

The Messenger

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

February 2012



Dear Friends,

Yesterday, St. Anne's Parish held its 300+ Annual Meeting, and I take this opportunity to give you a brief report.

Our Senior Warden, Tom Stevens, opened the meeting with prayer and thanked all of our people who work together to make St. Anne's an instrument of God's Kingdom.

Annual reports were distributed and are available in the parish office for anyone who was not able to attend the meeting. I was pleased that so many people were able to attend!

Louise Howlett spoke of the Adult Education Program for the remaining weeks of Epiphany and announced that the Lenten program would use Kate Braestrup's book, *Beginner's Grace*, for discussion. It can be ordered through the parish office or the usual book outlets.

In the property area, Matt George reported that we are on our way to finding a new cleaning service once a second bid arrives this week. Tom thanked all the folks who serve us so well in the area of maintaining our property, especially Ed Sparks who continues to monitor our heating and air conditioning systems and constantly works on improving our electrical services.

A concern for the aging trailers at the side of the town church was raised, and the vestry will continue to secure more space for our children's and young people's programs. The Sunday School is flourishing and has asked the Worship Committee to consider adjustments in the time schedule on Sundays that will allow the Church School Program to have a full hour of classes.

Tom Stevens spoke of our journey into the future. As soon as the Rev. John Stonesifer completes his work at Immanuel Church, New Castle, he will join us as Interim Pastor. He is a fine, well-trained leader who met with the vestry last week. He will serve us well as we work through the interim tasks ahead.

Larry Norfleet, our treasurer, reviewed the 2011 finances and the budget the vestry has planned for 2012. The vestry has cut our deficit spending in half and will work to cut that even more in 2012. We all regret having to cut our staff to part-time and reduce our giving to the Diocese. (If you have not made your pledge for the support of the parish for 2012, please try to get it in to Larry as soon as possible.)

Finally, we all thank Larry Norfleet, Matt George, Sandy Lind, and John Garton for their years of service to the vestry. John Garton will continue on with his own term after fulfilling an unexpired term and Diane Dudderar, Nancy Koenig, and Maureen Simpson-White were elected to new terms.

Many thanks to all and especially to those who prepared and served such a lovely repast that kept us going through the meeting.

Faithfully yours,
Carl Kunz

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. HE Rite 1
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Christian Education

February 21
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Parish Hall
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

February 22
Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



J2A invites you to the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, in the Great Hall from 5 to 7 p.m.

Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrapple, fruit, juice, and coffee. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. All proceeds will go towards the J2A Pilgrimage fund.

Adult Education: Epiphany

Miracles and Manifestations, a Bible study

Join us in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 service.

- Jan. 29 Power over and within nature
- Feb. 5 Healing: Showing compassion and honoring faith
- Feb. 12 More healing stories: Touching the unclean
- Feb. 19 Resurrection: Raising Lazarus and more

Adult Education: Lent

Sunday mornings after the 9:30 service

Join us in reading and discussing *Beginner's Grace: Bringing Prayer to Life* by Kate Braestrup, author of the NYT bestseller *Here If You Need Me* (also highly recommended). From the inside cover: "With an approach that is both personal and inclusive, *Beginner's Grace* is a new kind of prayer book. Even if you don't pray and don't consider yourself religious, there's room in this book for you. In these pages, Braestrup explains how and why the practice of prayer can open a space in our busy lives for mindfulness, gratitude, contentment, and a wider compassion toward others."

Please e-mail Louise Howlett (lhowlett61@gmail.com) by February 9 if you want to order the book through the church for \$10. Or order your own copy online and read Part 1 for Lent I, February 26. You can also download it to your Kindle/Nook/iPad!

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**Articles for the
March *Messenger*
are due
Wednesday, February 15**

Please remove Christmas
decorations from the
cemetery by February 2.

Thanksgiving 2011

(This article should have been published in the January issue—editor's error.)

Early interest in the Dinner brought new volunteers and brought back the familiar crowd that has faithfully supported this annual dinner. It is this kind of "Community Unity" that is a delicious success.

The youth of St. Anne's and some of their friends who have grown up helping with the Dinner returned this year to work in the kitchen and show off their new-found culinary abilities. I was surprised with their expertise in helping with the "prep" of many pounds of produce. Good Job! Thanks.

To all who prepared the many turkeys in so many different ways, God Bless You! They were spectacular!

To each and every person who worked long hours in the kitchen, for those who made all of the side salads and soups, and for all who brought desserts, thanks for such a wonderful variety. WOW!

Whoever suggested adding "Mac and Cheese" to the menu, when I said, "Do folks really eat mac and cheese for Thanksgiving?," well, I found out "Yes they do!" We had three kinds made by those who shared their old-time, tried-and-true recipes, and they were Spectacular! So thank you, thank you.

For those who came to help and found little to do at the dinner, thank you for just being there and sharing your time and talk with friends, neighbors, and new faces. That counts too!

Eighty-eight dinners were "take-outs." Over 250 plates were used. Seventeen turkeys and five hams were cooked. All food left over was distributed to the community. Clean-up was led by some folks who have done it for a few years and I believe have made it their "ministry"! We have all come to appreciate the value of their service at the end of a long day. We are so grateful for them.

To all of the folks at St. Anne's who gave generously of their time, donations, talents, and support, "Thanks" many times over! And to those members and their children who spent the day with us, helping wherever needed, the value of your presence was immeasurable!

Nothing gives the crowd more joy than to watch the children as they collect names and then at 2 p.m. pick a name for the "dog beds." Thanks to all those children who gave us such pleasure all day long.

So until next year, we can rest on our laurels.

Grace George

Nursery

Childcare is provided during the 9:30 a.m. service and during child and adult education classes. Please fill out a registration form for each child and please also remember, for safety purposes, to sign your child in and out of the room.

Nicole and Corinna are our childcare staff. They share this position; therefore, without volunteers, childcare cannot exist.

*Thank you,
Tracey George*

Peter Hall received a note from the Rt. Rev. Douglas Cameron, retired Bishop from Scotland.

*Dear Peter,
We have such fond and happy memories of our visit to Delaware and of our weekend with Karl and Carol – and of our Sunday at St. Anne's. Your loving and generous gift of the book on St. Anne's – with the loving inscription – is much appreciated. Thank you.
We send you and yours – and the congregation of St. Anne's every good wish for Christmas and 2012.
Douglas and Pat
Christmas 2011*

Parish Prayer List

Use this form to add the name of someone sick in body, mind, or spirit, then place in the collection plate or mail to the office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. 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: _____

Phone: _____

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 9:30 AM HE Rite 2 10:30 AM Christian Education	30	31 7:00 PM Pastoral Care 8:00 PM AA	1 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Vestry	2 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Testing	3 8:00 PM AA	4
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February Birthdays



Michelle Calder	1	Dave Blasch	10	Kimberly Kline	21
Sam Casalvera	2	Kristina Davis	11	Edward Malcom	21
Daniel Davis, Jr.	2	Julia Vail	12	Tyler Needham	21
Taylor George	2	Bill Hickman	14	Samuel Cochran	25
Drew Vaughn	2	Matthew Blasch	19	Hunter Kreshock	25
Jonah Tuohy	3	Wendy Hilaman	19	Kyler Kreshock	26
Rachel Mandes	4	Todd Owens	19	Will Rehrig	26
Katie Lawrence	5	Christa Pederson	20	Nile Walker	26
David Hipp	8				
Betty Reigle	8				