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September 2012 Newsletter

September 11th – just like December 7th, this date is one that marks a significant change in how we live our lives both at home and when we are away from home. A day when the world turned upside down. It led to many changes, not the least of which is airport screening! For many, the anniversary of September 11th is marked by service projects. Under the auspices of the Corporation for National and Community Service, each of us is encouraged to find some way to remember that the nature of our world depends upon us. If we reach out in love, others are encouraged to respond in love. The Prayer attributed to St. Francis (BCP 833) knew what we are called to do in response to the love of Jesus Christ. It can serve, even today, as a guide for our behavior in how we respond to those around us.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

We will pray, Sunday September 2nd, that God will nourish us with all goodness and will bring forth in us the fruit of good works. We will also pray for social justice remembering especially that Christ called on us to care for those who are in need, who are in any kind of trouble, those who are ill or alone or lonely. Our prayers may not always appear to be answered (or at least answered the way we wish!) but God does hear our prayers. *The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults* (Ps. 28:7).

From the Search Committee:

If you have been keeping an eye on the Anglican Rosary in Hamilton Hall, you probably noticed that we have not "checked off" any boxes in a couple months. It may look like we are in a quiet period of the search process. Not exactly! The search committee has been working diligently over the summer as we prepare to begin assessing candidates.

The deadline for candidates to apply to Canon Debra Kissinger of the Diocese was on August 15. She is currently compiling the list of candidates and gathering their documents. Soon after the Labor Day holiday, Canon Kissinger will present the candidates to the search committee and we will begin our discernment process. Our interview and discernment process is comprised of four stages

- Candidate profile and essay questions
- Skype & telephone interviews
- Away interviews at the candidate's current parish
- Home interviews in Greencastle

The search committee has been working this summer on developing the structure, interview questions and assessment tools for each of these stages. As we move through these stages with the candidates this fall, we will refine and narrow our list and ultimately present one candidate to the Vestry for their approval. We anticipate presenting a candidate to the Vestry by the end of 2012.

During this period of assessing candidates, the search committee must maintain a certain level of confidentiality. Prospective candidates often have not informed their own congregations that they may be in a search process. For search committee members to breech that confidentially may lead to great damage and anxiety, both to the candidates and to their congregations. It is very harmful to the integrity of the process if a search committee member "leaks" information to anyone in the congregation, including a spouse or other family member during the course of the this process.

Confidentiality is not secrecy. While the conduct of the deliberations and the names of candidates must remain confidential, the search committee will continue to communicate on a regular basis our progress and status.

As always, if you have any questions about the process or our progress, please talk with any member of the Search Committee.

Peace and Grace, Dennis Knuth, Search Committee Chair

Thinking differently…..The Five Marks of Mission

by Terry Noble

Each year as we approach the fall we begin to think of stewardship and the pledging of our time, talents, and resources in support of God's work in our local community and the wider church. I find myself thinking, "Oh, no is it really time to do that again? Budgeting, what a necessary evil!" A few years ago, while serving on the Standing Committee/Bishop's Executive Council for the Diocese of Indianapolis, Bishop Cate Waynick introduced us to a way to think differently about our resources.

Traditionally, churches conduct a stewardship campaign, see how much money can be raised and set the budget and direction for the next year. Bishop Cate was asking us to first set forth our priorities for the ministry of the Episcopal Church in our diocese, then allocate our resources in ways which reflect our core values and mission. It sounded easy….. but it wasn't! Making the switch from 'how much funding do we have' to 'what do we want to do' was a significant shift in thinking for those of us accustomed to first looking at the resources we have, then trying to decide what we are able to do.

This is where the 'Five Marks of Mission' come into the picture to focus, inspire, and remind us of our responsibilities as a household of God. We are called….

* To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
* To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
* To respond to human need by loving service
* To seek to transform unjust structures of society
* To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

For several years our diocese has used these touchstones of mission to plan, to allocate resources, and to keep us focused. At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, held this summer in Indianapolis, nearly all of the resolutions contained a statement explaining how the legislation related to the Five Marks of Mission. For the first time, the budget of the Episcopal Church was formulated around this principle, allocating funds as block grants to each of the five areas. Rather than giving each ministry a set amount of funding, this allows for flexibility and the ability to respond with resource where and when they are needed most.

I'd like to challenge St. Andrew's to use the Five Marks of Mission this year as we enter the stewardship campaign. To do this we need to think in terms of mission first and then apply the appropriate resources to bring that mission to fruition. This doesn't mean that we throw the checkbook out the window, it means that we open the checkbook only after prayerful consideration of where the Spirit is leading and the actions we will take.

Table Talk Ministries: Community cookout
September 15th from Noon to 5 p.m.

Table Talk Ministries promotes the preservation and rehabilitation of the homes of elderly persons in Putnam County. For 10 years they have been working to provide adequate shelter for elderly, disabled and disadvantaged neighbors. On Sept. 15th from noon to 5 p.m., they will be hosting a Community cookout at one of the newest rehabilitated homes. Join them at 4314 US Highway 40, Manhattan. See the good work that is being done to help those who sometimes are the least among us.

Sing to the Lord a new song….Community Christmas Choir

The 2012 selection is "Hope of the Broken World". The organizational meeting is September 16 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of Browns Valley Christian Church. The performance will be at the Russellville Community Center on December 7, 8 and 9. More details will follow. See the notice on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall on the table if you are interested.

September events:

September 2	10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist	14 Pentecost/Prayers for Social Justice
September 8	Concessions-Football	
September 9	10:15 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Finance Committee/Advent House	15 Pentecost
September 9-11		Jan Oller away @ Fresh Start/Waycross (starting in afternoon)[required]
September 14	Concessions-Volleyball	
September 15	Concessions-Volleyball	
September 16	10:15 Holy Eucharist 11:30 Guild meeting	16 Pentecost
September 18	12:30 Standing Committee	Diocesan Offices
September 19	Concessions-Volleyball	
September 20		Jan Oller @ Fall Ember Day @ Diocesan Office [required]
September 23	10:15 Holy Eucharist	17 Pentecost
September 24	6:15 p.m. Vestry/Advent House	
September 26		Jan Oller @ Center for Congregations seminar
September 29	1-3 p.m. Non-Food Pantry distribution Concessions-Football	
September30	10:15 Holy Eucharist 3 p.m. Deanery meeting pre-Convention/Parish Hall 7 p.m.- Safeguarding God's People training @ St. Mark's, Plainfield	18 Pentecost

Youth Fall Conference at Waycross - November 16-18 **"With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility"**

Join the Youth of the Diocese at this special Friday night through Sunday noon event. Talk about the Power of Power, the Power of Change, the Power of Love and the Power of Empowerment. Find old friends and make new ones. There will even be a magic show! Open to 6th through 12th graders.

See materials available in the Parish Hall. Sign up soon as it fills up. Adult sponsors are also needed.
Learn how you can change the world- yes, you matter!

The PLASTIC basket that is now circulating at offertory time in each Sunday 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.

SERVING ST. ANDREW'S

	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Lector Intercessor	Carl Huffman Martha Rainbolt	Deb Smith Joyce Mayer	Terry Noble Sue Murray	Orcenith Smith Harriet Moore	Joe Heithaus Jenny Heithaus
Eucharistic Minister 10:15	Joe Heithaus Terry Noble	Maria Maynard Bob Haymaker	Gwen Morris Junelle Dreyer	Terry Noble Joe Heithaus	Bob Haymaker Maria Maynard
Ushers	Nick Mourouzis	Steve Gauly	Gene Bennington	Page Cotton	Curtis Beck
Acolytes	Rebecca Moore Ruth Heithaus	Paul Heithaus Emma Tobin	Rebecca Moore Logan Beck	Ruth Heithaus Paul Heithaus	Logan Beck Emma Tobin
Coffee Hour	Dawna and Larry Wilson	Amy and Andrew Hayes	Maria and Mike Maynard	Marilyn and Gene Bennington	Gwen and Thom Morris
Nursery	Lily Spencer				
Sacristan	Sue Murray and Betty Harmless				

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.