



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

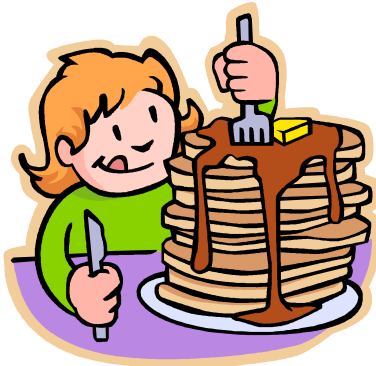
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February 2012 Newsletter



Save the date! February 19th -Bishop's Visit

Be sure to be present on February 19th for our 10:15 regular worship service. Bishop Cate Waynick will be present and preside at the Holy Eucharist. This is a very special opportunity for you to talk with the Bishop about our life together at St. Andrew's. She will stay for our fellowship time after the service and then meet with the Vestry. Our Deacon that day will be Deby Veach who is assigned to St. George's, West Terre Haute. Come, listen and learn. Let's all be present and extend a hearty welcome and the right hand of fellowship to our Bishop and Deacon.



Yum!

Pancakes and sausage. February 21st

Hamilton Hall will be full of food and fellowship on Tuesday, February 21st starting at 5:30 p.m. As we enjoy pancakes and sausage, we remember the tradition of eating all the sugar, eggs and fat in our kitchens in anticipation of the penitential season that begins with Ash Wednesday.

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is also known as "Shrove Tuesday" and is the day when Mardi Gras occurs (Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday"). It was common to fast during Lent while we shared with Christ the last 40 days before the crucifixion. While a total fast for 40 days is not very common anymore, Lent is a time when many people "give up" something for Lent to signify the importance of the journey that leads to the Resurrection. Recently, rather than giving up something such as meat, alcohol or chocolate, some have chosen to do something new. Perhaps volunteer at a food pantry (or non-food pantry in our case) or to start an exercise program or new, healthful habit— researchers tell us that it generally takes about 30-40 days for a habit to become a, well, habit.

This year, join us for a last feast and good food on February 21st. And think about what God means to you as we begin our Lenten journey. Where has God been in your life this last year? What are you thankful for? What might you consider taking on during Lent as a reminder to keep your focus on Christ and the journey to the cross that then leads us to Easter?



Ash Wednesday

Services at 7 a.m., Noon and 7 p.m.

The season of Lent begins on February 22nd with the Imposition of Ashes and the Ash Wednesday Liturgy. It is, as our Prayer Book reminds us an invitation to a time of self-examination and repentance. We pray, fast, and read and meditate on God's Word as we begin the journey towards Easter or Resurrection Sunday.

God hates nothing that God has created. God forgives the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts. You are invited to attend one of the services on this day and to receive on your forehead the sign of our acknowledgment that we are dust and to dust we shall return.



Annual Meeting- February 26, 2012

Save the date! Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 26th following the 10:15 worship service. At that meeting we will elect 3 persons to serve on the Vestry and 2 people as delegates to the Diocesan Convention in October at Trinity, Bloomington. The names of the nominees will be published shortly.

If you wish to nominate someone, or you wish to serve, you must meet the following criteria according to the Canons of the Diocese of Indianapolis and the Bylaws of St. Andrew's: (a) be over age 16; (b) have been baptized (at any Christian church and by water "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"); (c) worshipped at St. Andrew's over the last six months; and (d) been a contributor to its support.





Soup and Study – A Lenten Journey of food, fellowship and study

Join us in Hamilton Hall on Wednesdays during Lent beginning at 5:15 and ending no later than 6:15 p.m. (February 29th through March 28th). We will enjoy a simple supper of soup, bread and salad. We will share fellowship and learn together as we study God's Word focusing upon the Lessons for the upcoming Sunday. If you would like to join us, please call the Church Office so we know how many to plan for.



Inquirer's Class/Confirmation

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do on Sunday mornings? Or, why and how the Episcopal Church came to be? Starting on March 4th @ 9 a.m., we will begin a discussion about what we believe, why we do what we do and what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Church. The class will continue until April 1st.

This class is especially designed for anyone that wishes to be confirmed by Bishop Cate during the season following Easter, but it is **open to all** with inquiring minds. Our focus will be on the Catechism found in the Prayer Book as well as a little bit of history. If you can join us, please call the office so we know how many to plan for. **Please join us and bring your questions.**



LOOKING AHEAD....General Convention 2012

Yes, we have our very own General Convention. The Episcopal Church meets every 3 years and in 2012 the location is Indianapolis from July 5-12.

Planning for the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the US is gearing up. An average of 300 volunteers will be needed each day and the tasks are many and varied. A solid core group of volunteers who can work each day is particularly needed. However, volunteers are welcome and needed whether you can work one day or all days. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to serve. For more information, go to www.generalconvention.org. Under 'Attendee Resources' click on 'Volunteer Information' and then click on 'Volunteer website' under 'To Sign Up.' Here you can access the Convention schedule and register as a volunteer.

If you do register, you will receive an email by March with details about volunteer shifts. Rev. Jan Oller is one of the Volunteer Supervisors for Registration. Kim Smith is the contact at the Diocese and she may be reached at smith@indyio.org or 800-669-5786 or 317-926-5454 if you have questions.

In Christ, Jan Oller+



Search Committee Commissioned!

Our Search Committee for the new Rector of St. Andrew's was commissioned on January 15th. The members are: Joan Davis, Dennis Knuth, Dave Murray, Martha Rainbolt and Pam Smith. They will be working with a "Search Coach" who will assist them in the process and the variety of tasks to be accomplished. They will begin their work shortly on your behalf with one of the early projects to conduct a parish survey and prepare a parish profile. Periodically, they will report to the parish on the status of their work. **Pray for them as they undertake this important work for St. Andrew's.**



Contributions to St. Andrew's: Gifts-in-kind

Did you know that you **may** be eligible to deduct from your income tax the amount of certain types of property given to St. Andrew's (in addition to monetary gifts evidenced by checks)? The IRS (see Publication 526) permits individuals to exclude as a charitable contribution the fair market value of a "gift in kind." According to the IRS, you may not deduct the value of your time or service (e.g. serving as an usher or an acolyte). But if you, like someone in our parish did, give a gift of hymnals and Books of Common Prayer, the amount of that gift is included when you receive your statement from St. Andrew's as a gift-in-kind. The amount is supported by a receipt showing the cost of the items contributed.

If you wish to give a gift-in-kind, please check with the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or the Interim Rector before purchasing the item. A receipt showing the price you paid for the item will be required to support the contribution value. There are special rules and requirements if you wish to contribute stocks, automobiles or items that may have increased in value (an appraisal might be required). And, as always, consult IRS Publication 526 or your own tax advisor about whether giving a gift-in-kind makes sense for your particular situation.





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.



“Membership” in the Episcopal Church

If you've been in a denomination with carefully defined membership requirements, the Episcopal Church may surprise you. (It surprised me!) If you come periodically and show some interest in the congregation's religious activities or community service, you may find yourself on the St. Andrew's list. You can become better informed about the theological tradition, symbols and rituals through discussions and lessons; they will make your participations more comfortable and more meaningful for you, but you don't even have to be baptized to be a “member” of the fellowship. If you wish to become a member formally, you need to register your baptism with St. Andrew's or be baptized if you have not previously been baptized. Please speak to the Rector if you wish to be baptized, transfer your membership or register your baptism.



Save the dates:

- Feb. 1 @ 4 p.m. and @ 7:30 p.m. Concessions
- Feb. 3 @ 7 p.m. Concessions
- Feb. 4 @ 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – Concessions
- Feb. 7 @ 1 p.m. @ St. Andrew's: Clericus
- Feb. 8 @ 8 p.m. – Concessions
- Feb. 11 @ 10 a.m. (until 5 p.m.) – Concessions
- Feb. 12 @ 11:15 – Guild meeting (special date)
- Feb. 15 @ 8 p.m. – Concessions
- Feb. 18 @ 10 a.m. (until 5 p.m.) – Concessions
- Feb. 19 @ 10:15 Bishop's Visit with reception and Vestry meeting to follow
- Feb. 21 @ 5:30 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday: Pancake supper
- Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday (services at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.)
- Feb. 25 @ 1 p.m. – Non-Food Pantry
- Feb. 26 @ 11:15 a.m. – Annual Meeting
- Feb. 29 @ 6:30 – Vestry meeting (Advent House)



SERVING ST. ANDREW'S

We need Readers, please sign up

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Lector Intercessor	Joe Heithaus Terry Noble	Carl Huffman Martha Rainbolt	Terry Noble Joyce Mayer	Deb Smith Emily Knuth
Eucharistic Ministers 10:15	Joe Heithaus Maria Maynard	Bob Haymaker Junelle Dreyer	Eric Edberg Alice Moore	Bob Haymaker Maria Maynard
Ushers	Mark and Deb Smith	Page Cotton	Thom Morris	Martha Rainbolt & Carl Huffman
Acolytes	Alec Davis Paul Heithaus Logan Beck	Alice Moore Emma Tobin Rebecca Moore	Logan Beck Ruth Heithaus	Alice Moore Rebecca Moore Paul Heithaus
Coffee Hour	Patti and Tony Harmless	Pam and Orcenith Smith	Maria and Mike Maynard	Emily and Dennis Knuth
Nursery	Lily Spencer			
Sacristans	Betty Harmless and Sue Murray			

