St. Andrew's Signpost

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

June 2013

Vestry Notes – May 9, 2013

The vestry discussed the ways church members already reach out to the community as part of the Outreach program at St. Andrew's. We are covenant partners with Habitat for Humanity, conduct services at Regency Manor, and make contributions to Chelan Valley Hope. Church facilities are donated for Bach Feste. Our gardens are an outreach to the entire community and tourists to Chelan. Church members volunteer with Friends of the Library, Food Bank, and Meals on Wheels.

Ron McGaughey will paint the exterior hall and office door. Vines have been trimmed and removed. Mike Clayton and friend Mac have completed the stair railing to the basement. It is now a much safer place to go.

Because she has taken on more responsibilities the vestry voted to raise the salary of our secretary, April Boosinger.

In discussion, due to federal regulations, any outside organization or persons must also have a 501C3 tax rating ie: a non-profit, in order to use our facilities. They must present the letter of determination with their number on it to St. Andrew's.

Our priest, Linda Mayer reported that she has blessed 11 homes, and has 2 more scheduled. She has performed 1 baptism and another scheduled on May 12th. She is also providing marriage counseling for two couples. She has also attended NW Regional Gathering with members of the Vestry, and Clergy conference in Spokane. And due to attend a clericus in Moses Lake on May 14th. (Our community priest is very active and busy-ed).

Senior Warden, Linda Cox, read a thank you note from the Historic Downtown Chelan Association thanking us for our purchase of a hanging flower basket.

Next months meeting will be the Annual Vestry Retreat – June 8, 2013 at 8:30 AM

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW will meet June 13 with a meeting and luncheon in the Parish Hall. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Other Outreach.....

The **Manson Methodist Church** biannual garage sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity is still accepting donations for their sale the first weekend in June. For more information call Betty Pettit 670-5654.

Chelan Riverwalk Church and their *Riverwalk Closet* give away clothing for people in need and are always looking for donations of useable clothing. Needed now are summer clothing both for adults and children. Drop clean cast-offs at Chelan Riverwalk Church anytime located on Emerson and Okanogan at Riverwalk Park.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sadie Reynolds – 2 Maureen Reynolds – 3 Jane Farris – 3 Meredith Beeson – 10 Norm Kuntz – 16 Barb Ramella – 23 John Michael Clayton – 24

In memory of Rudy and thanksgiving for the marriage of Rudy & Linda Mayer- 15 Linda and Larry Cox – 18 Janice and Ken Hartl – 23 Dave and Betty Pettit – 27

A good time was had by all as **Saint and Sinners** fellowship group celebrated Cinco de Mayo at the home of Norm and Linda Kuntz on the Columbia River. About 22 from St. Andrew's enjoyed the good day, good food and good fellowship on May 5th. Be sure and keep watching for the next event and plan to attend. Also check the bulletin board in the parish hall for pictures of some attendees and their party sombreros.

Looking ahead.....

Bishop James Waggoner will be visiting St. Andrew's on November 17th. Plans will be made to have the Harvest Dinner during his visit.

There will NOT be Sunday 8:30AM Eucharist in the Courtyard this summer.

Episcopal Relief and Development US Disaster Program works with local Episcopal congregations to determine how best to use collected funds in disasters like we have had recently in Oklahoma, Texas and throughout the Midwest. They also offer resources for churches, parents and teachers ministering to children after disasters.

Contributions to the Tornado Response Fund will assist dioceses responding to recent disasters, and donations to the US Disaster Fund will help sustain vital year-round preparedness and response work. Gifts can be made online at <u>www.episcopalrelief.org</u>,

by calling 1-855-312-HEAL (4325) or by mailing a check to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7958.

Prayer for first responders and those who serve

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

_ Adapted from the Book of Blessings, by Diana Macalintal

Where were we in 1999?

In June 1999, Paul Cross was Senior Warden, Zoe Wolfberg, Junior Warden, Barb Sutor, Treasurer and Phyllis Hyde, church secretary. We were all in a state of flux. St. Andrew's was just beginning the search process for another priest after Mark Brinkman had moved on in February. The Diocese of Spokane was in the search process for a bishop after the death of Bishop Terry.

Kathy Cooper, our supply priest, was coming from Spokane two Sundays a month. Morning Prayer was held the other two Sundays. Church school would end on June 13th and Holy Eucharist in Riverwalk Park began on June 20th. Operating expenses exceeded income by almost \$4,000, pledges were down by \$3,000. There was ongoing discussion about whether we could afford to have a priest.

The Sunday adult study class was finishing their book study and Janice Hartl was coordinating the next book study of "Why Christianity Must Change or Die" by John S. Spong.

Dick Ward would celebrate his 95th birthday. Linda and Larry Cox greeted their new granddaughter, Mackenzie Massey. Greta Griffiths gave a class of instruction in CPR at the ECW luncheon meeting.

Paul Cross, Senior Warden, gave this message to the congregation as St. Andrew's began the search process. Words that still hold true today.

"We must decide what church means to us. For some it means a place to pray and receive comfort, counseling or a sense of community. For others it is an opportunity to serve, to live out and enjoy the church tradition and to receive an affirmation of their faith. Others come to learn, to live out their baptismal promises and to be with people of a like ethic. All of these things are great reasons to be a part of the church. These different points of reference make an understanding of what is needed in leadership a challenge. A careful analysis of both our needs and our resources is needed"

Calendar June 2013

June 2 – Holy Eucharist 10AM June 8 – All day Vestry Retreat – 8:30am June 9 – Holy Eucharist June 13 – ECW luncheon 12:30 June 14 – Cox wedding in Spokane June 16 – Holy Eucharist June 23 – Holy Eucharist June 30 – Holy Eucharist

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