



THE ANCHOR



"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Heb. 6:19

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Annual Meeting News

At the 2009 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, the parish of St. Andrew gave thanks for the ministry of **James Ano**. James has recently retired from the post of **Treasurer**, in which he has served the parish tirelessly over the last nine years. We also recognized the ministry of **Maurice Suhre**, who has been faithfully serving as our **volunteer organist** at every choral service for the past 16 months, and continues to do so.

And a hearty thanks to **Jax Sargent**, who has served as **Clerk** of the vestry for the past two years, and to **Malcolm Finney**, on the completion of their vestry terms. Elections were held for parish, deanery, and diocesan representatives, and the following persons were elected:

Jennifer Byrd, Vestry
Marie Gibson, Vestry
Pat Hyland, Vestry
Pat Hyland, Deanery Representative
Carol Porter-Jurado, Diocesan Convention Delegate
Liz Sisson, Diocesan Convention Delegate
Marge Cooley, Diocesan Convention Alternate

At the first meeting of the new vestry, held immediately following the annual meeting, Dawn Starzynski was re-elected Junior Warden, and Pat Hyland was elected as clerk. The complete roster of the 2009 Vestry is printed each week on the back of the announcement bulletin.



Last year, Lent arrived so early it took many people by surprise. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 25, so we have a little more time to prepare. But February is short, and always a fast-moving month, filled as it is with Valentine's Day, President's Day, and - this year—the 200th commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's birth. So Transfiguration Sunday and the short, but

raucous, Carnival season will be upon us before we know it. Watch for bead sellers and party announcements, and clip the calendar from this issue of the Anchor to a convenient spot so you don't miss the Mardi Gras party at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 24 or the Ash Wednesday services at noon and 6 pm on February 25.



A DANGEROUS OR A BLESSED LENT: What is Your Choice?
(Part I)

Many have discovered in recent years, that our Christian life can be enhanced by putting some special effort into our Lenten observance. Marking such an event in time keeps us attuned to what God has been up to and is up to in history. On the other hand, this coming religious season could turn into a most arid kind of ceremonial observance.

In connection with religious observance, a story is told by Rabbi Israel Friedman about a small Jewish town far off the main roads of an Eastern European land. It had all the required municipal institutions --a bath house, a cemetery, a hospital, and a court of law -- as well as all the necessary craftsmen. One trade, however, was lacking, there was no watchmaker.

Over the years many of the clocks became so annoyingly inaccurate that their owners decided to let them run down. Others, however, maintained that as long as the clocks ran they should not be abandoned. So day after day they would wind their clocks, even though they knew they were not accurate. One day, the news spread through the town that a watchmaker had arrived, and everyone rushed to him with clocks. But the only ones he could repair were those that had been kept running. The abandoned clocks had grown too rusty.

Through the observance of Lent, we can keep our clocks from becoming too rusty to repair.

Lent can be observed honestly only by people who are vulnerable, and who know they are vulnerable. Lent is a shattering condemnation of our style of life, a style designed to shield us from the future, and therefore a style of hostility to the future. Lent is not so much the familiar conduct of the old-time religion as it is a radical call to new dimensions of discipleship.



Our fear of the future is to be abandoned. Every protective shield is to be demolished. Now, in radical freedom, we walk toward the future in trust, throwing ourselves without reserve on the promise of God's coming rule.

We are saying that are prepared to abandon false security. Like a surgeon's knife, Lent severs us from the fears and reactionary anxieties that plague our society and its institutions. Not the law and order of the present but the possibility of the future demands our loyalty.

This Lent of 2009, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25th, can be a dangerous season, dangerous and deadly to those who wander away in seeking a nostalgic remembrance of the past; dangerous and eternally fulfilling to those who walk with the Lord Jesus in restless anticipation of the future.

Fr. Kimo+

(Part II of this article will be printed in March)



February Birthdays

Feb. 6 - Alex Iorio
Feb. 7 - Lorna Thomas
Feb. 15 - Nyssa Taylor
Feb. 20 - Minnette Finney
 Kyle Weisenstein
Feb. 23 - Betty Lawson
Feb. 27 - Kenneth Mowry



Single's Retreat

On Saturday, February 21st, the Diocese will sponsor a one-day Single's Retreat at the Cathedral Center.

The morning will focus on finances for the single person, and the afternoon will focus on forgiveness and healing.

The cost is \$25, which includes a continental breakfast, or \$35 if you want a sack lunch provided.

See Amy Sisson if you are interested in attending. She will have more information about times and carpooling



February Anniversaries

Feb 3 - James and Olga Cayton
Feb 10 - Kenneth and Helen Mowry
Feb 28 - Jeff and Beth Stone



Loaves & Fishes Opening

Looking for a new way to serve at St. Andrew's? How about taking inventory and purchasing supplies/ groceries for Loaves & Fishes each month. You would have a "shopping list" to take inventory and a petty cash account to purchase the needed items. Inventory also includes supplies provided for Sunday coffee hour and cleaning supplies/paper goods requested by the sexton.

Want to help but with something smaller. You could be in charge of ordering the chicken and potatoes from Ralph's, picking the hot food up and delivering it to the parish hall the morning of Loaves & Fishes. Petty cash would be provided ahead of time.

Please contact Richard Hatt with any questions.

Note from the Editor:

If anyone sees anything that needs to be changed in the newsletter (outdated info, etc), please contact me ASAP!! The e-mail as always:

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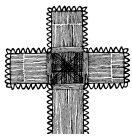
Happy Valentine's Day!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8 AM HE 9 AM Choir Men's Group 10 AM HE</p>  <p>7pm Candlemas</p>	<p>2 <i>The Presentation</i></p> <p>Office Closed (Power Outage)</p>	3	4	<p>5 11 AM HE</p>	6	7
<p>8 8 AM HE 9 AM Choir Men's Group 10 AM HE</p>	9	10	11	<p>12  <i>Lincoln's 200th Bday</i> 11 AM HE</p>	13	<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>DoK Bible Study 9AM</i></p> 
<p>15 8 AM HE 9am Choir Men's Group 10 AM HE 11:30 Vestry</p>	<p>16 <i>President's Day</i></p> 	17	18	19	20	<p>21 10 AM Loaves and Fishes</p>
<p>22 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i></p> <p>8 AM HE 9am Choir Men's Group 10 AM HE</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24  <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> 6:30 Mardi Gras Supper</p>	<p>25 <i>Ash Wednesday</i></p>  <p>12 noon & 6pm HE w/ Ashes</p>	26	<p>27 11 AM HE</p>  <p>7pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>28 9am DoK Bible Study 11am DoK Meeting</p>

Lay Ministries 2009

MINISTRY	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
ACOLYTES-10:00 AM	C – Malcolm F Jr T – Marilyn F T – Brisse Perez	C – Gethin W T – Shannon J T – Sean J	C – Liz S T – Sarah S T – Joanne G	C – Gethin W T – Liam G T – Paul G
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Lead: Open Assist: Geoff P	Lead: Geoff P Assist: Open	Lead: Open Assist: Open	Lead: Open Assist: Dawn S
INTERCESSOR -8:00 AM	Alice S	Beverly B	Judy B	Gaylene G
INTERCESSOR-10:00 AM	Gethin W	Shelly B	Liz S	Pauline H
LAY READERS / LECTORS 8:00 AM	Judy B	Judy B	Alice S	Gethin W
LAY READERS / LECTORS 10:00 AM	Marge C Pat H	Dawn S Deborah Tutson	Jax S Liz S	Amy S
GREETERS & OBLATIONERS	Pauline H Nora G	Bette S Joan Waddell	Carol P-J	Earlene P
ALTAR GUILD	Carol P-J Alice S	Carol P-J Alice S	Kathy J Jacque S Marie G	Kathy J Jacque S Marie G
ALTAR FLOWERS	Open	Open	Malcolm & Edith F	Open
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Open	Open	Open	Open
COUNTERS	Marge C	Kathy J Jacque S	Toni O Lizz S	Jacque S Pat H
USHERS	Malcolm F John J	Richard H James A	Malcolm F John J	Richard H

"O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor straying feet, but rubbed and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom. Amen"



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The Rev. James Bogardus, Assistant
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The Rev. Jane S. Jones, Deacon

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday:

8:00 am
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Family Eucharist, Rite II
Church School
Child Care

Thursday:

11:00 am

Eucharist with Healing

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