

The Messenger

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

May 2009



Bytes from Mother Jo Ann's Apple. . . .

In most Episcopal churches, there are two words that make members cringe when the Rector speaks them aloud. One is Evangelism—the “E” word—and the other is Stewardship. You can breathe a sigh of relief: I will leave Evangelism for another day. But know that you will hear from me on the subject soon! Right now, I want to talk to you about Stewardship. You may be laboring under the delusion that Stewardship is about that committee that comes out of the woodwork in the fall to beg for money for the church's budget. Ugh! Who would want to be on such a committee? Not me!

Let's clear out the cobwebs and get rid of such a notion!!!! Let's redeem the word Stewardship by using its correct true meaning that comes from Matthew's Gospel (6:21): *Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* What is your treasure? In our culture, that translates to: How do you spend your money? Take an inventory. What are the things that are the most important to you? I'll bet that's how you spend your money.

All that we have has been given to us by God who is incredibly generous! We are called to be stewards of God's gifts. We are called to take care of the earth, our homes, our families, our jobs, our friends. We say THANK YOU by praising God and sharing our time, talents, and money with others.

Let's become a congregation who shares generously. The Stewardship committee are members who understand God's generosity, give back in thanksgiving, and want to share the message. Can I count on you?

Mother Jo Ann

Sunday Morning Adult Education
April 26, May 3, 10, 17; 9:40-10:20 a.m.

Let's talk about Medical Ethics: How do we know what's right and what's wrong?
Week one: Establishing guidelines and moral rules in medicine
Week two: Abortion
Week three: Euthanasia
Week four: Stem cell research

Sunday, May 31
Summer Schedule Begins

8:00 a.m. Town Church, Rite 1
9:30 a.m. Old St. Anne's, Rite 2

Saturday, June 13
Mother Jo Ann Barker's
Installation
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14
Old St. Anne's Day
10:00 a.m.

Family Vacation Bible School

Come join us for our fourth year of Vacation Bible School! We'll be meeting every Wednesday evening in July at 5:30 p.m. in the town church. The younger children will be learning about *service* this year with an exciting game show called



Studio GO! **And, there is a new segment this year for adults, so absolutely everyone in the family is included.**

Additionally, this year's program will incorporate more community outreach, and we need many more hands than in years past. So if you are an adult, J2A, or YAC volunteer willing to pitch in, we'll find something for you to do. **Go to www.vacationbibleschool.com/st-annes-church to register as a participant or volunteer.** If you have any questions, please contact TC Garrod (378-4854) or Jen Vail (378-8639).

Outreach—HELLO!

The New Castle County Community Partnership's Executive Director and a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Nellie Escoto Frazier, has been awarded a grant by the Governor's Consortium on Hispanic Affairs and funded by the Cannon Arsht Funds at the Delaware Community Foundation to provide Hispanic adults with a comprehensive education opportunity to learn the English language in a warm, hospitable, encouraging and convenient location, St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

The "HELLO" program, which stands for "Hispanic English Language Learner Opportunity Program, is designed to improve the educational and literacy of Hispanic families. Classes will be held at St. Anne's starting May 11, 2009.

A small reception will be held on May 7, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please feel free to join us.

Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School is May 17. Thanks to all who made this another successful year. Have a great summer!

Don't forget: We are always looking for teachers to start in September.

Kim George and Ethel Young

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**Articles for the
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are due Friday, May 15.**

Nursery

Nursery Care is available for children under the age of three during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We are also available during the adult class, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please see Nicole or Tracey.



Parish Prayer List

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Use this form to add a name or to continue a name for another month, then please place in the collection plate or bring/mail to the office. You may also call the office (378-2401) to add, continue, or remove a name.

Please continue to keep on the prayer list:

Please add to the prayer list:

Requested by: _____ Date: _____



Old St. Anne's Memorial Bricks

As you may have noticed, there are engraved bricks in the walkway from Old St. Anne's Church to the gazebo. These are memorial bricks that have been purchased by family and friends to remember their loved ones, alive or deceased, or special events in their lives.

You may purchase a brick up to **3 lines, 14 characters per line for \$50.**

Contact Christa Pederson at 378-8324 with any questions, or fill out the form below and return to St. Anne's Office.

Use a separate form for each brick ordered.

Line 1:

Line 2:

Line 3:

Purchased by: _____ Phone: _____

Address : _____

Cash Check Make checks payable to "Old St. Anne's Memorial Brick"

ONE Congregation Proclamation

WHEREAS, healthy people and healthy communities are the centerpiece of any strong and vibrant society;

WHEREAS, faith leaders and members of St. Anne's Episcopal Church are among the most compassionate people in the world;

WHEREAS, every three seconds a child dies from illnesses associated with extreme poverty;

WHEREAS, ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History is an effort by Americans to rally Americans, ONE by ONE, to fight extreme poverty and preventable disease globally;

WHEREAS, increasing our efforts will save millions of lives and improve the way America is seen throughout the world;

WHEREAS, directing additional resources for basic needs—education, health, clean water, food, and care for orphans—would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the poorest countries;

WHEREAS, people of faith are called to address these issues and help those in need; and

WHEREAS, ONE is an unprecedented non-partisan American movement and part of a fast-growing global movement that speaks to the moral tradition in the challenge to end extreme poverty;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Barker,

Do proclaim our faith community to be a

ONE CHURCH.

I encourage everyone to follow their hearts; to pray, in faith, to bring about change, to recognize the devastating impact extreme poverty and preventable disease have around the world; and to take action to make a difference.

Signed,
The Vestry of St. Anne's

J2A Fundraiser Tastefully Simple Party

May 3, 12 noon, in the Great Hall

This is the best kind of party—a food party! Sample many tasty treats: soups, dressings, dips, sauces, breads, cake mixes—there are too many to list here. Get easy-to-prepare recipes for classic appetizers, everyday dinners, and elegant desserts. Whether you like to cook or not, Tastefully Simple is for you. It's guaranteed to be a fun afternoon. 40% of the proceeds will benefit the J2A pilgrimage to South Dakota.

Please let us know you are coming by signing up on the sheet on the Library door. We want to be sure to have enough food samples prepared. Bring your family and friends. The more the merrier!

Your order will be delivered to your home in approximately 10 days. If you have any questions, please contact Kim George at 376-6396 or at gairmont@atlanticbb.net.

If you can't attend and would like to order any of these fine foods, there is a book in the Café Area.



May Birthdays

Kimberly Malcom	1			Daniel Blaasch	17		
Kirsten L'Heureux	2			Mary Claire Ball	18		
Walter Liefeld	2			Emily Belitskus	19		
Karin Newton	2	Becky Cronin	9	Jim Florian	19	Sue Norfleet	25
Scott Lawrence	3	Charlie Dunham	9	Shirley Gundrum	19	Cheryl Tuohy	26
Nancy Florian	4	Scott Smith	10	Barbara Masterson	19	Margaret Machulski	27
Frances McCoombe	4	Audrey Leathrum	12	Gabriel DaSilva	20	Ethel Young	28
Kara Bishop	5	Josie Sands	12	Princess Diaz	21	Chase Archangelo	29
Donna Menzen	5	James Crisfield	13	Isabella Martina	22	Willard Ivers	29
Dana DaSilva	6	Lois Crouse	13	Kathleen Ryan	22	Betts Jackson	29
Toni Meadowcroft	6	Brian Ellis	13	Sally Sutton	22	Ruth Jones	29
Anna Ray Price	6	Hunter Kasprenski	13	Kate Rokosz	23	Logan Sauer	29
Caroline Bennett	7	Danny Mills	14	Lucy Cochran	24	Tyler Collins	30
Martin Tuohy	7	Joseph English	15	Nathanial Willey	24	Tedi Dessin	30
		Bernie Grant	15			Paul Schlosser	31
		Bethany Bennett	17				

Cobblers and Gobblers

We answered our own question: "Will they like Peach Cobbler and Apple Crisp with vanilla ice cream?" The answer was a resounding "YES!" Once again desserts topped the charts at the spectacular J2A March Fundraiser.

The Apple Crisp recipe, sweetened with apple juice, was a "heart smart" recipe that served 50 people donated by Shelia Carlisle. All of the ingredients were donated by Sarah Willey.

Peach cobbler recipes were chosen and implemented by Grace George. Baking pans, take-out containers, and all necessary ingredients for the peach cobblers and the ice cream were donated by Michael George.

This wouldn't have all come together without the following hardworking group of cooks who prepared these desserts the day before the event:

Lorraine Sterrett and son Michael (J2A); Pam Schlosser and daughter Kimberly (Rite 13, one wrist in a cast from a field hockey injury); Lati Gordon (who serves cheerfully at the Thanksgiving Dinner); Ann Veazey (another Thanksgiving cook); Shelia Carlisle (my chef extraordinaire); Michael George (a master cook); and myself.

Many thanks to all of you who worked in Peach and Harmony! It made for a Delicious Day.

Grace George

University of Delaware Honors Day May 8, 2009

This year we are presenting the St. Anne's Scholarship Award to Michael Barrett from the Milford Professional Development Program. This program for teachers includes many extra hours of in-class training and helps the student to be better prepared to transition into the classroom.

The ceremony will be held at Clayton Hall, Friday, May 8, at 2:30 p. m. Parking is in Lot 7. All are welcome to attend. We will be presenting Michael with a check for \$500 (the free-will donations from the Thanksgiving Dinner), and he will receive a beautiful bound certificate of appreciation on behalf of the University.

Our recipients are not only good students but they also serve the educational community and families. They understand that you cannot teach one without the other. We serve to support their efforts. This is our 10th year in support of these wonderful student teachers.

Thanks to all of you who support the Thanksgiving Dinner each year which makes this award possible. If you wish to attend, or for any information, call Grace George 378-7358.



Volunteers Needed Substitute Receptionists

If you can answer the phone and greet visitors with a smile, please consider signing up to fill in when a regular receptionist is out. We need help in the church office for the summer. You can work at your convenience. No experience necessary.

★ **Teens: This includes you too! Do you have some free time to give to the church?**

Call Lois at 378-2401 for more information.

Altar Flowers and Chapel Candle



The flowers which adorn the Altar most weeks of the year may be given as gifts in memory of, or thanksgiving for, a special person, ministry, or event in the life of a member of the parish. The flowers are ordered by the

member of the Altar Guild in charge that week, with consideration given to the preference of the giver. The cost is \$50.00 for the two arrangements and may be paid by check payable to St. Anne's Church with "Flower Fund" noted on the memo line. A notation is printed in the Sunday Bulletin naming the person(s) or event being remembered. More than one gift may be acknowledged on a given Sunday.

A chart will be available on the bulletin board nearest the Sacristy door which will list days in the year when flowers are appropriate and which Sundays have been "reserved" to date. You may sign up for a day of your choice. Please also leave a message with the office (378-2401) and with Beth Lamb (378-8758) to be sure the correct bulletin notation is recorded.

An additional opportunity for a memorial gift is available by providing for the votive candle which burns constantly in the Barr Chapel. This "Sanctuary Light" is always lit when the Reserved Sacraments are in the Tabernacle. The cost of this gift is \$20.00 for a month. The memorial notation will be listed in the bulletin. Call the office or Beth Lamb to arrange for this gift.

The Rector and Altar Guild hope that you find this information helpful and will take pleasure in giving "to the Glory of God," remembering a special person or time, and assisting with an Altar Guild responsibility.