and “The Way of Perfection.” In addition, she was one of only two women to be named Doctors of the Church for their profound insight and wisdom. What St. Teresa knew, and what we all must try to learn, is that God can't be removed from the everyday occurrences of our lives.

God isn't like good china, to be brought out for special occasions and then carefully packed away the rest of the time. When we save our china for special occasions, pretty soon we never use it because no occasion is quite special enough. The same is true of God. If we only talk to God on formal occasions, soon we won't talk to God at all.. Instead, we need to bring God into all aspects of our lives, like stoneware used on the table for every meal.

Koenig-Bricker, Woodeene, 365 Saints, *Your Daily Guide to the Wisdom and Wonder of their Lives*, 1995

OCTOBER 2010 CALENDAR

October 3 Holy Eucharist 10 AM
October 9 Saturday Blessing of the Animals 3 PM
October 10 Holy Eucharist
October 14 Vestry 4:30pm
October 16 & 17 Diocesan Convention Spokane
October 17 Morning Prayer *Oct 20 ECW 12:30*
October 24 Morning Prayer
October 31 Holy Eucharist - Stewardship dinner

Monday & Friday – Yoga 7:30 -9am
Tuesdays – AA 7 pm
Thursdays – AA Women 12 noon

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