

NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S May—June 2019

Jay's Say:

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I promised to be in touch with parishioners roughly halfway through my sabbatical, and here we are! I miss both St. Andrew's and Epiphany but am having a wonderful time. My three weeks in Colorado corresponded with six feet of snow! Toby and I had a week in Gunnison where Colorado Western University put us up (in return for a couple days' work) and I began the daily pattern: ski in the morning, read and write in the afternoon, and relax in the evening. We had a wonderful time skiing Crested Butte on our Sunapee Epic Pass. My wife has dubbed this a skibattical because the routine continued in Summit County where I looked after the log home of my mom's college classmates who headed to Arizona to escape the blizzards. Avalanches closed the highways, but I managed to ski almost every morning at Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe, Vail or Beaver Creek. Copper Mountain is not on our season pass, but I met a couple at the Ash Wednesday Eucharist who insisted I join them at Copper on a complimentary ticket! The Colorado terrain, much of it above tree line, was terrific, and powder was plenteous in the glades days after a storm. This was a once-in-a-lifetime treat, especially for a Scotsman who didn't shell out a dime for a lift ticket.

Hebrew scholars and library staff at Iliff School of Theology in Denver were gracious and helpful. It's been wonderful to spend several hours each day wrestling with Scripture, reflecting on Elijah's weird and wonderful ministry, pondering my own inter faith experience, and trying to get my thoughts onto paper. I hope the resulting cocktail will appeal to the general reader and not just theologians, but most authors harbor a similar conceit. We'll see. I need to bear down these last seven weeks to finish this book that I began ten years ago.



A lifelong aspiration will be fulfilled when I arrive in New Mexico. I'm staying in a tiny *casita* attached to the Friends' Meeting House and will continue to write as I relax into Holy Week (for the first time since ordination!) by attending services incognito at an Episcopal Church around the corner. Asher joins me during his April vacation which will include a couple of days camping and kayaking. Then I've got a week of silence at Christ in the Desert Monastery way out in the boondocks and without cell service or even electricity. Bliss. Sal joins me for five days before we head home on 11 May. I expect to spend quite a bit of time in the library before returning to work on 1 June. In the meantime, please be assured of my prayers. You might see me around town, although you may have to look twice. Kate's mate Jimmy is a Topstone barber and he gave me a crewcut!

It is not too early to start thinking and planning for our annual Summer Fair, a major fund-raiser and church/community get-together, scheduled for 6 July.

Please consider collecting and saving items for donation including attic treasures, household goods, sports equipment, garden tools and power tools, outdoor plants, books and furniture. Please do not include any electronics in your donations. Please do contact Rosie or Harvey Best if you require pick-up of items. Storage is available for items in advance of the fair.



Mary Bayerl	1
Bill Berger	2
John Harris	2
Patricia Stewart	2
Charlie Giles	5
Karen Zurheide	9
Ruth Bodurtha	13
Sheila Mitchell	14
Lyman Smith	14
Sonya Chiarella	18
Kathleen Rusnak	18
Sue Venable	21
Robert Douty	22
Marcus Jenkyn	22
Gail Goddard	23
Harvey Best	24
Mary Ivey	27
Nan Vulgamore	27
Bill Colehower	28
Jim Oates	31

Parish Birthdays



Brenda Tirrell	1
Lynn Salo	3
Linda Potter	5
Nick Eaton	6
Dick Sawyer	6
Whit Smith	6
Jeanine Berger	10
Connie Appel	11
Sue Hansen	13
Chuck Thompson	14
Greg Potter	15
Tanner Boucher	16
Herb Hansen	16
Kelby Frenkiewich	17
Lisa Kelly	17
John Canaday	18
Brian Frenkiewich	18
Joseph Daly	19
Tina Helm	19
Sue Schweizer	19
June Liberman	23
Edward Orecchio	23
Jack Tate	26
Kent Wheeler	26
John Clough	27
Meredith Coogan	28
David Almond	30

Phillips Brooks Partnership

The inner city kids from Boston are coming! They will be here 9/10 July and 16/17 July to enjoy summer activities and camp out on Mt. Sunapee. Please look for sign-up sheets to help with food; they will be on the table in the hall beginning late May/early June. And we hope that many of us--both adults and kids--will plan to participate in their activities with them. — *Becky Rylander*



The Outreach Commission normally meets the first Thursday of each month at 2 PM to receive and consider suggestions for our *Last Sunday* offering. We have agreed that our efforts should be focused on humanitarian needs, both domestic and international; and we welcome suggestions from parishioners. We ask that you provide information about the mission of the organization, its experience in fulfilling that mission, its finances and tax-exempt status, the website address and other information which you think would be pertinent to our discussion. Committee members are Harvey Best, Elizabeth Lowell, Deb Ransom, Becky Rylander, Greg Vogt and Karen Zurheide. Their contact information is in the 2018 St. Andrew's Parish Directory.

Faith and Issues

After a Lenten study of the Five Marks of Love, *Faith and Issues* resumed regular meetings on Saturdays, and we'll continue to meet through the end of June from 9-10:30 AM, downstairs at the church. After that, we take a break for summer.

We are now reading and discussing *Grounded - Finding God in the World - A Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass. On 4 May we plan to discuss Part Two, Chapters 4 and 5; for 11 May the plan is to discuss Part Two, chapters 6, 7 and the Conclusion. The focus for later in May and June is still to be determined.



While our country has become increasingly religiously diverse and many have observed signs of decline, Bass feels that we are actually experiencing a transformation in the way people understand and experience God. She argues that an enormous shift is taking place enabling us to understand God as being more accessible to us both within human communities and throughout nature. Her insightful perspective was enriched through extensive research and study of history, theology, current trends and ancient texts and traditions. This is an exciting and groundbreaking book equipping us to better understand what it means to be living in our time. It challenges not only religious institutions but political and social ones as well.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining or would like to know more about *Faith and Issues*. What is outlined above is typical of our usual format. New books as well as other topics of interest are usually chosen as we begin to wrap up whatever we are currently reading. Please check the church website at www.standrewsnl.org for an update on the end of May focus and the June selection. -- Katrina Wagner

St. Andrew's Thrift Shop has recently undergone a major renovation, thanks to the wonderful assistance of many volunteer church members.

Beginning 1 March, thrift shop volunteers spent two days completely emptying the shop of clothes, racks, curtains and more. Starting 4 March, Chris Heyl, Harvey Best, Nick Eaton and Joe Daly began washing walls in preparation of the painting that soon followed. They painted everything in sight, walls, ceiling and shelves, with new lighter colors. By the end of the week, they had transformed the old space into a new, lighter, cleaner thrift shop, even buffing the floors. It was just amazing what they accomplished in that short time.



Then the ladies took over again, including our invaluable Rosie Best, re-stocking the shelves and racks with new spring items. Wow, what a difference! Suddenly our thrift shop looked more like a boutique: airy, clean and inviting. The customers have all remarked about the wonderful changes they have found. And our volunteers are happy to be working in such a beautiful environment. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. A special thank you to Janet Heyl and Rosie Best who made some wonderful curtains to enhance the area, and a big thank you as well to our high school volunteer, Emmy Potter. - Jackie Thompson

Last Sunday Looks Ahead

Casting for Recovery 26 May



Casting for Recovery (CfR) is a nationwide program that provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer. The retreats offer opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature. The retreats are open to women with breast cancer of all ages, in all stages of treatment and recovery.

CfR's healing program is unique, founded in 1996 in Manchester, Vermont, by a breast reconstruction surgeon and a professional fly fisher. Awarded 501(c)(3) non-profit status in 1998, Casting for Recovery's innovative program focuses on improving quality of life for women with breast cancer, and has garnered endorsements from medical and psychosocial experts nationwide.

For women who have had surgery or radiation as part of their breast cancer treatment, the gentle motion of fly casting can be good physical therapy for increasing mobility in the arm and upper body. Couple that with the emotional benefits of connecting with nature, and you've got powerful medicine. CfR retreats are unconventional and described by many women as life-changing.

- ◆ Casting for Recovery provides free fly fishing retreats for women with breast cancer.
- ◆ 70% of the women who attend Casting for Recovery retreats have never been to a support group.
- ◆ CfR currently offers 60 retreats across the country, serving 800+ women each year. To date, 8,000+ women have been served.
- ◆ CfR relies on the support of 1,600 volunteers nationwide, including medical and psychosocial professionals, fly fishing instructors and alumnae.
- ◆ CfR has international program partners in Canada, UK/Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Italy.
- ◆ CfR relies on donations and sponsors to make this wonderful event happen.

Casting for Recovery will hold a retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center here in Greenfield, New Hampshire from 7 to 9 June. Our Last Sunday outreach offering will help to defray the costs of that retreat. We will have a video to share at the coffee hour following the 10 AM service on Sunday, 19 May to provide us with a visual of CfR's healing work. As with other outreach recipients, we will request a follow-up on the program. For more information, visit <https://castingforrecovery.org/about-casting-for-recovery/>

— *Deb Ransom*

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are now available. If this will be helpful to you to fully participate in the worship service, please ask the usher for a large-print bulletin.

Last Sunday Looks Ahead

El Hogar and Instituto Tecnico Santa Maria 30 June

We're sure you've often heard it said that a country's hope for the future is in its youth. That is never truer than in Honduras. After visiting the school for a week in March, we can tell you that El Hogar (and its Technical Institute) is preparing the young men and women in its care to be the leaders of the future. We witnessed the love and dedication of the teachers and the self-assurance and positive attitude of the students. Thanks for all the items you provided for us to take with us – they were very much needed and appreciated!

So what else is needed? In short, just about everything! As our involvement with El Hogar continues to grow (and we hope that more of us will visit in the future!), the Outreach Commission would like to continue our financial support and has chosen El Hogar again to be the recipient of our Last Sunday offering in June.

El Hogar encompasses three facilities: an elementary school (El Hogar – the home of love and hope); the Technical School (ITSM) – a residential school for grades 7-11 from which the kids graduate with certificates in electricity, carpentry, or welding; and a home for girls in grades 7-11. This year, grades 7-9 girls are attending a private school and those in grades 10 and 11 commute to the Technical School. Grade 12 will be added there next year.

The school has been continuously improving over its 40 year history, and this especially is a time of transition. Most of the elementary school kids are now day students, and the directors and board are working on plans for a full coed residential high school. They hope to institute some business training to help make the high school self-sustaining.

What did our Service Team (11 of us, mostly from Toronto) do while we were there? From our lodging at the Technical School, we visited all three facilities, built raised garden beds at the Technical School, visited the homes of some of the students (both in the country and in Tegucigalpa), enjoyed a museum and toured a women's health center in the city, attended church on Sunday, and had time for crafts and games with the older students. As one of our team-mates said, we saw and learned a lot, but the most important was getting to know some of the kids! We were impressed by their friendliness and respectfulness and the way they looked out for one another. They truly seem to understand and appreciate all that is being done for them.

Yes, we saw poverty, but no, we did NOT see despair or feel threatened.

We will go into all this in more detail with photos to illustrate on a Sunday in June. Meanwhile please feel free to ask questions. The faces of those kids and the entire experience are staying with us! — *Becky Rylander and Greg Vogt*



Additional information on these organizations will follow in May and June bulletins and announcements. You may also visit their websites or contact a member of the Outreach Commission to learn more.

The Wardens' Words:

As you may recall, last July a Wilmot church that proudly flew the rainbow flag as an example of that Church's inclusiveness was damaged by vandals. In support of that church and its congregation, St. Andrew's decided to display the rainbow flag on the side of our church. In January, a white Canterbury cross was added to our flag. The banner was intended to signify that we are a church that embraces everyone, as Jesus did.

In our haste to support the Wilmot church and openly show a symbol of our inclusiveness, we failed to make sure that our actions complied fully with New London's zoning requirements. On 11 March, the town of New London directed the immediate removal of the flag because it clearly fails to meet existing zoning requirements regarding signs and flags - maximum size of flags/signs allowed by zoning is 15 square feet and our rainbow flag is 60 square feet.

The flag was removed but our commitment to proudly demonstrate our being a fully inclusive church remained unchanged. Your Vestry spent hours deliberating and evaluating how best to present and communicate what the Episcopal Church of Saint Andrew stands for, and we share with you here our assumptions of what was essential:

- Show our solidarity against prejudice and bigotry of all kinds
- Provide visible statements that all of God's children are welcome here at Saint Andrew's
- Make it abundantly clear to anyone viewing our building from Main Street that we are a church, and, if possible, an Episcopal Church
- Comply fully with the zoning regulations of New London.

After a lot of thought and soul searching, your Vestry approved using a 3' X 5' flag with the words "**All Of God's Children Are Welcome Here**" above the Crest of the Episcopal Church. The flag has been mounted on the exterior Parish Hall wall facing Main Street.

In the long run, there are a couple of options that your Vestry will be considering. First option is adding a flagpole. We could add a flagpole up to 35' in height somewhere on our property. Careful thought will have to be given to location of the pole as well as what flags would be flown (zoning normally allows for a maximum of two flags).

The second option regards how our property is classified. Currently we are in the Urban Residential category which allows us to have two signs each being a maximum size of four square feet. We are currently surrounded on three sides by lots classified as commercial. Commercial lots can have two signs each with a maximum size of 15 square feet.

We would greatly appreciate your thoughts and recommendations.
Blessings, *Marni Eaton and Bruce Avery*



The Rector's Discretionary Fund

Discretionary Funds originated in 1814 in Title III, Canon 14 (f) of The Episcopal Church. So, while their history goes back in time, general knowledge of their existence and purpose is often lacking. While our Rector writes the checks and maintains the confidential records of the fund, it is an account of St. Andrew's Church. Gifts to the Discretionary Fund are, therefore, tax-deductible to the donor. The Rector makes gifts at his/her discretion, hence the Fund's name.

Serious illness, or loss of home, transportation or employment are all reasons people approach clergy for financial assistance through the Discretionary Fund. While St. Andrew's operating budget contributes \$3,000 annually to the Discretionary Fund, there are still deeper needs to be met in our community. Jay usually contributes more than \$6,000 annually so, obviously, additional donations beyond what is budgeted are welcome. If you wish to help with these needs, checks made payable to St. Andrew's Discretionary Fund and delivered to the parish office will be gratefully received.

The role of the recently-formed Outreach Commission is to identify and raise funds for organizations/institutions engaged in humanitarian work. The Commission is always eager for a personal connection with St. Andrew's, e.g., a visit to the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, volunteering in Honduras, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Navajoland or with Habitat for Humanity. *The Rector's Discretionary Fund, on the other hand, may help to assuage an individual's or family's financial situation, in the local community, as those needs become known.* - Elizabeth Lowell



Reel and Novel Theology

Please join us when we resume on 12 June for the "reel" *Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter . . .* We will read *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy in July and view the "reel" *The Agony and the Ecstasy* in August. Please speak to Shelly in the office if you are interested in leading one of these discussions and/or have suggestions for reading and viewing in the fall and beyond.

Please keep in mind that the titles we choose – book or film – are meant to shape our understanding of ideas like love, compassion, forgiveness, redemption; in other words, those markers we encounter in following Christ.

Youth on Main in March and April:

Aspiring floral designers, 21 in all, joined Alli from Allioops at First Baptist Church to create flower arrangements as a gift for an older friend or relative.

Sue Dow instructed 17 eager egg artists in the process of creating beautiful Pysanky eggs at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

See also pp. 11-12.



Calendar of Events



May:

24(Friday) - Friendly Kitchen

26 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, open plate to benefit Casting for Recovery (*see p. 4*)

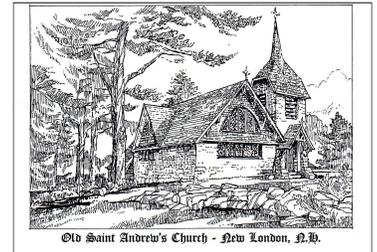
June:

1 (Saturday) - Jay returns from sabbatical

12 (Wednesday) - Reel Theology, 7 PM (*see p. 7*)

16 (Sunday) - 8 AM service at Old St. Andrew's (through 1 September)

30 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, open plate to benefit El Hogar (*see p. 5*)



Monday to Friday 12 Noon Midday Prayer ▼ **Mondays** 6 PM Meditation
Tuesdays/Thursdays 9 AM Morning Prayer
Wednesdays 10 AM Music & Memory
Thursdays 10 AM Thursday Tots, 7 PM Choir
Saturdays 5 PM Worship at Epiphany, Newport

Our next visit to the Friendly Kitchen is planned for Friday, 24 May. Watch for a sign up sheet early in the month to see how you can help feed the hungry in Concord. This ministry makes a difference to those in need!



Help Re-Stock the KLS Community Food Pantry

May: Canned Fruit

June: Large Juice (especially low sugar and 100% juice)

Paper towels, toilet paper, coffee (regular, decaf and instant), peanut butter and jelly, cake and brownie mixes and monetary donations are always welcome.

Hearing Aids and "T" Setting

Do you use hearing aids? We recommend the "T" setting for use during church or a function during which the sound system is being used. By switching to that setting all background noise is eliminated and the voices come right into the hearing aids. If you are getting hearing aids be sure to ask for ones that have the "T" setting.

Voices in Counterpoint

Dear Friends,

Another Easter Sunday has passed, my sixtieth consecutive Easter on the organ bench. I was blessed to share this Easter with the wonderful band of singers in our Parish Choir, with some of our young *UpBeat* singers, and with an ensemble of very good instrumentalists. It is a particular joy for me to make music with our resident flutist and youth music director, Nicole Densmore. Nicole brings her wonderful gifts as musician and teacher to our work at Saint Andrew's. She is a treasure.

Throughout my career, there have been many musicians who have helped me along the way. My first organ teacher, Charles Wakeley, introduced me to some of the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach and Johannes Brahms. My first attempts to play Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* were made under Mr. Wakeley's guidance. He also introduced me to the last pieces Brahms composed, his *Eleven Chorale Preludes*. Charles was organist at the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in Hartford, and taught at the Hartt School of Music. My first lessons in the old Hartt School brick building on Broad Street were on an Austin organ very much like the one here at Saint Andrew's.

When I returned to Hartt in 1962, after a year's study at Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas, I began studying with John Doney. John taught on the organ faculty at Hartt, and was organist at St. James Episcopal Church in West Hartford. Many of my lessons were on the organ in that lovely church. Years later, in 1983, John would adjudicate my examination to become an Associate of the American Guild of Organists. His name is on the AAGO certificate displayed on the wall above my desk in the choir room.

As a graduate student at Hartt, I studied organ with John Holtz, then organist at Center Congregational Church in downtown Hartford, across from the Wadsworth Atheneum. Professor Holtz helped me prepare some of the challenging repertoire I had to play at my AAGO examination. He was later organist at the Universalist Church of West Hartford. In 1990, I succeeded him as organist and choir director at that church. I spent ten wonderful years as the "token Trinitarian" there.

Since my student days, it has been my privilege to study with a number of great organists and composers in seminars and master classes:

- * Carl Weinrich (1904 - 1991), renowned expert in the music of Bach and the Baroque, and long-time organist at the University Chapel at Princeton.
- * Jan Bender (1909 - 1994), German organist and student of one of my favorite twentieth-century composers, Hugo Distler; Jan emigrated to America in 1960, and taught at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio.
- * Paul Manz (1919 - 2009), American Lutheran organist, renowned for his improvisatory skills. Our Parish Choir sang Paul's lovely motet "E'en so, Lord Jesus" last Advent. I often play his lively setting of "God of grace, and God of glory" when we sing that hymn on a Sunday morning.
- * John Ferguson (born 1941), longtime professor of organ at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. I studied improvisation and hymn playing skills with John in summer sessions at St. Olaf. The Choir - and you, the larger choir - sang John's setting of the hymn, "Ah, Holy Jesus," on Good Friday this year.

What wonderful memories stir in me as I remember each of these great teachers. What joy and honor it has been to study with them, and God has shed many blessings on me through their nurture.

Peace, Love, Hope, Joy, and Harmony to you, my Friends, David

Getting to Know Us

We continue to profile vestry members. With a final profile expected for the upcoming July-August issue, we will have introduced you to everyone currently serving on the vestry. Please visit our website at <https://www.standrewsnl.org/newsletters.html> for back issues with vestry profiles you might have missed.

Please contact any one of us (identified on the back page) with your questions or concerns about life at St. Andrew's.

Russ Register was elected to a three-year term on the vestry in January. Retiring from the Air Force and moving to New London from Ohio in 2006, Russ and his wife Ginny have been worshipping at St. Andrew's since 2016.

I, along with my younger brother and sister, were raised as Army brats as our father was a career Army Officer. As a result, while growing up we moved every few years. We lived in Maryland; Virginia; Massachusetts; West Point, New York; Vermont; and Pennsylvania. I have fond memories of New Hampshire because I spent many boyhood summers visiting with my grandparents on Canaan Street.

As I was concluding high school I decided it was time to break with the family's Army traditions, so I went to the Air Force Academy. Upon graduation, I was ordered to Syracuse University where I met Ginny. Ginny received her acceptance into Graduate School at Stanford University the day of our first date. Attending Stanford was very important to her, so she flew west in order to earn a master's degree from Stanford while I continued on to finish the second year of my graduate program at Syracuse. We were married the following summer. Thus, I graduated Syracuse with both a new M.S. in electrical engineering and a new "MRS." Ginny also has New England roots, as she grew up in Stamford, Connecticut.

I was employed for 21 years as an Air Force Officer, and then for another 21 years in the Federal Civil Service in the Department of the Air Force, all the while working in research, development, and acquisition of Air Force electronics systems and equipment.

Ginny and I have been married for almost 53 wonderful years. We have two sons and they are both physicians now living in Washington state with their families. So, every summer we fly out to the Pacific Northwest to visit with our four grandchildren.

We began attending services at St. Andrew's Church in 2016, and were formally received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Rob and our Rector Jay in 2018. During that time, I have been involved in numerous activities including serving before-school breakfasts to youngsters at Epiphany, cooking and serving hamburgers and hot dogs when youngsters from Phillips Brooks visited, serving refreshments occasionally after the 10 AM service and visiting the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. I have also been an active participant in the KLS Community Food Pantry since 2008 and I am on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.



Sunday School

During Lent, through Sunday-school lessons and activities, we have been examining Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, God's covenant with Abraham, the story of the Prodigal Son, and Jesus' walk from his triumphant entry to Jerusalem to his crucifixion on Calvary during Holy Week. On Easter we celebrated Jesus' resurrection in church followed by an Easter egg hunt. In subsequent weeks, we study the miraculous events that followed Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

We still have an *urgent* need for teachers and shepherds. Shepherds are not responsible for lessons but support the teachers and provide extra hands in the classroom. The kids are wonderful; collaborating with them is lots of fun! We will be happy to mentor teachers; the curriculum is easy to follow and administer. If you feel the tug, *even slightly*, to teach or shepherd, please get in touch with Ellen Yenawine.

Faith Adventures

Faith Adventures is our interdenominational middle-school youth group for kids in 6th-8th grade. Our leaders include Steve and Nancy Allenby, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Maguire, and Ellen and Gardner Yenawine. Please contact Ellen Yenawine if your child is interested in joining us. We are also encouraging our youth group members to bring friends with them!



On Sunday, 17 March, we gathered at the Allenby's sugar house to engage in the process of sugaring and creating maple syrup. Our activities included a team contest to see who could gather the most sap and/or the sap with the highest sugar content, with lots of running around among the trees to bring buckets-full back to the sugar house. We then participated in the process of reducing the sap to maple syrup — a steamy, sticky, sweet operation! Each participant took home a jug of maple syrup — so delicious! Many thanks to the Allenby's for hosting and instructing us in the gathering and production of maple syrup.

On Sunday, 28 April, our Faith Adventurers gathered at the Sunshine Diner to set up, serve and share a delicious free meal at the Church of the Epiphany in Newport.

On Saturday, 18 May, we will travel to Fresh Start Farm in Concord to assist with spring planting and cleanup. More details will follow. On Sunday, 23 June, the Yenawines will host our End-of-Year Picnic at our Little Sunapee Beach. — *Ellen Yenawine*

YouthOnMain (YOM), an interdenominational initiative serving the Lake Sunapee area and supported by Our Lady of Fatima, First Baptist and St. Andrew's churches, invites middle-school youth to join us for events on the second Saturday of each month. YOM is a program designed to nurture faith, hope and charity, build strong peer relationships, encourage mutual respect, civility and generosity, and provide service to the community as well as activities that are fun and inspirational. Come join us and bring a friend! Pictures from recent YOM activities are on page 7, and additional information about parish life for youth can be found on page 12.

Opportunities to Participate in Parish Life

Did you miss my previous articles outlining our full parish life? You may read them in four previous *Networks*, which can be found on St. Andrew's website at www.standrewsnl.org ("Inform"). The information incorporated below and previously can also be found by exploring the many tabs on the website. One important area that I hadn't yet covered is serving our youth.

— *Anne Hall, Verger*

Sunday School is held during the 10 AM service. Our younger class is composed of children in kindergarten through third grade, while the older group includes children from fourth grade up and any children not yet confirmed. We have excellent, experienced teachers on board for both groups. Both teachers and shepherds have completed or are in the process of completing the required Safe Church training. We use the Whirl curriculum materials, which are relevant for all ages and focus on applying faith in daily life as well addressing the questions and challenges that arise in our Christian formation. Children in preschool and younger go to the Nursery where care is available at both the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate All-age worship, which includes children and families in all aspects of the service. Sunday School is held on the second, third and fourth (and fifth) Sunday of the month. Nicole Densmore, our Director of Youth Music, often shares a song with the children prior to Sunday School. Nicole is an extraordinarily gifted teacher, musician, and singer and works her magic with children from the New London area whenever they practice or perform for the Upbeat Youth choir. Contact Ellen Yenawine.

The High School Youth Group meets after the 10 AM Sunday service, exploring their faith and applying it to their lives. There are several opportunities throughout the year to participate in retreats, service trips and other faith-enriching programs. Upcoming activities are listed on their page on our website. At least twice a semester, they get together to do something fun – sledding, movie night or apple picking. Contact Lisa Kelly.

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The **Phillips Brooks** partnership brings inner-city middle school children to the New London area for outdoor adventures. They have come for day or overnight trips enjoying climbing Mt. Kearsarge, swimming, being challenged by a rope course and barbequing. See more details on page 2 of this issue.



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