

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Newsletter

February 2010

*We are a diverse community of faith called by God to love, worship, pray, support, and serve.*

## Your Vicar's View †

*I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing: but I have called you friends because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. [John 15:15-17]*

The new heading on our newsletter is but one sign of the new year at St. Andrew's. Lynn Schauer-Bewley has designed our new logo and website, along with our new heading and letterhead. We have new wardens—Doug Wintersteen & Jerry Harrington—and two new Vestry members—Bill Buchanan and Larry Waters. We will begin a new ministry for the Newfane Food Pantry in order to reach more people than we could through our Community Lunch; we are going to establish a "Green Team" to assess our energy efficiency in all areas (from our paper to our windows), and in Lent we will begin—with our children—a year-long reflection on how to conduct our lives as mindful stewards of the environment.

This issue of our newsletter includes both the 2010 goals set by your Vestry and reflections on where we are and where we are going in each of our ministries that grow out of our conversations in our Mutual Ministry Review in November and December. In addition to guiding and supporting your Vestry in achieving these goals, I want to share with you my own three goals for the year:

**First**, to continue to guide you in covenant with St. John's into a deeper relationship with God and with one another; I hope to do this by creating more opportunities for shared learning, spiritual formation, and community outreach.

**Second**, to strengthen communication and mutual support within our congregation. In particular, I hope that all our different groups can continue efforts to be better informed of each other's schedules and goals. I hope to guide more adults to become involved with our children's spiritual formation, by helping in Sunday School or the nursery, being mentors to our youth, continuing quarterly meetings with our new Worship Team, and participating in *Generations*, our new ministry to encourage intergenerational activities.

**Third**, to pay more attention to my own self-care, taking my allotted time off and building study and sermon preparation into my regular schedule. I haven't been taking the 24-hour-period each week away from church work required by my contract, and while this will affect some of my time in the office and in pastoral visits, it will make our shared ministry both healthier and more productive.

I continue to be deeply grateful—every day—for the opportunity to serve at St. Andrew's. We continue to grow and to discover new possibilities for serving God in this place. May the Spirit of Love and Peace fill the hearts of all who come here.

*In Christ,*

*Judith*

# *Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Where do we want to be in December 2010?*

**Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Romans 12:11**

## **Stacy Lampman - Outgoing Warden**

**Where we are now: December 2009:** As my final year of warden comes to an end, I am aware of how blessed I am to be a part of this community. The gifts each of us provides make us, as a whole, a thriving, vibrant parish in the midst of scary economic realities. We have made good progress toward the goals we proposed in the beginning of 2009. We have reduced our deficit, increased participation at the St. Andrew's Community Store, and started new outreach to the community, like *Sunday Live at St. Andrew's*. Most of all we continue to be present for each other, in good times and bad.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** For this year, we need to address people's hopes and goals from the Mutual Ministry Review. We need to continue to be conscious of the economic realities for St. Andrew's without being afraid of shutting down because we think we will not have enough. We need to continue to support the Community Store with our **time and talents**. This store, and the money it provides our church, is an integral part of how we function as a congregation and it provides a valuable service to the Newfane community in harsh economic times.

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## **Cindy Harrington - Outgoing Warden & Building & Grounds Ministry**

**Where we are now: December 2009:** 2009 has been a year of scheduled projects and surprises. Volunteers have replaced the ropes and pulleys for the sanctuary candle. The new system makes it much easier for weekly candle replacement. Volunteers have also replaced the latch and refurbished the rear entrance. The concrete outside the rear entry has been repaired and sealed. The church sign on Route 78 has been repaired and repainted. The elevator oil line has been replaced.

Surprise: The undercroft was flooded on the north, again and again. This resulted in a large drainage project to move water from the gutters, create flow under the parking lot and channeling down the hill to water the prayer garden.

Surprise: The south side of the undercroft was flooded. Oh, the hot water tank. The Junior Warden learns the beauty of a large shop vac and a friend.

Other scheduled maintenance included cluster fly treatment by Suburban Pest Control. Sidewalks were cleared last winter by Tony Bandinelli and this year by Jeffery Munger. Regular parking lot snow removal and lawn mowing are also contracted. Jerilyn Carney continues to be our sexton.

**Where we want to be, December 2010:**

Worship in a lovely church that we continue to share with the larger community.

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## **Michael Depew - Treasurer**

**Where we are now: December 2009:** Our net worth as of 12/31/09 was \$253,144.87. Our 2009 budget was a deficit budget calling for a -\$24,282 and we finished with a deficit of only -\$10,172. One of our 2009 goals was to operate closer to our budget amount and reduce our deficit by 1/3. As you can see, our vestry cut the budget deficit by more than half while still managing to increase our outreach, another goal for 2009.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** Our goal for 2010 is to continue outreach and to operate closer to our budget expectations. We have reduced several items on the 2010 budget and will strive to work as efficiently as possible throughout the year.

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## **Sue Villeneuve - Acolyte Master**

**Where we are now: December 2009:** We currently have 11 acolytes serving at the altar and 1 person training to become an acolyte. Twelve acolytes and adults from St. Andrew's attended the National Acolyte Festival in Washington D.C. in October. Three adults served as acolytes during the summer so that our youth could have a break.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** I would like to see more adult acolytes serve at the altar during the school year as well as during the summer, and I would like to continue adding new acolytes to our roster.

## Joe Breczka, Jr. - Music Ministry

**Where we are now: December 2009:** The Music Program at St. Andrew's has continued to grow, with increased activity from the Adult Choir, the addition of the St. Andrew's Brass Ensemble, the Sunday School Children's Choir, and the St. Andrew's Gospel Groove Band. In total, there are over 45 people involved in these four groups; Our Choir has 18 members singing on a regular basis!

The overall success of our Music Program is evidenced on a weekly basis as you see and hear each of the participating groups becoming more involved in our Sunday worship service and other outside activities. Meaningful Christ-centered anthems and music are central to our worship by sharing Christ's message through music and song.

Special kudos to each of the members involved, giving unselfishly of their time and talents on a regular basis.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** As Music Director, my vision for this coming year is to continue to contribute to our worship, working closely with Pastor Judith, by incorporating meaningful and well-coordinated music into our services.

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## Darcy Buchanan - Ladies Guild

**Where we are now: December 2009:** We just had another very successful bazaar and 75% of our profits have been given back to the community and to St. Andrew's. Donations went to the Newfane Food Pantry, YWCA, Christmas Shoebox Project, the Vicar's Discretionary Fund, and a pledge to the church for 2010. We also are available to help with special lunches and with some decorating.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** In the spring we would like to have a major cleanup in our kitchen. It would be a group effort, cleaning cupboards, the stove and maybe painting some cupboards. We will look into it after fish fry is over.

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## Kathy Gregg , Nancy Pestinger, Liz Depew & Cindy Harrington - Sunday School

**Where we are now: December 2009:** We currently have 35 students in 3 classes, with two new families. Teachers have been rearranged, the youngest class is rejuvenated and the children love coming to class.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:**

- Keep enrollment up.
  - Full attendance would be nice to see.
  - See the nursery staffed during our services because there are more families with younger children.
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## Monica Kolb, Tish Gooding & Cindy Harrington - St. Andrew's Community Store

**Where we are now: December 2009:** St. Andrew's Community Store is sort of like the Energizer Bunny - We just keep going & going!! Thanks to several people joining the store work team our "batteries continue to be recharged." We have several new workers and substitutes. This fall five teams have initiated Thursday evening hours. The store is open 6-8 pm on Thursdays, allowing the community additional access to our services. The addition of extra people regularly sorting, stocking, and cleaning has helped ease the work of the daytime workers. We offer many thanks to those who answered the

call for help. This past year we contributed \$15,400.00 to St. Andrew's, with a large portion of that going on to the Newfane Food Pantry. Fashions from the store were highlighted in a Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon here at the church which was a great success and lots of fun for all.

Music is becoming part of our worship culture at St. Andrews. Our goal is to use all the talent available to us in meaningful ways, while focusing on the Cross.

From a logistics perspective, we need to keep our program organized by having scheduled rehearsals/activities. This includes practice and the correct times for each individual group to be included in the many opportunities we provide. The groups should complement each other and our specific liturgies.

One of my main goals for the coming year, under Pastor Judith's guidance, is to increase our involvement in the liturgy. This would include cantoring, more sung responses, and more congregational singing. My goal is to keep a balance in regard to the weekly hymns both to include familiar hymns and to introduce new hymns within the service. Pastor Judith has been fabulous in her support of our ideas and I can see us doing some exciting things in the coming year.

## Darcy Buchanan - Altar Guild

**Where we are now: December 2009:** We are holding our own, however in some months we are short-handed. Some of our ladies have been ill and were not able to help. It would be ideal to have three on a team.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** We need more help. If interested, men could assist their wives or young people could work with their mothers.

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## Dorothy Cheasty - Adult Education

**Where we are now: December 2009:** Cindy Harrington and I began the year by hosting a 2-part discussion group called *Widening the Welcome of Our Church* which focused on the biblical foundations of hospitality. We learned that St. Andrew's has a gift of hospitality that can be expanded through further skill development. During Lent a reflection group met each Monday morning to walk a journey toward Easter together through prepared reflections and prayerful sharing. We learned how valuable an experience like this is and there was interest in another future sharing time. We experienced an Instructed Eucharist with Pastor Judith in April, and we enjoyed a service of Holy Communion according to the 1928 Prayer Book in November. Many of us enjoy the monthly book club readings and sharing. Several of us meet every few weeks with Dan Anger as part of the first Deanery Reflection Group to discuss various aspects of spirituality and faith. Finally, we had an opportunity to quiet our hearts and prepare for the birth of our Savior during an Advent

Vespers service at St. John's led by Jeff Edmister. This year we did in fact try to deepen our individual relationship with God together, which was St. Andrew's vision for 2009.

**Where we want to be: December 2010:** We want to give more of us an opportunity to develop effective hospitality skills so that we can be even more welcoming than we already are. Cindy Harrington will be preparing a workshop to offer. We want to provide more opportunities for learning and sharing. We are still working on an interdenominational series that would focus on our common ground and how to respect differences among religious traditions and forms of worship. We are always looking for ways to include our youth as they too are on a spiritual journey and have much to share with us as well. Another Instructed Eucharist will be offered in the near future by Pastor Judith. Ultimately, we want to continue our journey of faith together.

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## Sarah Harrington - Youth Ministry

**Where we are now: December 2009:** The Deanery Youth Group's past year has been filled with outreach activities and community building. Our annual *Gifts for Life* collection in January 2009 raised \$705, half of which was designated for Episcopal Relief and Development's (ERD) *Middle East Fund* and the remainder was used to purchase life-sustaining gifts from ERD's catalogue. Youth made Valentine cookies and cards for distribution to the deanery's sick and shut-ins, and volunteered at St. Andrew's Community Store in the spring. This fall they made crafts for events at St. John's, Wilson and St. Andrew's. At our December meeting we used our musical gifts to carol for residents at the Presbyterian Home in Lockport. We have grown as friends and in our faith at meetings that featured worship, movie nights, a game night, and our annual June picnic. We recognized our graduating 2009 seniors: Natalie Goodman and Emily Harrington from St. Andrew's and Abby Seefeldt from St. John's, Youngstown. Meetings have been held at St. Andrew's, Grace Church, Christ Church, St. Paul's, and St. John's, Youngstown. Attendance ranged from 5 to 13 youth

in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade with an average of 9 attending each meeting.

In August a Deanery Youth Council met to plan the 2009-2010 meeting year. A separate leadership group met to determine a theme for spiritual development. We decided to focus on identification and use of our spiritual gifts. As the Deanery Youth Missioner I have kept knowledgeable about youth events in the larger Diocese by attending Diocesan Youth Commission throughout the year and communicating about these events (i.e. Summer Camps/Happening weekends) to the deanery through announcements, e-mails, and fliers.

Thank you to my volunteer assistant, Jennifer Seefeldt (St. John's, Youngstown), to The Very Rev. Judith Lee (our chaplain), and all the parents and parish members who assist with the youth group!

### **Where we want to be: December 2010**

- Continue to grow in faith, friendship, and numbers.
  - Actively involve more parishes through a Deanery Youth Commission, or similar planning committee.
  - Continue outreach projects to benefit our local and global communities.
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*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord,  
and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.  
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

## Think Green

### Thoughts on Stewardship

This year our campaign will focus on environmental stewardship. We have all heard the terms “living green”, and “living simply” in the press. But, we do not always think about environmental stewardship as part of what God calls us to do.

*“The Lord has made everything for its purpose”*  
...Proverbs 16:4. Stewardship respects the purpose for which all things were made. We are stewards of God’s creation and must be responsible for its use and care.

The developed nations of the world represent about 25% of the world’s total population but are responsible for 80% of the world’s annual

energy and material consumption. This is a staggering figure.

The Vestry has plans to start a “Green Team” for the Church to look at ways that we can be more conscious of our choices here at St. Andrew’s. In addition, we will be working with Sunday school to help our children to understand how our daily choices affect the earth. Watch for monthly columns on ways you can make a small difference. If we all work together, we can make changes that will help us live a little more lightly on this earth.

- Stacy Lampman

## Niagara Deanery Youth Group

The Deanery Youth Group had a busy holiday season! In December we shared the gift of music by singing Christmas carols at the Lockport Presbyterian Home. Then we used our muscle power to help ring Grace Church’s bell as part of a call to action on global warming by the World Council of Churches in conjunction with the Copenhagen summit on global climate change. A big “thank you” to the members of Grace church who provided us with refreshments at the Arnold House!

The gift of generosity was shared through our annual *Gifts for Life* collection in January. The parishes of St. Andrew’s,

Grace Church, St. John’s Youngstown, St. John’s Wilson, and St. Paul’s raised a total of \$364 for our Diocesan Disaster Relief fund and \$376 for ERD’s “gifts for life”. Among the “gifts” chosen were shares of a pig, cow, flocks of chickens, drought-resistant seeds and tools, and the provision of food to “little scholars.” We celebrated our 2010 birthdays with games and a taco and sundae bar at Christ Church. Again, many thanks to those who helped with our meal and meeting!

- Sarah Harrington  
Niagara Deanery Youth Missioner  
[Dancinsarah83@yahoo.com](mailto:Dancinsarah83@yahoo.com)

### Next Meeting!

“Souper owl”/ Valentine’s Cookie-Making!

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm

St. Andrew’s, Burt

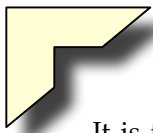
**Enjoy a light lunch and make cookies before the big game!**

**The cookies we make and decorate will go to those in need of cheer in our lives and congregations. \*Bring a can of soup to donate to the local food pantry.\***

### Diocesan Youth Events:

Visit [www.eyouthwny.org](http://www.eyouthwny.org) for more information on:

- Jr. High program survey
- The Bishop’s Ball, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ Holy Apostles, Tonawanda
- Happening Weekend #26: April 16<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Registration deadline: March 13<sup>th</sup>)



## The Office Corner

Greetings from the Office

It is the new year and the annual meeting is history. I hope that you all found the Annual Commission Reports informative. As we start out under new direction by our two new wardens, I look forward to another successful year in all aspects. Fish fry is so close that I can almost smell and taste it. It is time to fire up those stoves and put on your baker's hats. Our homemade deserts are a big calling card for our fish fries and I'm hoping for another 5 digit profit this year.

### Items currently in the Lost & Found are:

- ❖ A pair of ladies black leather gloves size large
- ❖ A floral print cloth dish carrier with wooden handles

Remember as we enter the Lenten season:

*To change and to change for the better are two different things.*

- Mike Depew

## Money Matter\$



It's the start of a new season and we now have 45 pledges totaling \$85,467 to support our church this year. Both the number and the size of pledges have increased this year. Last year's budget proposed a \$21,982 deficit and we came in at about half that by working together with vigilance and efficiency; however, our 2010 budget proposes a \$16,000 deficit. We must continue to think creatively, open our hearts faithfully, and give generously of our time, talent, and treasure. Thank you to all for your continued support and that *extra effort* in meeting today's needs.

- Mike Depew

~ "A good place for the buck to stop is at the collection plate" ~

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry began with a group of women who participated in the first Women's Leadership Institute at Hartford Seminary. One of the members began knitting "healing shawls" for women who were undergoing treatment for breast cancer and other illnesses. Other members soon began to knit shawls for new mothers. More recently, women have knitted shawls for men who are ill and have received very heartfelt thanks for this gift of healing. These wonderful gifts of love can be found all over the country.

St. Andrew's is just beginning our own prayer shawl ministry. Our hope is that many members will begin to knit or crochet with prayers for our members or other loved ones or friends. You may wish to knit at home on your own or some may enjoy gathering at the church to knit together once each week. Pastor Judith will bless each shawl before it is given.

Please pick up patterns from Kathy Massie or from Mike in the office. Kathy is also happy to answer any questions you may have.

### Prayer Shawl Prayer

Creator God, I ask a blessing from all who have come before me, whose hands have been instruments of creation and beauty; who have picked up humble tools and homespun wool in order to provide cover and warmth for themselves and those they loved; who have felt, as I will feel, the yarn in their fingers; who have seen, as I will see, the growth of the fabric; who have heard, as I will hear, the click of the needles. Bless this yarn and these needles. May this shawl be a sign of your healing presence. May it warm those who are weary, surround those who suffer and encircle those who are in pain. May your gentle touch reach out to heal in the light of Christ. Amen.

- Kathy Massie



# A "Growing" Ministry



## Musical Notes

As we arrive in the month of February, the Music Program at St. Andrews has continued to grow, with increased activity from the Choir, the addition of the St. Andrew's Brass Ensemble, the Sunday School children's choir, and the St. Andrews Groove Band. What a fabulous job each additional group has done in enhancing our Worship services!

As we approach Lent and Easter, you will see our anthems becoming more reflective, as is fitting for the season. In choosing anthems, we try very hard to provide a meaningful message in the words of the songs. What impresses me most is the Choir's ability to interpret the words of the anthems and sing them in a way that reflects the liturgical season.

All in all, I consider February to be the halfway point of the Choir year. As we approach Lent and Easter, our work will increase. The members of the music program at St. Andrew's are working very hard, and I thank each of them for their work and commitment. St. Andrew's is truly blessed by these people and their dedication. Their work is yet another example of why our church can grow and shine in our Faith! The Spirit is with us every day and that is something to feel GREAT about!

- Joe Breczka, Jr.



## FISH FRY 2010



It is that time of year again. Fish Fry at St. Andrew's runs from Friday, February 12, 2010 through March 26, 2010 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Our cost to the public will remain the same this year at \$8.50. Of course, all the action does not happen in those two hours, so here is the help we are looking for again this year:

- Thursday night – we shred cabbage, set tables, make coffee, and prepare condiments
- Friday morning – we unload supplies from the Montondo's truck, mix coleslaw and potato salad, pre-fry fries
- Friday evening – we need many, many desserts; help with clearing and clean up, coffee pourers, dessert cutters and help with take out.

Please consider helping out this year, you can speak to me directly if you have interest and I will definitely hook you up with a job for every week, or for whatever your time limitations might be.

I can't stress enough the need for desserts over the 7 weeks of Fish fry. We need over 400 servings per night and your donations are much appreciated.

Fish Fry is our major fundraiser for the year and we all need to be a part of it to make it a success. I look forward to working with you in this very important ministry for St. Andrew's! Please contact me if you have any questions, or if you are a new volunteer who needs a job.

Stacy Lampman

## In Thanksgiving . . .

*Thank you* to **Rachel Gregg** for her leadership in helping our children prepare for the Christmas Pageant in December.

*Thank you* to **Lynn Schauer-Bewley** for designing our new logo for St. Andrew's.

*Thank you* to **Doug Wintersteen** for organizing another successful *Sundays Live* performance on January 24<sup>th</sup>. *Daughters of Creative Sound* gave a fabulous and memorable performance.

# What Scouting Means To Me

## A Boy Scout's Perspective

Being a Boy Scout is a life-long achievement and we are proud to be members. The ranks of scouting are Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. We began as Tigers in Cub Scouts and presently, Jacob is a First Class Scout, Zachary is a Star Scout and Matthew is a Life Scout. We are all aiming to achieve the rank of Eagle, which is the highest honor in scouting.

We are members of Troop 35 in Medina, which is a very active Troop with about 35 scouts. Our cabin and most of our scouting equipment was destroyed by an arson fire last year and had to be rebuilt from scratch. In order to do this, the Troop had to raise money by doing several community projects such as hosting a spaghetti dinner that we all helped to put together. Many people and businesses donated money to help our efforts. We are grateful to St. Andrew's for so generously donating much needed

camping equipment from the Troop that the church sponsored several years ago. Once enough money was raised, the scouts and fathers worked together to build the cabin. We had a dedication ceremony and Thanksgiving dinner for the scouts, families and our community.

February 7<sup>th</sup> is Scout Sunday and it is important to us because it is a day when we get recognized as being Scouts and upholding the twelfth point of the Scout Law, *A Scout is Reverent*. Scouting has given us the opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. Our week long hiking trip in New Mexico (Matt and Zach) was an experience of a lifetime. We are grateful for what scouting teaches us, and we are proud to be Boy Scouts.

- Matthew, Zachary, & Jacob Roeseler

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## Vestry Highlights January 20, 2010

### Resolved

- ✓ 2 wooden doors in the garage will be given to Skip Hagen
- ✓ The weekly bulletin will include the following financial information:
  - Total income to date (as the end of the prior month)
  - Pledge income to date
  - Total expenses to date
  - For the month following each quarter (April, July, October) the bulletin will include the number of pledges on time, paid ahead, and behind
- ✓ Approved the plans for liturgies through June proposed by the Worship Team
- ✓ Vestry members will contact businesses regarding ads on our Fish Fry placemats

### Reports

- Goals for 2010
- Birthday celebration for Gary Few



## News and Notes



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4 p.m. at St. John's to benefit ECS. Come and enjoy a traditional "Fat Tuesday" meal of pancakes, sausages, and applesauce to mark the final preparation for Lent.

**February 17 – Ash Wednesday** – We will have services at **noon at St. John's** and at **7 p.m. at St. Andrew's**.

**Generations** – We have a new group for families with young children who will meet for fellowship, learning, and fun: one meeting each month will center on an activity for the children, and at the other adults of every generation learning and teaching a new skill. For more information please see Natalie Beilein, Jessica Condes, or Reannon Rohring.

**Brag Cards in the Pew** – You will find cards in the pews inviting you to share your "Thank You" or "Congratulations" to someone; complete the card, put it in the offering plate, and it will be included in the monthly newsletter

**Acolyte Workshop - Saturday, February 20, 10-1**, for all acolytes, acolytes-in-training, and potential acolytes. Please confirm with Sue Villeneuve that you will be able to attend.

## ***Goals of St. Andrew's Church***

- ❖ **3-Year Goal:** December, 2012 - Growth to Average Sunday Attendance of 80  
[2009 Average Sunday Attendance = 70]
- ❖ **Hospitality Goal:** To be a community in which everyone does something more than sit in the pew on Sunday morning.
- ❖ **Education Goal:** 50% of members attend at least one reflection/study group during the year
- ❖ **Financial Goal:** To have no deficit while operating at current personnel levels

### **2010 Goals**

#### **Financial Goals**

- Reduce deficit by half (\$5,500)
- Continue Stewardship strategies of year-round education & campaign planned by September
- Establish a Green Team led by the 2 Wardens to
  - Assess our environmental stewardship in all areas, including cleaning agents, disposable dishware, energy efficiency, paper consumption
  - Research other “green churches”
  - Develop a plan for investing in greater energy efficiency
- Continue education and transparency in financial record-keeping

#### **Hospitality & Outreach Goals**

- Allot at least 10% of our annual budget amount to outreach contributions
- Support the *Generations* group
- Develop a plan for volunteers to lead the Community Prayer Service at Newfane Rehabilitation Center
- Support Habitat for Humanity, particularly for its 2010 build in Newfane
- Continue *Sundays Live* series of 3 performances (winter, spring, fall)
- Host and Participate in Ecumenical Services:
  - Good Friday Services (morning & evening)
  - Loaves and Fishes
  - Thanksgiving
- Host and Organize the Niagara Ecumenical Choral Festival – November
- Host a Community Event such as a Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show
- Replace Community Lunch with an organized monthly contribution to the Newfane Community Food Pantry

#### **Education Goals**

- Host a Program on End-of-Life Issues modeled after the 5 wishes Program
- Have an Instructed Eucharist
- Have a Historical Liturgy
- Host a program on Islam and other faith traditions
- Hold a First Communion class
- Hold a Confirmation Class (Fall 2010)
- 3 Programs in “Growing in Faith” – format and curriculum to be determined by the Adult Education Committee in consultation with Judith+
- Continue with the Women’s Book Club
- Parish Nurse – develop a Health Program to be incorporated into Sunday School

~ “By perseverance even the snail reaches the Ark” ~

## Schedules for February 2010

### *Acolytes* - 10:00 a.m. arrival time



#### 7<sup>th</sup> Full procession & Scout Sunday

Scouts, if you wear full uniform, you will not need to vest  
All others will vest

**Altar acolytes:** Seth Gregg, Mark Vogt & Jake Knott

**Flags:** Zachary Roeseler, Matthew Roeseler

**2<sup>nd</sup> Acolytes:** Melissa Pestinger, Jacob Roeseler, Matthew Vogt

**Extras:** Chad Gilson, Jarrett Gilson, Mrs. Villeneuve

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer (No Acolytes)

21<sup>st</sup> Zachary Roeseler, Chad Gilson & Jake Knott

28<sup>th</sup> Matthew Roeseler, Jarret Gilson & Mark Vogt

**A Note from your Acolyte Director:** This is an open invitation to ALL those interested in becoming an acolyte. Anyone from the age of 7 through adult is welcome to join our team. If you are 7 you would be the 4th acolyte on your assigned weekend and you would process, recess and observe and help with some easy tasks. Anyone 8 and older will be in training as an acolyte; you will sit at the altar watching for the first few times; then as you feel more comfortable you will be given a job to do. **Due to a shortage of acolytes this year, I am looking for ANYONE interested in either helping out once in a while or in the event of illness.**

- Sue Villeneuve

### *Lay Readers*

7<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Cheasty & Matt Pestinger

14<sup>th</sup> **Morning Prayer** Jeff Edmister, Officiant

17<sup>th</sup> Matt Pestinger & Jeff Edmister

21<sup>st</sup> Stacy Lampman & Matt Pestinger

28<sup>th</sup> Judi Naylor, Jerry Harrington & Jeff Edmister

### *Altar Guild*

Cindy Harrington & Kathy Gregg

### *Collection Counters*

Bob Heineman & Judy Bowers/Lew Bell

### *Greeters*

*Please Sign Up for any Sunday in February*



## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES for February**

### Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Kaylee Phipps  
Braidly Barnes

2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Schulze

3<sup>rd</sup> Pam Leibring

4<sup>th</sup> Flo Phipps

6<sup>th</sup> Eric Liebring

7<sup>th</sup> Joe Breczka Jr.

11<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Olsen

13<sup>th</sup> Faber Gooding

18<sup>th</sup> Kathy Duhow

20<sup>th</sup> Lindsay Breczka

21<sup>st</sup> Sarah Reinhardt  
Stephanie Gallo

27<sup>th</sup> Matthew Reinhardt

29<sup>th</sup> Chris Banks

### Anniversaries



13<sup>th</sup> Daniel & Barbara Putnam Anger

21<sup>st</sup> Faber & Tish Gooding

## Dates to Remember



- February 1     4:30 p.m.    *Generations* gathering  
                  7 p.m.        Covenant Team Meeting at St. Andrew's
- February 7                    Scout Sunday  
                                  Souper Bowl Sunday - Bring a can of soup for the Food Pantry  
                                  Choral Eucharist & Acolyte Procession  
                  1-3 p.m.     Deanery Youth Group at St. Andrew's
- February 12     4:30 p.m.    **Fish Fry #1**
- February 11-14             Judith+ away for Continuing Education
- February 13     7-10 p.m.    **Bishop's Ball at Holy Apostles-Tonawanda: for Grades 7-12**
- February 14                    Jeff Edmister will officiate and preach at Morning Prayer
- February 15     **Office Closed** to observe Presidents' Day  
                  4:30 p.m. - *Generations* gathering
- February 16     4 p.m.        Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. John's
- February 17                    **Ash Wednesday**  
                  noon         St. John's - Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes  
                  7 p.m.        St. Andrew's-Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- February 20     10 a.m.-1 p.m. Acolyte Workshop with a pizza lunch
- February 21     2 p.m.        Community Prayer Service at Newfane Rehabilitation Center  
                                  The Rev. James Massie and members of the Men's Group will assist
- February 28     12:30 p.m.   Jeff's Discernment Group Meeting

## Looking Ahead



- March 1         4:30 p.m.    *Generations* gathering
- March 5         **St. John's will bake desserts for Fish Fry**
- March 13        noon         Holy Eucharist to observe the feast of Bishop James Theodore Holley,  
                                  founder of the Diocese of Haiti at St. Paul's Cathedral  
                                  (The collection will benefit ER-D relief efforts in Haiti)
- March 14                    **Daylight Savings Time begins**  
                                  Father Massie will preach and celebrate; Judith+ will stay at St. John's  
                  4-6:30        Deanery Youth Group
- March 15        4:30 p.m.    *Generations* gathering
- March 17        7 p.m.        Vestry Meeting
- March 20        9 -3         Diocesan Communications Day at St. Mark's-Orchard Park
- March 21        12:30 p.m.   Jeff's Discernment Group Meeting  
                  2 p.m.        Community Prayer Service at Newfane Rehabilitation Center
- March 26                    **Last Fish Fry**
- March 28                    **Palm Sunday**

# *Synopsis of Mutual Ministry Review - December 2009*

The majority of parish members feel that the current quality of our congregational life together is good. Other adjectives used to describe it were: healthy, wonderful, joyful and satisfying.

## **Attributes of St. Andrew's that we value most include:**

- The feeling of family/the people who attend here  
Welcoming place to worship  
Our care for each other  
Kindness/friendliness  
Dedicated priest  
Sunday School  
Music

## **Events that were most meaningful to us in 2009 include:**

- Confirmation  
Brass ensemble performances  
Fools for Christ  
Agape Meal  
Holy Week services  
Baptism  
Acolyte trip  
Instructed Eucharist  
Fish Fry

## **Areas that need attention include:**

- Attracting new members  
Better communication  
Balanced budget  
Long and short term buildings and grounds goals  
Support for the Newfane community  
Leadership development  
Inviting people to existing ministries  
Keeping young families engaged

## **What we want to see happen in the future includes:**

- Community outreach to replace community lunch  
Nursery coverage  
Prayer partners  
Reenergized Ladies Guild  
Increase in youth activity  
Celebration of intergenerational differences and sharing experiences  
Increased focus on the Church Store  
Focus on our strengths and not on our negatives  
Prayer garden development to memorialize loved ones  
Stewardship development (for time and money)  
Make the church more available for community groups—learning & fellowship

~ *“Welcome to the perfect church.....for those who aren't.”* ~

# **Rebuild Haiti**

**Chili Cook- Off**

**Saturday February 20**

**4-6 p.m.**

**Grace Episcopal Church**

**100 Genesee Street, Lockport NY**

# **Prayer Vigil**

**6 p.m. Saturday – 6 p.m. Sunday**

**Beginning with a Community Prayer Service at Grace Church after the  
Chili cook-off on Saturday**

**Closing with a Community Prayer Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
in Lewiston on Sunday**

**For 24 hours Niagara Deanery congregations will pray for earthquake  
victims, for their families around the world, and for their rescue  
workers.**

# Lenten Program

Mondays at 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

February 22

March 1, 8, 15, & 22

Led by Dorothy Cheasty & Jeff Edmister

at

St. Andrew's

# Learning to Forgive