



The Sounder

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Morehead City, NC

June 2018



A Note From Our Rector

I am sitting in my home study as I write this. Mary is teaching a piano lesson in the living room. Three girls, who are sisters, take lessons. Each taking their turn at the piano as the others read. They have taken piano lessons for three or four years now, and I have heard them progress into more and more complicated pieces of music. It takes time and effort.... persistence and commitment. It also takes an intentional plan of action. Each lesson, exercise and piece of music is done with commitment and attention. And once it is mastered, they move to the next, more difficult or complicated piece of music. A few months ago their younger brother was born. He has started coming to his big sisters' piano lessons too. He is a happy baby and seems to enjoy the music they are making. I'm certain he will follow in their footsteps as he grows. When he is able, he too will take up the art and study of music.

This is very much like where we are as a church as we grow and continue in the art and study of following Jesus. Each of us are in different points of our journey of faith, doing what we can, offering what we have to offer, learning more and more about God and how to live the love of Jesus in our lives. We are encouraging one another in the process; as we celebrate milestones of our faith... Birth, Baptism, Confirmation, completing courses of study like Education for Ministry, participating in the Bible Studies, Youth Group, and Supporting one another in the joys, sorrows and ordinary events of life. As we live our faith, and progress along the way into deeper service to Christ, we also prepare the way for those who will come after us. God is encouraging us to live our faith in ever deepening ways, and with a vision for those who will come after us.

We are beginning to shift into the next phase of our Long-Range Planning work, which will be the phase of Strategic Planning. Having listened deeply to one another and to The Holy Spirit, we have articulated

what is valuable about who we are as a church. What do we want to carry forward with us into the future? Where will God call us? What kind of church do we want to leave for the next generations to come? For example, we value that we are a welcoming church. What does this welcome look like in the next three to five years? In what intentional ways will we incorporate people into the life of St. Andrew's? How will we make people feel comfortable and welcome when they first come to worship? Will there be clearer signage to direct people to where they want to go? Will we need more adequate restrooms? Do our buildings need to be more accessible? Do we need better parking for those with mobility challenges? How do we best use current (and future) technology to spread the Gospel? What if Sunday morning is no longer the best day and time for modern families to worship?

One thing seems to be more clear to me. We will need to be adaptable. We will need to be able to listen and react as the Holy Spirit is working in us. We will set goals for the next three to five years. And we also must be ready to adapt along the way to the changing demands that will come our way. (As I write this, one of the sisters is playing on the piano the song "Tomorrow" from the Musical "Annie.")

Soon, the Vestry and the Long-Range Planning committee will begin formulating a vision with action steps along the way. We will continue to listen to the Holy Spirit as we joyfully embrace where God is calling us. It is very exciting. I can't wait to see what tomorrow will bring. We are doing this together. God knows what is ahead for us. We are called now to be faithful in our work and walk in living our Mission: "To Follow Christ Without Delay, and Bring Others into Christ's Gracious Presence."

John +

Save These Dates In June

- 6/2** - Faith In-Deed Car Wash & Cookout (9:30 am @ Ekklesia); EYC Summer Break Party (4:00 pm @ the Sanborns')
- 6/3** - EfM Graduate Recognition at 10:00 am service
- 6/5** - Welcome Committee Meeting (6:30 pm)
- 6/14** - Centering Prayer (5:15 pm); Vestry Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 6/17** - Happy Father's Day
- 6/19** - Stewardship of the Earth Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 6/24** - Hope Mission Meal (9:00 am - Set-up; 11:30 am - Serve)
- 6/28** - Centering Prayer (5:15 pm); Parish Life Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)

Adult Education Opportunities:

- Faith Matters Adult Sunday School** - Sundays @ 9:00 am
- Bible Study** - Wednesday, 6/13 @ 11:00 am

Support Groups:

- NA** - Fridays & Saturdays @ 8:00 PM (Parish Hall)
- AA** - Thursdays @ 6:00 PM (Parish Hall)
- NAMI** - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM (Parlor)

Welcome Committee

It Takes ... A PARISH!

I have been privy to some early feedback from the Long-Range Planning Committee's survey. Quite honestly, the feedback has made me feel a little sad. I think, we as a parish, do a fairly good job welcoming our visitors and guests. But the survey tells us that some visitors have come to our church and left not feeling welcomed at all. Obviously, I hope this is in a minority of occasions. But I do think this points out something we all need to keep in mind. It takes the whole parish to create and maintain an overall feeling of warmth and welcome. Please give some thought to what you personally could do to be more welcoming.

We all must take some responsibility for extending a warm welcome and engage our visitors in conversation. If you are seated near a visitor, make sure to pass the peace with them, invite them to Refreshments & Fellowship and invite them to walk with you to the church hall for R&F.

While I look forward to receiving the complete survey information, I wanted to broach this early feedback as quickly as possible. Let us, as a parish, continue to do all we can to be the friendliest and most welcoming church in Morehead City and avoid having any visitor fall through the cracks.

Finally, take the time this week to invite a friend, neighbor, an acquaintance or even a relative to St. Andrew's to meet the best church family in town.

Thanks and God bless,

Phil Gerolstein

Stewardship

We are living in a world today that is moving faster each day and just keeping up with your email, facebook and texts keeps us so busy. We just don't have time for anything anymore. What also has arisen is a culture of selfishness; families are divided, no longer sitting down for a meal, the phone is always at hand, and social media has created a feeling of inadequacy.

There is a fear of what the future may bring; who do we believe and trust? There is a feeling of division in political parties, religion and race. We have become even more segregated in our ideas and are unwilling to see another point of view. Yes we are different, we were brought up in different ways, some have more money and some have less... but the most important thing that can change the course of this world is to come together and not look for more ways that we are different.

Stewardship is the antithesis of the trend in our culture today. We must take responsibility for each other. Do things when no one is watching just because it is the right thing to do, and the reward for the giving is not in the receiving. It is our mission to not just hand out, but empower, educate and motivate each other to do more so that the whole world can be a better place—more loving and kind—a place that we can see a future for many generations to come. Focus on small acts of kindness, for you never know how that may impact another person's life. This sits at the very heart of the teachings of Jesus. How can you find that way to be a better person today?

If we just sit back and watch, nothing will change; but we CAN make a difference. We need each other today more than ever—it is not about the individual, but about the collective whole. A song comes to mind and it rings so true today as it did when it was written by Bill Withers in 1972: "Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on. For it won't be long til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on."

Know that God is part of your life each and every minute.

Kathy Moorehead, MD



Faith In-Deed

This Saturday, June 2nd – We need you!! We are hosting a car wash, game day and picnic for the residents of Ekklesia. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 Saturday morning to head over together. We need people of all ages willing to get wet (I mean wash cars), help cook or serve and those that just want to sit in the a/c playing games. If you can't make it, but want to contribute, feel free to bring any standard cookout items: chips, baked beans, potato salad, hotdogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, etc. to the church and label them for Faith In-Deed. For more information, please contact Tricia Bowers-Young tbytigger@embarqmail.com.

As the first Saturday of July is part of the 4th of July holiday, we will not have a Faith In-Deed scheduled for that month, but will be back at it August 4th.

Tricia Bowers-Young



Episcopal Youth (EYC)

Thank you to all who have invested your time and yummy suppers in our youth this year! What a great time we have had as a Episcopal Youth Community! Our young people served, played, discovered and most importantly, came together to care for one another in times of need. I am so proud of them!

Our Summer Break Party will be hosted at Camp Sanborn this Saturday, June 2nd from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We plan to gather together to cheer on the MHC Marlins on Friday, July 20th. Kids of all ages are welcome to join in!

As you think of sharing your talents with St. Andrews, please prayerfully consider spending time with our youth program, we welcome perspectives of all kinds and hope to expand on our ability to guide these young hearts!

Fondly,

Lori Beth Sanborn
252-723-9784

Education for Ministry

Congratulations to Drew Jones and Alice Ellis who have completed four years of study in Education for Ministry (EfM). During the June 3rd service at 10:00 a.m., they will be recognized and presented with a certificate of participation and completion of the program.

That Sunday is also the first deadline for applications for enrollment in EfM beginning in September. Other current participants, in addition to Drew and Alice, include Rob Darden, Tad Whitaker and Sholar Warren. Ask any one of them about the EfM experience. First year enrollees will read 90% of the Old Testament.

Contact Bill Rich (726-4603) or Andrea O'Connell (269-7973) for more information.

Have you ever wondered about the reaction from a Paper Hug or a note from you? Here are some thoughts:

"Thanks you for your sweet card. I am using it as a bookmark. It brings a smile to my face each time I open my book."

"Your get well card is beautiful! I am touched by your thoughtfulness. Thanks in part to you, I am much better."

What is so rare as a day in June, that a Paper Hug, or a note from you, wouldn't brighten it up?

Sally and Gale
galeswann@yahoo.com



Outreach Opportunities

Many thanks for your generous donations for children attending **Camp Trinity** this summer. The collected items will be given to children as needed by the Camp Trinity staff, making the camping experience even more successful for these children. Please also remember that **Camp Trinity** is always in need of financial donations to help fully or partially fund camperships for children who would not be able to attend camp without financial assistance. Your checks to assist with these camperships should be made out to **Trinity Center**, with **Camp Trinity camperships** written on the memo line, and mailed to **Trinity Center, 618 Salter Path Road, Pine Knoll Shores, NC 28512**.

Many participants will be needed for the **Faith In-Deed** activity on **June 2nd** at Ekklesia. Scheduled are a car wash, games (board and card), and a picnic. Come out and help with the activities and meet and mingle with the Ekklesia residents. (See more complete information about this day in the separate article in this issue of the **Sounder**.)

The next **Hope Mission Meal** scheduled to be served by St. Andrew's is **June 24th**. Look for sign-up information concerning needs for this meal about mid-June.

The **Outreach Committee** is always willing to receive suggestions for additional ways we can serve in our community or throughout the world. If you have one or more ideas you would like to share with the committee, please contact any of the current committee members: Claudia Sulloway, Teddy Wimberly, Margarita Bowers-Young, Jenn Cox Mann, Sarah Wilson, Tricia Bowers-Young, Judy Rochelle, Hannah Grace Ruiz, and Andrea O'Connell. Vestry liaison is Dorothy Raney. The committee will next meet in July.

"Then I heard the Lord's voice saying, 'Whom should I send, and who will go for us?'"

I said, 'I'm here, send me.' "

Isaiah 6:8



Love. Grow. Serve.

Martha's Mission Donation Item of the Month June 2018

"Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets"

(Which are very much needed as per the friendly folks at Martha's Mission!)

Thank you for your generous donations! If you are able, please feel free to drop any donations in the basket (which is located in the Narthex, on the left as you walk into the church). Feel free to contact Jennifer Mann with any questions at 252-622-4745, or email her at jenncox@juno.com. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need in Carteret County.

Worship Participation Schedule

	6/3	6/10	6/17	6/24
Vestry	Joan Sabiston	Dorothy Raney	Don Westbrook	Tommy Sutton
Lector (8 AM)	Kit Williamson	Patty Walls	Don Layno	Fred Odell
Lay Reader	Sarah Mullikin	Melodie Darden	Karen Westbrook	Alex Russell
Chalicer	Sherry Barnes	Jo Anne Kilday	Jon Covert	Jackie Davis
Lectors (10 AM)	Judy Rochelle Michael Tydings	Christy Willis James Vettichira	Diane Warrender Bennett Sanborn	Jackie Dais Hannah Grace Ruiz
LEV	Phil Gerolstein Debbie Butcher	N/A	Kim Livingston Judy Rochelle Kit Williamson	N/A
Acolytes	Frances Boone Ariana Dominguez Corky Dominguez	Mary Neal Rowland Jack Woodard	Payton Covert Ashton Guthrie Noah Sanborn	Caroline Beaver Bennett Sanborn Meade Varner
Ushers	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV
Altar Guild	Mial Woodard Sarah Mullikin	Joyce Livengood Willa Dickens Patty Owen	Karen Westbrook Luellen Hardee Vandy Cannon Kathy Davis	Juli Saylor Joan Sabiston Jennifer Mann
Altar Flowers		Jackie & Gus Davis	Dorothy Raney	Mari & Ken Hickerson
Flower Ministry	Mial Woodard	Joyce Livengood	Luellen Hardee	Patty Walls
Refreshments	Tad Whitaker		Sanborn Family	Stephanie Evers
Children's Chapel	N/A	Lori Beth Sanborn	Lori Beth Sanborn	Lori Beth Sanborn

June Birthdays

1 - Phil Gerolstein
 3 - David Gammon
 3 - Anthony Brooks
 5 - Ariana Dominguez
 6 - Tim Bowers-Young
 6 - Kathryn Walker
 7 - Tim Stringer
 11 - Rebeccah Haines
 12 - Briget Horton
 13 - Jane Walter

13 - Kit Williamson
 13 - Justin Narron
 13 - Anna Charles Mudge
 16 - Janet Beaver
 17 - Caroline Beaver
 18 - Tony Worrell
 18 - Ana Horton
 21 - Max Gurganus
 22 - Layla Kochie-Simmons
 24 - David Thompson

24 - Jonah Lind
 26 - Donna Getty
 27 - Don Layno
 27 - Fred Odell
 27 - Nick Theuner
 27 - Amelia Gurganus
 28 - Eileen Boone
 29 - David Saylor
 29 - Ann Walker



Worship by the Numbers for May

Sunday Average Attendance

8:00 AM — 24 * 10:00 AM— 110 * Total — 134

Wednesday Average Attendance

12:15 PM — 9 * 5:30 PM — 3 * Total — 12



Our Mission

*To follow Christ without delay;
to bring others into Christ's gracious presence.*

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Our Vision

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is a community for all people on their journey of faith who seek a deeper relationship with Christ, and who strive to serve Him. We offer multiple opportunities to seek and serve Christ through:

- 1. Generous Welcome and Hospitality*
- 2. Lifelong Christian Formation*
- 3. Personal Growth in a Community of Faith*
- 4. Sacred Music and Liturgy*
- 5. Service to Christ through Giving and Outreach*

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St. Andrew's Thrift Shop

Susan Langdon, Director
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252-726-4747
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 10AM-4PM

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Join Us for Worship ...

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 AM - Rite I Eucharist Service + 10:00 AM - Rite II Eucharist Service/Children's Chapel
9:00 AM- Adult Sunday School + 10:00 AM - Children's Sermon the 1st Sunday of Each Month
Nursery Available—9:30-11:30 AM

Wednesday Schedule:

11:00 AM — Bible Study
12:15 PM — Rite I Eucharist Service + 5:30 PM—Healing Eucharist
+ *All Are Welcome* +

The Vestry 2018

Staff & Clergy

Rector—Rev. Dr. John B. Pollock
Deacon—Rev. Deacon John J. Gaskill, Jr.
Interim Music Director—Ben DeVan
Treasurer—Donna Gaskill
Sexton—Jim Koebbe
Parish Secretary—Cheri Collins
Youth Director—Vacant

Jo Anne Kilday - Sr. Warden/Communications
Ron Hardee - Jr. Warden/Buildings & Grounds
Debbie Butcher - Christian Formation
Rob Darden - Evangelism
Joan Sabiston - Worship
Tommy Sutton - Finance & Administration
Don Westbrook - Stewardship
Sally Worrell - Pastoral Care & Parish Life
Dorothy Raney - Outreach
Donna Gaskill - Treasurer
Christy Willis - Clerk