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May 2012 Newsletter

Wow! What wonderful things are going on this month. In the following pages you will find many terrific opportunities to be together as St. Andrew's. We are living in Easter season until we come to Pentecost on May 27th, when the Holy Spirit descended and the nascent church really began to take hold. All around us – including in our own Memorial Garden- we see color and growth and our hope of new and unending life that exists because of the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. This Easter season is one of celebration. Our God is a wonderful God who wants what is best for us. Our best is possible when we live and move and have our being in relationship with God, the source of all. The words of the following hymn say it best:

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
Give thanks, give thanks.

Join me and jump for joy at all the possibilities before us!

Financial Update – First 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	$26,536.00*	$25,312.50
Total Revenues**	$37,108.77	$37,127.01
Total Expenses***	$30,947.06	$35,001.27
Net Total	$6,161.71	$2,125.74

* This includes pre-paid 2012 pledges. Please make sure you are up-to-date on your commitments!
** Total revenues include Pledges, Special Offerings, Other Income, Investment Income.
*** 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.

From the Search Committee:

Two words comes to mind as I write this –

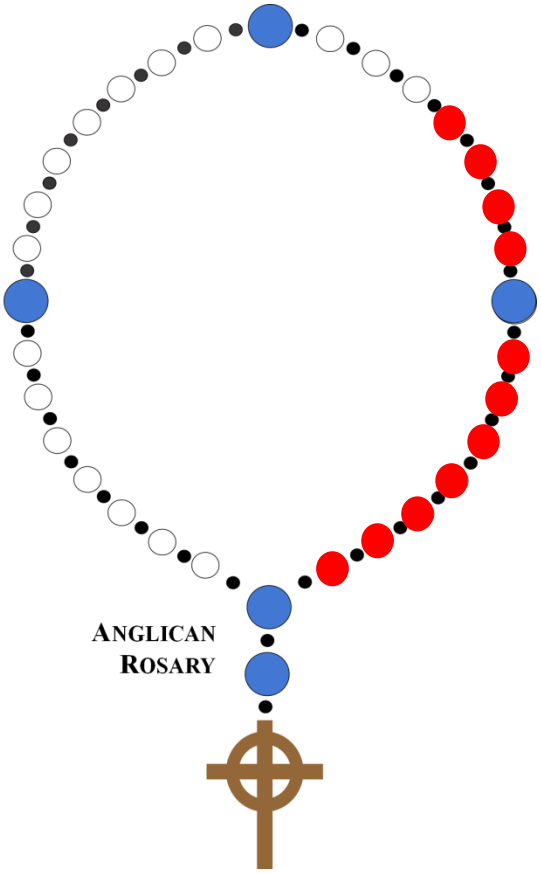
THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the cottage meetings facilitated by the Search Committee. Your input and thoughtful discussion will guide us as we embark on our next task of creating St. Andrew's profile. This narrative profile tells the story of who St. Andrew's is today and where we hope to be tomorrow. We will be creating this profile over the next month and presenting it to the Vestry and to the Diocese. Once the Vestry and Diocese approve the profile, it will be made public and we step into the next phase of our journey – Discernment for a New Rector.

For those who where unable to attend the cottage meetings, we encourage you to provide your thoughts to the Search Committee. There are forms available in Hamilton Hall with 5 questions that we discussed during the meetings. Please look at these questions and provide us with feedback – either written or in person. Any member of the Search Committee will be happy to discuss these topics with you.

Peace and Grace, Dennis Knuth, Search Committee Chair

Invitation to a Journey



1 – SEPARATION & PLANNING

- ☑ Notifying the Bishop's Office
- ☑ Transition team
- ☑ Saying Goodbye
- ☑ Interim Ministry
- ☑ Diocesan Requirements for Search
- ☑ Search options, Budget, & Charge
- ☑ Choosing a Search Committee

2 – CONGREGATIONAL SELF-DISCERNMENT

- ☑ Search Coach
- ☑ Discernment Retreat
- ☑ Self-Study & Gathering Information
- ☑ Cottage & Parish Meetings
- ☐ Narrative Profile
- ☐ OTM Portfolio
- ☐ Joint Search Vestry Meeting

3 – DISCERNMENT FOR A NEW RECTOR

- ☐ Communication & Confidentiality
- ☐ Interview Preparation & Practice
- ☐ Interviews- Phone & Technology
- ☐ Receiving Names
- ☐ Oxford Background ChecksAway, Home & Bishop Visits
- ☐ Discernment & Prayer

4 – CALL TO NEW MINISTRY

- ☐ Final Candidates & Background Checks
- ☐ Receiving the Search Committee's Recommendation
- ☐ Electing a Rector
- ☐ Letter of Agreement & Announcement
- ☐ Celebrating the Interim & Search Committee Work
- ☐ Transition Team & Celebration of New Ministry
- ☐ Moving into Ministry Together

THE YEAR of OUR LORD

The Christian Church Year is living history. It is ancient events brought to life each year. It is history that is as alive as the Church itself.

The Church Year is a cycle of festivals and seasons. Christians around the world and throughout history have shaped their faith and marked their lives by these events.

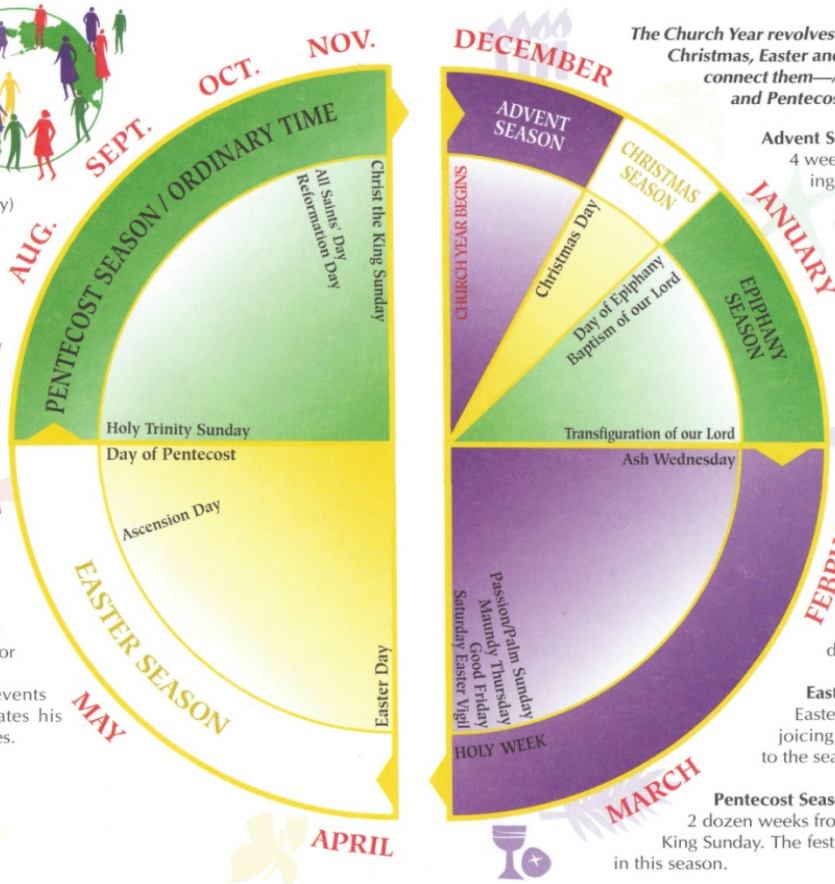
The first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost Day) recalls events in the life of our Lord, making them real for us in the present.

The rest of the Church Year (Pentecost Season) focuses on discipleship—the new life in Christ in which we are living and growing.

The community of believers, the Church, keeps observing the Church Year because it celebrates God's redemption.

When Christians observe the Church Year's festivals and seasons, they

- learn the words and acts of God that have changed history;
- remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord for us;
- participate in these saving events through which our Lord creates his Church and transforms our lives.



The Church Year revolves around three great festival days—Christmas, Easter and Pentecost—and the seasons that connect them—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Pentecost or Ordinary Time.

Advent Season
4 weeks of preparation for Christ's coming.

Christmas Season
12 days of celebration of Christ's birth, leading to Epiphany, the "Christmas of the Gentiles."

Epiphany Season
4 to 9 weeks of thanks for Christ's revelation to the world, including the Baptism of Our Lord.

Lenten Season
Ash Wednesday followed by 40 days of preparation, concluding during Holy Week.

Holy Week
Palm or Passion Sunday followed by The Easter Triduum (the three days beginning with the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday).

Easter Season
Easter Day followed by 50 days of rejoicing, including Ascension Day, leading to the season's climax, Pentecost Day.

Pentecost Season or Ordinary Time
2 dozen weeks from Holy Trinity Sunday to Christ the King Sunday. The festival of All Saints is celebrated late in this season.

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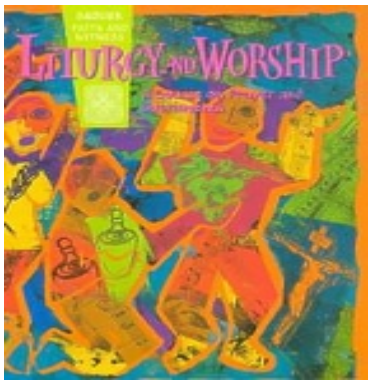
Derby Day Party

Join us at the home of Gwen and Thom Morris at 5p.m. for a special **Derby Day Party** on Saturday **May 5th**.

It's pitch-in, so bring something to share.
709 Toddson Dr., Greencastle IN
Telephone: 765- 653-6734

Help tend our Memorial Garden!

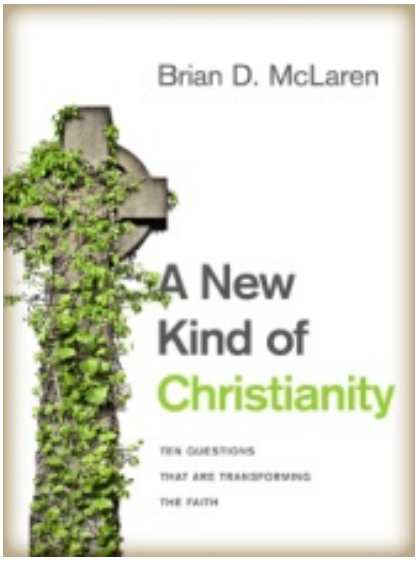
Please help us keep our Memorial Garden looking lovely and welcoming to all who pass by. We need your help. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway between the Church and the Parish Hall. As we did last year, we're looking for people to help by signing-up for a week to water, weed and deadhead. Please see Deb Smith if you have any questions about what's needed. Thanks



Sunday, May 6th @ Noon – All those interested in Liturgy and Worship are invited to spend a few minutes together considering what we have done and what we might do around liturgy and worship. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to Rev. Jan if you have not already done so.

May 6th @ 5 p.m. – Hamilton Hall – Book Discussion with snacks.

We are in the midst of a paradigm shift in the church. Not since the Reformation five centuries ago have so many Christians come together to ask whether the church is in sync with their deepest beliefs and commitments. These believers range from evangelicals to mainline Protestants to Catholics, and the person who best represents them is author and pastor Brian McLaren. In this much anticipated book, McLaren examines ten questions facing today's church—questions about how to articulate the faith itself, the nature of its authority, who God is, whether we have to understand Jesus through only an ancient Greco-Roman lens, what exactly the good news is that the gospel proclaims, how we understand the church and all its varieties, why we are so preoccupied with sex, how we should think of the future and people from other faiths, and the most intimidating question of all: what do we do next? Here you will find a provocative and enticing introduction to the Christian faith of tomorrow. – amazon.com



May 13, 2012

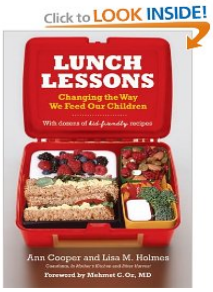
Join us to celebrate with our Youth the end to the 2011-2012 school year. We have some farewells and some new beginnings. Hope to see you on Sunday, May 13th @ 10:15 a.m.

(P.S. It's also Mother's Day!)

DePauw's graduation is Sunday, **May 20th** at 10:30 a.m. and many of our members will be committed there. For those of us who will not be at graduation, we will still meet at St. Andrew's at our regular time (10:15 a.m.). AND, we're considering some fun but respectful change-ups to our regular worship service. Come and see! We might even laugh out loud!

May 27th – The gift of the Holy Spirit to the church!

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:1). Come and see what the Holy Spirit is doing today! *Veni spiritu sanctus*. *Ven Espíritu Santo.* *הקודש רוח בואי Viens, Esprit Saint. Komm, Heiliger Geist*. *Ελάτε άγιο πνεύμα. Halika banal na espiritu.* *聖靈*



LUNCHES AND LESSONS FOR ST. ANDRE'S SCHOOL IN MITHON, HAITI

The Diocese of Indianapolis is participating in the Haiti Partnership program which pairs one diocese of the Episcopal Church with one parish in Haiti to assist in recovery efforts following the 2010 earthquake. Our partner parish is St. Andre's church and school in Mithon, Haiti, near Darbonne. Two groups from our diocese visited Mithon within the last year.

One of the first priorities identified by Father Samuel, priest at Darbonne who serves St. Andre's, was a transitional structure to be used by the school while they wait for a new school building to be built in a few years. Thanks to a gift from our diocesan household, this structure is nearly complete. Two additional high priorities are salaries for additional teachers and a healthy lunch for students at the school. Trinity Church in Bloomington has launched the "Lunches and Lessons" program to provide funds for these priorities. The total yearly cost for teacher salaries and school lunches is $16,400, or about $140 for each of the 120 students at the school.

Trinity Church is seeking 120 individuals or organizations who will pledge $140 per year for three years to support this effort. They are gathering funds from now until May 15. If you would like to participate in the Lunches and Lessons program, send a check for $140 (or $420 for all three years) payable to Trinity Episcopal Church with Lunches and Lessons in the memo line to Trinity Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 336, Bloomington, IN 47402. It is understood that individuals or groups contributing in 2012 will also contribute in 2013 and 2014. Attached is the sponsorship card.

St. Andrew's cookbook – time to refresh!

Calling all those who like to cook, like to share recipes or have that wonderful "Aunt Esther's Hot Chicken Salad" recipe that everyone raves about. Our "current" cookbook is 19 years old (yes, 19 years since we last put one together). Please, won't you share with us your favorite recipes? And, if there's one in our "current" cookbook that you use a lot or especially like, please let Maureen Carkeek know so we can make sure to include those "oldies but goodies" in the next one. Maureen will be collecting your recipes from now through the end of May – and then we hope to print and publish during June for distribution during July.

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 colleting 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.

Save the dates:

May 1	1 PM	Clericus (St. Andrew's host clergy of NW Deanery)
May 5	5 PM	"Derby Day" party at Gwen & Thom Morris's home
May 6	11:45 AM	Worship & Liturgy Planning Team meeting (all welcome) w/lunch
May 9	All Day	Fresh Start at St. Mark's, Plainfield (mandatory for clergy)
May 12	8 AM	Meeting of General Convention volunteer supervisors at JW Marriot, Indianapolis
May 13	10:15 AM	"Youth Sunday" Alice Moore will speak and all worship leaders will be youth. Reception to follow.
May 15	12:30 PM	Standing Committee, Diocesan Office
May 20	10:15 AM	Rite II with Holy Communion DePauw Graduation @ 10:30 a.m.
May 27	10:15 AM	Rite II with Holy Communion/Special Appeal for Episcopal Fund for Human Need (this is also Memorial Day Weekend; running of the Indy 500)

SERVING ST. ANDREW'S

We need Readers, please sign up

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Lector Intercessor	Terry Noble		Dennis Knuth	
Eucharistic Ministers 10:15	Terry Noble Maria Maynard	Bob Haymaker Junelle Dreyer	Maria Maynard Alice Moore	Bob Haymaker Gwen Morris
Ushers	Nick Mourouzis	Page Cotton	Curtis Beck	Martha Rainbolt & Carl Huffman
Acolytes	Alec Davis Paul Heithaus	Ruth Heithaus Emma Tobin	Alice Moore Logan Beck	Rebecca Moore Alec Davis
Coffee Hour	Narda and Page Cotton	Sue and Dave Murray	Marilyn and Gene Bennington	Cathryn and Jim Ensley
Nursery	Lily Spencer			
Sacristans	Maria Maynard and Joyce Mayer			