



## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### *August 2012 Newsletter*

#### ***Making Pancakes***

A friend sent this to me. It's a good reminder of what's really important:

Six year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor.



He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove and he didn't know how the stove worked!. Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon 's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him.

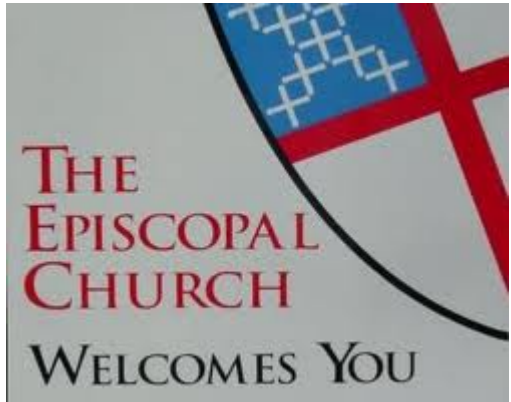
Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process! That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend, or we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes" for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried...

I was thinking. And I wondered if I had any wounds needing to be healed, friendships that need rekindling or three words needing to be said, sometimes, "I love you" can heal & bless! Remind every one of your friends that you love them. Even if you think they don't love back, you would be amazed at what those three little words, a smile, and a reminder like this can do.

## Convention Column: Reflections from the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church



by Terry Noble

What is it like when 10, 000 Episcopalians gather for nine days of fellowship, worship, and legislative business? For me, a first-time Deputy to General Convention, it was an experience I will never forget. Many times each day, I thought of my St. Andrew's family and wished you could all be there experiencing it with me. I set a goal for myself to write a regular column for the newsletter to share the highlights of General Convention and happenings in the church at large.

In addition to visitors, special guests, volunteers, and support staff, each of the 111 dioceses of The Episcopal Church sent 4 lay and 4 clergy deputies, 2 alternates and the bishop(s) to General Convention. There were Episcopalians from congregations in 26 countries, including our partner dioceses of Bor in South Sudan and Brasilia, Brazil. Last Sunday, in church, I shared how meaningful it was getting to know the people we remember in our prayers each Sunday. From Taiwan to the Virgin Islands, New Zealand to Canada, and seemingly everywhere in between, we came together to do the business of the church and just as importantly, to pray and sing and laugh and debate and strengthen the bonds we share in this family of God.

My role was to serve as one of the Lay Deputies from the Diocese of Indianapolis. I was elected to that position in October 2010 and immediately began preparing for the work of General Convention. For those who may not know, The Episcopal Church has two houses: The House of Deputies (priests, deacons, and laity) and The House of Bishops. The House of Deputies is the senior house, organized in June of 1786. In September of that same year, the House of Bishops was organized. The House of Deputies is presided over by a president who may be either a lay or ordained person and our Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jefferts-Schori, is over the House of Bishops.

By 7:30 a.m. of the first day (July 4) we were hard at work in legislative committees. I was assigned to report on the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations. At our first Hearing, we were addressed by the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Representatives from the Moravian, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches and the Muslim and Jewish communities also spoke. It was moving to hear the ways in which they value their relationship and shared ministries with the Episcopal Church.

In my e-mail to St. Andrew's, shared at Morning Prayer on Sunday, July 8, I spoke of addressing myriad issues and how our responses will eventually speak to the ways in which we do God's work in this world. Now that the formal work of the 77th General Convention has concluded, how will the relationships formed and strengthened, the resolutions passed, and prayers offered bring this work to the world? Our actions, like pebbles dropped into a pond ripple out. Where will those ripples go? Whose lives will be touched? How will the love of God be carried forth? What role might you be called to play in the mission of The Episcopal Church?

....next month, a look at the "Five Marks of Mission" the statements around which the work of convention and of the church is being modeled.



## Financial Update – Second Quarter 2012

The Finance Committee and the Vestry will be providing a snapshot of the financial condition of St. Andrew's as we move through the Search Process. This is intended to keep you abreast of where we are in our ability to call a full-time rector and to meet our ongoing obligations. It also serves to remind us of commitments we made to support the ministry of St. Andrew's. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Murray, Chair of the Finance Committee, or Deb Smith, Treasurer, or Joan Davis, Assistant Treasurer. If you would like to review the entire financial statement, please contact Dave, Deb or Joan who will make a copy available to you.

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$50,095.00*	\$50,625.00
Total Revenues**	\$72,147.02	\$74,254.02
Total Expenses***	\$63,533.41	\$70,002.54
Net Total	\$8,613.61	\$4,251.48

\* This includes pre-paid 2012 pledges.

\*\* Total revenues include Pledges, Special Offerings, Other Income, Investment Income. Pledges and revenues are down some from budgeted. **Please make sure you are up-to-date on your commitments!**

\*\*\* Some expenses, such as insurance and taxes, are paid quarterly or annually. Therefore, while the YTD shows lower expenses than YTD budget, this is because those types of periodic expenses have not yet been paid for 2012. Also, the current electric bill is double what last year's bill was. This is being investigated but will impact our expenses going forward (and yes, it's been hotter than usual but we want to make certain there isn't a "glitch" in our system somewhere!).

**Saturday evening services @ 5 p.m.**

**August 18th**

No Sunday service when we have a Saturday service.



## DePauw Summer Music Festival –

Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m. through August 15<sup>th</sup> @ Gobin Methodist Church.  
Join Eric Edberg and other DePauw music faculty along with other invited musicians.

Aug. 1-- Kerry Jennings (tenor) and Charles Stanton (baritone).

Aug. 8 -- Gareth Guest (clarinet), Nicole Brockmann (viola), Darcy McCoy (piano).

Aug. 15 -- Duo Diez--Donna Clark (viola) and Espen Jensen (guitar) playing music from Haiti and Cuba.



**We need you! Yes, we really do – won't you help?**



Worship is best when we are each part of the service. This means we need people to usher, to read (lector), to lead the prayers (intercessor), to acolyte or be a Lay Eucharistic Minister (serve the chalice) and to be the host at Coffee Hour.

Our liturgy is the work of the people- that's you! Won't you help us? Sign up today or talk to Rev. Jan about where your gifts and talents might find a place in our worship service.



**The PLASTIC** basket that is now circulating at offertory time in each Sunday's service is for our Non-Food Pantry, which can always use donations all items are appreciated.

**The WICKER** offering basket is still for collecting cans and cash for the county's Emergency Food Pantry. Checks for either group will be directed to the purpose noted on the memo line.





## SERVING ST. ANDREW'S

We need Readers, please sign up

	<b>August 5</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>Saturday August 18</b>	<b>Pond Service August 26</b>
Lector Intercessor	Deb Smith	Terry Noble	Terry Noble	
Eucharistic Ministers 10:15	Joe Heithaus Maria Maynard	Bob Haymaker Alice Moore	Junelle Dreyer	Bob Haymaker Gwen Morris
Ushers	Dennis Knuth	Thom Morris	No Ushers/needed	<b>Volunteers</b>
Acolytes	Logan Beck Ruth Heithaus	Alec Davis Alice Moore	No Acolytes/ needed	<b>Volunteers</b>
Coffee Hour	Jenny and Joe Heithaus	Pam and Orcenith Smith	No Coffee Hour	<b>Pond Service Pitch-in</b>
Nursery	Lily Spencer			
Sacristans	Joyce Mayer and Cathryn Ensley			

*If you have an idea or a request about something that should be in an upcoming newsletter, please let Maria Maynard know. We want to publicize upcoming events and things of special interest in addition to keeping you up to date on the intentional interim period.*