

The Messenger

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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Fundamentally Speaking

Dear friends in Christ,

In our daily reading and in the media (both TV and radio), we are bombarded with words that have had their meanings usurped by different Christian groups. While these groups are usually what we might call "right wing," the twisting of the definitions is not limited to them. Below are just a few of the phrases which are misused:

Evangelical: In the media and usually in our minds, the word conjures in us a preacher who is waving a Bible and promising damnation to those who do not believe as he/she does. Evangelical also infers a type of Christianity that is seeking to bring converts to their congregations. The fact of the matter is that "evangelical" is derived from the same words that we translate as messenger, good news, and gospel. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the writers of the gospels, are sometimes referred to as evangelists. The "evangelicals" would have us believe that only they are seeking to speak about the good news when the truth of the matter is much different. All Christians are evangelicals in the sense that they know the good news and share it.

Fundamentalist: This is the word that is attached to many evangelicals. They purport to preach only the basic fundamentals of the Christian faith. When I was in seminary, one of the professors referred to them as people who stress the "fun" and the "damn" but not the mental. Fundamentalists are an interesting group of people because they often feel that they are the only ones who understand the truth of the Bible as God has revealed it. The truth of the matter is that we at St. Anne's are fundamentalists. The fundamentals of the Christian faith are that God created the world, that mankind rebelled against God, and that God came into the world in human form (as Jesus) to restore us to what He had originally created. Those are the fundamentals. All else is explanation. When we recite the Nicene Creed, we state the fundamentals of the Christian faith. In this sense, we are all fundamentalists.

Word of God: Typically, those who are referred to in the media as Evangelicals and Fundamentalists call the Holy Bible "the word of God." Moreover, they usually say that they believe every word literally. Literalistic interpretation of the Bible is a characteristic of these groups. By the way, since the Bible was written during a period of at least 1000 years, there are many conflicting passages. Literalists usually deal in selective interpretations.

June 1

Summer services begin at
Old St. Anne's, 9:30 a.m.

June 8

Old St. Anne's Day
10 a.m.



Summer Contest!

For those of you traveling during the summer: Attend Sunday services while you're away and bring back a bulletin from each Episcopal Church you visit. There will be a prize for the person who attended church the farthest away and a prize for the person who attended the most churches.

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To everyone who made this year's Sunday School a success, especially all the dedicated teachers. Have a great summer! Hope to see everyone at VBS.

Kim George and Ethel Young

To Scott Ventura and his chefs for the wonderful meal they provided on Mother's Day. We are so blessed when members step forward and share their gifts with us. All the mothers, and others, thank you.

Diane Dudderar-Foster

From the Leaders of J2A—Thank You All!

During this time of graduation, end of school-year activities, final exams, and just living life, the Leaders of J2A would like to acknowledge the help, support, and, most of all, the dedication that has been so freely given by the parents of our youth. Our program would not be what it is today except for the generosity that has flowed from the hearts and souls of the youth's parents. For this act of true dedication, we are grateful. THANK YOU!

For the members of St. Anne's Church, you should be proud to know that in the midst of our congregation lies the future of our Church, and this is being demonstrated by the OUTSTANDING YOUTH in J2A. The youth have shown the leaders of the program that, when faced with what seems like insurmountable deadlines of preparing for an auction that will help guide them in a decision for a pilgrimage that will occur in the summer of 2009, they have risen to the challenge with dignity, grace, and a lot of elbow grease. The leaders feel that the auction, held on May 18, was the best one yet, because the youth made it so. Thank you, J2A youth! You *are* the best and we are so proud of you and all that you stand for.

We also extend a truly important thank you to Scott Ventura, Jeff Foster, Larry Hutchins, and Michael George for the preparation of the Mother's Day breakfast on May 11, with all proceeds (\$543.00) donated to J2A. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

Lea Hutchins, Tom Vail, Dan Bennett, and Elizabeth Walker

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**Let us celebrate with
you!**

E-mail or phone in your or your loved ones' wedding anniversary, graduation, retirement, birth of a child or grandchild—any major event that you would like to share.

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Discernment Committee

Though it may appear as if little is happening with the Discernment Team, we have been very busy since our last update, mostly with the Parish Profile and Parish Questionnaire. Remember to track progress on the Pilgrimage to Discernment chart at the back of the church.

Parish Profile

The Parish Profile has been edited and revised several times, and our consultants have given us great feedback. Because we want this to be an excellent representation of our parish, yet concise and easy to read, we've taken a little longer than expected. We will be sending the profile to our consultants for review, then to the Vestry for approval, before it goes to the Diocesan Standing Committee for their feedback in late June.

Questionnaire Results

Thanks to everyone who returned a questionnaire. Having compiled the data from the Parish Questionnaire, we have some interesting results to share from the more than 140 questionnaires that were returned.

The following are some of the results. These are very important to the Discernment Team for our work, and they will be useful as well to parish leaders and program leaders as they provide insight into what parishioners want and value. It is important to note that all of the results require interpretation. For example, though adult education ranked lowest in value for parishioners overall, it likely is very important for those who attend.

When asked how important various programs/attributes were to you, education and care of children/youth came out on top (3.44 on a 5-point scale where 5 is most important). That was followed by sermons (3.21), pastoral care (3.13), stewardship (3.09), outreach (3.03), service schedule and worship style (tied at

3.01), relationship with the greater community (2.93), fellowship/social activities (2.91), music (2.87), lay leadership (2.82), buildings/grounds (2.71), adult education (2.70), newsletter (2.57), relationship with diocese/national church (2.48), and web site (2.21).

We also asked you how satisfied you were with these programs/attributes. The largest negative gap between satisfaction and importance (we're doing worse than desired) was in stewardship followed by music. The largest positive gap (we're doing better than desired) was the web site followed by the newsletter.

We also asked what you most valued about St. Anne's. You were able to choose three items from a list. Topping the list were both worship/liturgy and Sunday School/Youth. In the middle were spiritual growth, clergy, friends, sermons, and fellowship. At the bottom were music, outreach, and adult education.

Related to our search process, we asked what qualities are most important in a rector and what strengths are most important in a rector. You could choose five from each list. Again, these will require some interpretation.

Top five qualities (in order): sense of humor, communicates well with individuals, engages youth, strong effective preacher, approachable.

Top five strengths (in order): preacher, celebrant/worship leader, children/youth leader, spiritual leader, friend/child of God.

Thank you, as always, for your support and prayers. We will continue to put updates in the Sunday bulletin and in the Messenger. Please ask any member of the team if you have any questions.

Jessie Ventura

F. A. C. T. S.

Greetings from the FACTS Architecture/Design team. Our team (Ed Fletcher, Chris Garrod, Sandy Lind, Mark Tudor, Jessie Ventura, and Deann Widener) is tasked with establishing a layout and square footage for new worship, education, and fellowship spaces. We will research and recommend an architect to assist in this journey.

The team has been utilizing the process described in the book *Re-Pitching the Tent* by Richard Giles. This process involves thinking about where we have been, where we are today, and where we can be tomorrow in the sense of Liturgy and its impact on Architecture.

The team has been busy over the last few months. As many in the congregation are aware, the 9 a.m. service was conducted in the Great Hall for three Sundays, as proposed by our team. These services each had a different layout of seating and some changes to the serving of the Eucharist. There were different objectives in mind with each layout, and the results of the surveys provided great insight into these options.

A highlight for the entire FACTS group was the visit by Richard Giles, the Dean of the Philadelphia Cathedral. Dean Giles came to St. Anne's to discuss the architecture of worship facilities from a historical standpoint and how church architecture has changed over the last 2000 years. His key message to us: "What do you want your building to say (in two words or less)?"

The team has a busy summer planned, including conducting site visits to other worship facilities and beginning research into selecting both a Liturgical Consultant and an Architect.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Architecture/Design team members or the FACTS leaders, Lea Hutchins and Diane Dudderar-Foster.

Chris Garrod

From the Financial Administrator

A pledge update through 5/11/08:

2008 Pledge Total	\$206,788.00
Pledge Expected through 5/11/08	\$74,900.00
Pledge Received through 5/11/08	\$69,036.00
% of Expected Pledge Received	92.2%

As you can see, we are behind target as of May 11 by 8%. Please always remember that the expenses of the parish continue, even when the pledging members are away or cannot make it to church.

Matching Funds

St. Anne's Church has been qualified through Verizon's Employee Donation matching plan. There are many companies that have matching gift programs available. To find out whether your employer matches gifts, contact your human resources department or go to the following web site and enter your employer's name:

<http://matchinggifts.com/UofW/index2.cfm>.

Please contact Kathy or Becky in the church office to find out how St. Anne's can benefit from both your and your employer's generosity.

Becky Cronin



Greetings from Nicole!

Nursery Update

Childcare is available during the 9:30 a.m. service at Old St. Anne's, which begins on June 1. Children up to three years of age can come play with us. We have lots of toys to choose from: games, puzzles, trains, cars, and coloring books.

Parent volunteers are needed.

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For example, prior to the Civil War, the Bible was used to endorse slavery even though Jesus and Moses taught that we should treat strangers with kindness. Capital punishment, drinking, divorces, and lending money are also issues dealt with in the Bible in different ways in different places. The fact of the matter is that the Bible is the record of God's mighty acts of creation, redemption, and sanctifying. It is not a complete list of laws but rather tells how we are to relate to God and our fellow humans—Love God with your whole heart and your neighbor as yourself. The word of God is not a book; it is God Himself. As the gospel of John says, "The word was made flesh." God is that word.

I hope this clarifies for you some issues around the words that you see and hear. We are evangelical. We are fundamentalist. We believe in the Word of God made flesh.

*Peace,
Father Karney*

A Farewell . . .

After faithful service as our bookkeeper, Becky Cronin has resigned in order to start her own business. Becky has "gone above and beyond the call of duty" for the past four and a half years. We will miss her charming and bubbling personality. When you next see her, give her a "thank you" for her help in keeping our ship afloat. Becky will continue on the Altar Guild and in other capacities, including training her successor.

and a Welcome

We welcome Kathy Lyon to our staff as bookkeeper. Kathy grew up in Trenton, NJ, and moved to Middletown a year and a half ago with Mark, her husband of 15 years, and their Lab-mix dog, Shera. Mark is employed by the State of Delaware.

Kathy has a BA degree in Psychology from Centenary College in New Jersey and has worked in the Social Services field, mostly dealing with foster care, including CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates).

She is looking forward to having a long relationship with the parish of St. Anne's. Please stop by the office to say hello to her.

Children's Choir

St. Anne's is pleased to announce that a Children's Choir will form in September. This non-audition choir is open to elementary school students who are able to read. Choir will meet weekly for music education and singing to prepare for the choir's participation once a month at a Sunday service, as well as for other special events. Children will experience the joy of rhythm, tempo, and dynamics, while they learn to sing in intervals, match pitch, learn choir and performance etiquette, and develop elementary part-singing skills.

Choice of music follows the church calendar and enhances the youthful experience of the liturgical seasons. Music and singing in church allow scripture to become part of "musical memory." Think back to the hymns, songs, and scriptures you remember from your childhood.

Please consider the possibility of this positive, enjoyable, community-building experience for your student. Each child's voice contributes to the whole sound, and the sound of the Children's Choir is a gift and genuine contribution to St. Anne's parish worship. For additional information, e-mail Anne Nutter at anutter@hughes.net or drop a note in Anne's mailbox at the church. Additional information regarding the weekday practice time, sign-up procedures, etc. will be available this summer.

Ways to Save Fuel



Check your air filter

A dirty air filter restricts the flow of air into the engine, harming performance and economy. Air filters are easy to check and change. Remove the filter and hold it up to the sun. If you can't see light coming through it, you need a new one. Consider a "permanent" filter that is cleaned rather than changed; they are much less restrictive than paper filters, and they're better for the environment.

Check your tire pressure

Under-inflated tires are one of the most commonly ignored causes of reduced miles per gallon. Use a tire gauge to check your tires when they are cold (driving warms up the tires and the air inside them, increasing the pressure) and keep them properly inflated.

Slow down

As speed increases, fuel economy decreases exponentially. If you regularly drive "ten over" on the freeway, try driving the speed limit for a few days. You'll save a lot of fuel and your journey won't take much longer.

Hang with the trucks

In traffic jams, cars constantly speed up and slow down, while trucks roll along at the same leisurely pace. A constant speed aids economy, as it takes much more fuel to get a vehicle moving than it does to keep it moving. Rolling with the big rigs saves fuel (and aggravation).

Accelerate with care

Jack-rabbit starts are an obvious fuel waster. If you drive an automatic, accelerate moderately so the transmission can shift up into the higher gears. Stick-shifters should shift early to keep the revs down, but don't lug the engine—downshift if you need to accelerate. Keep an eye well down the road for potential slowdowns. If you accelerate then have to brake right away, you're wasting fuel.

Get back to nature

Shut off the air conditioner, open the windows, and enjoy the breeze. It may be a tad warmer, but at lower speeds, you'll save fuel. That said, at higher speeds, the A/C may be more efficient due to the wind resistance from open windows and sunroof.

Back off the bling

New wheels and tires may look cool, and they can certainly improve handling, but if they are wider than the stock tires, chances are they'll create more rolling resistance and decrease fuel economy. If you upgrade your wheels and tires, keep the old ones. For long road trips, the stock wheels give a smoother ride and better economy.

Clean out your car

The more weight your car has to haul, the more gas it needs to do the work. Periodically, go through your car and see what can be tossed out or brought into the house. It doesn't take much to acquire an extra 40 or 50 lbs. of stuff.

Don't drive

Not a popular thing to say, but if you can avoid driving, you'll save gas. Take the train, carpool, consolidate your shopping trips. Walking or biking is good for your wallet and your health. And before you get in your car, always ask yourself: "Is this trip really necessary?"

Old St. Anne's Day June 8, 10:00 a.m.

Remember that the celebration of Old St. Anne's Church will be on June 8. Plan to attend. Our guest preacher will be Bishop William Jones, retired bishop of Missouri, Also taking part in the service will be our former rector, the Rev. William Trumbore.

Following the service, there will be a reunion reception arranged by Toni Meadowcroft.

The Right Reverend William Jones

Bishop Jones was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and attended public schools there. He graduated with honors from Rhodes College, also in Memphis, earning a B.A. in philosophy. He continued his education at Yale Divinity School before joining Church of the Messiah in Pulaski, Tennessee, as rector. He subsequently served at churches in Georgia and Alabama.

From 1966 to 1973, Bishop Jones was the Executive Director of ACTS, an ecumenical regional training agency for churches and synagogues in the South. The focus of the agency was facing urban challenges, such as the drug culture and racial divides.

On May 3, 1975, he was ordained Bishop of Missouri and was based at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis, Missouri.

Bishop Jones and Margaret, his wife of 59 years, retired to Kendal, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, in 2000. They have four daughters and six grandchildren who live nearby in the Northeast.

St. Anne's is honored to have Bishop Jones preaching on Old St. Anne's Day.

June Birthdays

Catherine Lapierre	2		Ann Chance	12
Caitlyn Hennings	3		Meg Lamborn	12
Heather Belitskus	4		Mikayla Richards	12
Carl Gundrum, Sr	6		Madeline Ivers	13
Corinne Johnson	7		Eloise Barczak	14
John Collins	8		Bryan Schlosser	14
Alayna Lamb	8		Hannah Willey	14
Theodore Lawrence	8		Jen Vail	15
Jodi Voshell	8		Travis Sterrett	17
Adriano DaSilva	9	Ted Nutter	19	
Steve Koehler	9	George Garrod	20	
Perry Brett	22			
Sean Ellis	22			
Jax Kreshock	22			
Sawyer Kreshock	22			
Helen Alford	23			
Dan Bennett	24			
Lea Hutchins	24			
Robert Rehrig	24			
Chris Aiken	25			
Brielle Lee	29			
John Machulski	29			
Dave Biddle, Sr.	30			

Baptisms

February 22

Aiden Elwyn Breakie
Nadia Paige Breakie

April 27

Phillip Nathan Price

May 11

Nathaniel Miller Slaw
Jack Christopher Talley



In Memoriam

Jane and Charles Calloway	<u>Interred</u> April 11
Richard Cory Davis	April 15
Wallace C. Lane	April 23
Thomas Barry Black	May 14