

NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S July—August 2019

Jay's Say:

There were days during my sabbatical where I spent twelve hours immersed in Scripture — and enjoyed every minute of it. But most days were more balanced with exercise in the morning and study in the afternoon and evening.

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One March morning I shared the chairlift at Keystone with a young woman from Salida, Colorado. I was excited about the sixteen inches of fluffy snow. But Sage enthused about the prospect of whitewater rafting in the summer when the snow melted.

Her excitement was infectious. My maiden trip to New Mexico had been arranged long before. Taos, Villanueva and Abiquiu were on the itinerary. As it happens, these towns sit along the Rio Grande, Pecos and Chama rivers respectively. So I learned to kayak and enjoyed beautiful excursions down the Rio Grande and Pecos and a wild whitewater ride down the Chama from Christ in the Desert Monastery.

When asked by friends to go cross-country and back-country skiing, I confess my laziness. "I like to defeat gravity with that chairlift under my backside." And I don't spend much time kayaking against the current.

Growing a church can feel like hard work in this day and age. Our secular culture feels less and less need for God. Engaging young families is a particular challenge when forty percent of workers labor on the weekends and children's activities are routinely scheduled on Sunday mornings.

When the Keystone powder got chopped up by mid-morning, I shouldered my skis and hiked from the top of the Outback lift toward an adjoining peak. It was a slow and exhausting slog along that saddle ridge at 12,000 feet. But then I stepped into my bindings and dropped off the ridge to experience 2,000 vertical feet of bliss — floating down through the pristine beauty of God's glittering creation.

That sense of buoyancy is God's gift. Even in times of difficulty — *especially* in times of difficulty — we are somehow lifted up and sustained, and it's God's doing not ours.

St. Andrew's is struggling against the current of our culture. It's a challenge to connect with the unchurched. But unless we do so, whole generations may miss out on God's loving, liberating and life-giving presence.

Parish Updates

Funerals

May

John "Jack" Liberman

Ada "Dusty" Logan

June

Samuel Fleming

George Robertson

Charlton "Rink" Reynders

Joan Fellows

Barbara "Bobbie" Gallup



John Chiarella	1
Billy Kelly	2
Frances Wilson	3
Jeanne Edwards	6
Ginny Register	6
Jacqueline Thompson	6
Shirley Avery	7
Chloe Midgett	8
Gregory Vogt	8
Troy Densmore	12
Kate Kelly	12
Stevie Spina	14
Nonie Reynders	15
FiFi Mitchell	22
Claire Pace	23
Jerry Coogan	27
Anne Hall	27
Susan Clark	31

Parish Birthdays



Julie Boardman	2
George Sutherland	4
Julia Koumrian	9
Becky Forbes	10
Jeremy Kellett	10
Suza Bowser	14
Kathryn Potter	15
Ann Feeley-Kieffer	16
Kathleen Hunter	17
John Tilley	17
Erin Wheeler	18
Priscilla Ohler	19
Janet Miller Haines	20
Tricia Tilley	21
Michele Frenkiewich	22
Jacob Densmore	23
Janie Webster	24
Bobbie Hambley	28

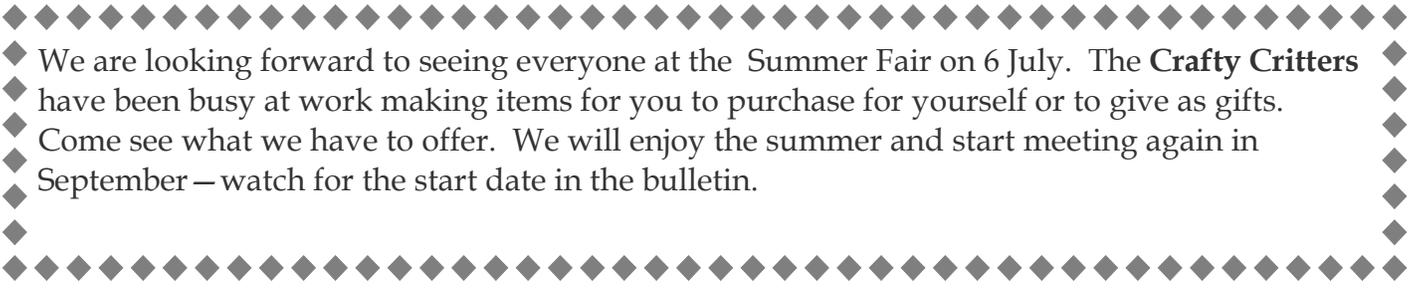
Phillips Brooks Partnership

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. Sign-up sheets to help with food are on the table in the hall. And we hope that many of us--both adults and kids--will plan to participate in activities with them. — *Becky Rylander*



Our annual **Summer Fair**, a major fund-raiser and church/community get-together, takes place 6 July. You can shop among attic treasures, books, baked goods, hand-crafted items, plants and more . . . See you there, 9 AM to 2 PM!

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 Elizabeth Lowell, Deb Ransom, Becky Rylander, Greg Vogt and Karen Zurheide. Their contact information is in the 2018 St. Andrew's Parish Directory.



We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fair on 6 July. The **Crafty Critters** have been busy at work making items for you to purchase for yourself or to give as gifts. Come see what we have to offer. We will enjoy the summer and start meeting again in September – watch for the start date in the bulletin.

Two Special Places at St. Andrew's

If you always hurry from car door to church door at Saint Andrew's you are missing two special places for meditation and prayer. Slow down, look around, and enjoy our Memorial Garden and the Labyrinth.

The Memorial Garden at the east end of the building, enclosed in the arborvitae hedge, is the spot to be on a summer day. Sit on the granite bench or bring your own chair. Think on the late Will Kieffer's bronze reliefs that proclaim the mystery of faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." Or consider the gifts of nature in lilacs, ferns, hostas, grass, abundant moss, shading birch trees. Rest and renew in the silence.



In the Labyrinth, at the west end of the lawn, take a pilgrimage: walk in silence the continual winding path leading to the destination of the journey, the center, the space to reflect on your spiritual life within. Take a moment to be present, pray, and release whatever troubles your peace of mind. Use the return journey retracing the same path to prepare for re-entry to your daily life, refreshed by a contemplative spiritual interlude in your day. —

Mary Eysenbach



Music and Memory at St. Andrew's

Music and Memory, now in its sixth year, meets each Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:15 in the Parish Hall for shared singing. This year we have sadly lost a few of our dear friends who have died or moved away. Our singing sessions are very informal and features songs from schooldays, Americana, musicals and movies as well as love and folk songs. We welcome new folk who are interested in joining us. There is no charge and refreshments are provided each week. For inquiries about Music and Memory please contact the Church office (526-6344) or Sally Asher.



Last Sunday Looks Ahead

Diocese of the Rio Grande 28 July

The hospitality ministry to refugee families in the Diocese of the Rio Grande is our Outreach recipient the *Last Sunday* in July. The Diocese itself (www.dioceserg.org) includes much of New Mexico and southwestern Texas. It is centered in Albuquerque, where both the Diocesan offices and the Diocesan retreat center, the Bosque Center, are housed in the same adobe facility in a quiet and tranquil landscape.

We read frequently of the surge of migrants on the U.S.-Mexican border. Seldom do we read what happens after the families are "processed" (no criminal activity identified, electronic ankle bracelets attached and a hearing date set with an immigration judge) and released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol. St. Andrew's Outreach Commission members always research potential *Last Sunday* recipients and, in this particular instance, we have learned that the care of these Central American families falls largely to faith organizations. Along with El Paso and other borderland cities, Albuquerque is a major location for the reception of refugee families.

Rio Grande's response to this humanitarian crisis has been to "fling wide the portals of their heart." In addition to a borderlands ministry, for five or six long week-ends of the year the Bosque Center is a pilgrims' inn, receiving the weary, hungry, foot-sore families from south of the border who are fed, body and soul. Three nourishing meals a day, comfortable beds, welcoming arms and smiles, a shared Eucharist: all the hallmarks of Christian hospitality. The transformation from despair to hope is visible. Thus renewed, they move on to the next steps of their journey, usually to family sponsors, by bus, train or airplane.

At the time of their diocesan convention, Rio Grande had not budgeted these receptions. While a chef volunteers his talents and others give their time and service, expenses such as food, air mattresses, extra blankets, and especially items for baby and toddler care, still need to be covered. Donations, from within and beyond the Diocese, make this hospitality possible. The Outreach Commission here at St. Andrew's hopes that we will embrace this opportunity to share in Rio Grande's gracious and compassionate welcome. Our *Last Sunday* Outreach offering on 28 July, to be matched by an anonymous donor, will be given to this ministry. — *Elizabeth Lowell*

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

Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis (HMMM) 25 August

In August of 2018, we gave our *Last Sunday* offering to Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis (HMMM) which sponsors Clinique Saint Esprit in Croix des Bouquets (on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince) in Haiti. We will do the same this year! But, before we share information about this remarkable clinic, we think it is important to explain the background about what the media reports about demonstrations in Haiti. Usually, we hear only about the violence. There is history we would do well to understand:

Petrocaribe, a 2006 agreement with Venezuela, permitted the Haitian government to buy Venezuelan oil at 60% of the purchase price within three months and pay the remainder over 25 years at 1% interest. The funds were to be used for infrastructure in education, health, sanitation, and agriculture. Haitians expected improvement in all those sectors. Instead, the funds have disappeared, and the money now owed to Venezuela totals \$2 billion. The 2018 and 2019 demonstrations, called "manifestations" in Haiti, are usually on national holidays reflecting the country's successful battles against the French in the early 1800s. The manifestations by Haitian citizens began peacefully, but were infiltrated at various times by violent protesters. Fuel, for cooking and for driving, is at a premium. With a 15% inflation rate over the past year, food and water are more expensive than ever and difficult to access. Outrage at government officials and politicians understandably persists.

With this as backdrop, the role of Clinique Saint Esprit becomes ever more vital. Good medical care is difficult to find and hard to access in Haiti. But, Clinique Saint Esprit is located within a dense population who walk for treatment. And that treatment is extensive: general primary care, pre- and post-natal care, a well-baby clinic, required childhood vaccinations, dental care, speech pathology and rehabilitation therapy. One day a month, there is cataract surgery. There are also exercise classes and community outreach education.

The 35-member Haitian staff of doctors, dentists, dental technicians, nurses, midwives and physical therapists offer quality care to 200-300 patients daily. That's 1,000-1,500 people per week! On an annual budget of \$250,000.

Physicians' annual salaries of \$18,000-\$20,000 are substantial by Haitian standards. And, St. Andrew's has been helping to support a pediatrician here since 2012. A relatively new mother herself, Dr. Moise is one of two pediatricians on the staff.

This clinic is one of Haiti's success stories. It has created a foundation and infrastructure for strong continuing health care. Its all-native staff is testimony to the dedication and determination of Haitians to help their fellow countrymen. In fact, the more that Haitians can care competently for one another and put money into their own economy, the greater the opportunity for sustainability down the road.

Please pray for the work of Clinique Saint Esprit and consider giving a generous donation to Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis (HMMM) on 25 August, when the value of your gift will be doubled by a match from an anonymous donor.

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

The Wardens' Words:

Your Vestry has commenced two critical reviews that will have a long-term impact on the Saint Andrew's family and facilities. Recently, structural problems with the bell tower at Old Saint Andrew's (OSA, at right) have come to light. Using the services of qualified professionals, an assessment of the future life of OSA including safety issues is being conducted under the leadership of Harvey Best and Bruce Avery. This process will end with a detailed report with costs, schedules and recommended priorities first to the Vestry and then to church membership.

A similar potential safety hazard exists concerning the concrete steps and patio (below, left) on the Gould Road side of the main church where New England weather issues have taken their toll. The process described above is also at play here.



A Level II Energy Audit has recently been completed at Gould Road. The audit reviewed the entire range of energy issues from windows and doors to types of lighting, sources of power (oil, propane, and/or solar), insulation, heating and cooling. The audit made a series of recommendations regarding cost-effective and appropriate improvements called Energy Efficiency Measures or EEMs. Fifteen EEMs were identified in four categories – Building Envelope Upgrades, Mechanical System Upgrades, Electrical System Upgrades and Renewable Energy System Upgrades. A Task Force has been charged with studying the report in detail and reporting their recommendations at the July 2019 meeting of the Vestry. Task Force members are Harvey Best, Lisa Kelly, Ed Hoyt, Woody Canaday, Greg Vogt and Bruce Avery.

Blessings, *Marni Eaton and Bruce Avery*

St. Andrew's **Thursday Tots**, now at the end of its sixth year, breaks for the summer and will be back on Thursday, 5 September, after Labor Day weekend. It has been a wonderful year with many newcomers – moms, dads, grandparents, nannies, babies and toddlers.

Thursday Tots meets from 10 to 11:30 in the Parish Hall each Thursday morning, following the school calendar for closures. We are an informal, friendly playgroup for babies, toddlers and preschoolers attending with their parents and carers. Cost is \$1.00. Refreshments of coffee and tea are provided with opportunities for play and chat, and we always finish with a fun round of singing.



With our \$1.00 weekly charge we have accumulated income which gives us an opportunity to donate to a chosen cause.

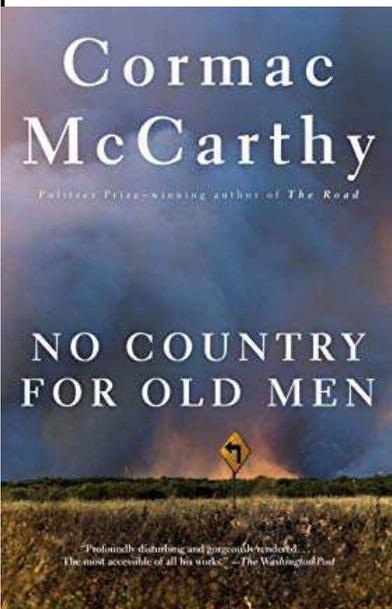
Once again we have chosen El Hogar in Honduras, an organization which provides homes and schooling for some 250 children who would otherwise be living on the street. Thursday tots is excited to have joined with St. Andrew's Last Sunday Outreach offering in June, and our group's donation of \$250 will be matched by an anonymous donor (as all Last Sunday offerings are – see May-June *Network* for more about El Hogar).

As our tots year comes to an end for the summer, we would like to extend our thanks to Barbara Smith for her kindness in preparing coffee for the group each Thursday. Thank you, Barbara!

Happy Summer, everyone! – *Sally Asher*

Reel and Novel Theology

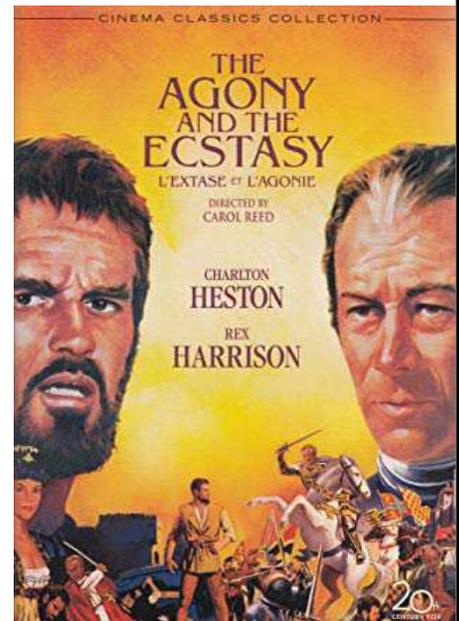
Please join us on 10 July for a discussion of the novel *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy.



We will review the "reel" *The Agony and the Ecstasy* on 14 August.

We meet at 7 PM in the parish hall.

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.

Calendar of Events

July:

9/10 and 16/17 (Tuesday/Wednesday) - Phillips Brooks visitors (*see p. 2*)

26 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen

28 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, open plate to benefit Diocese of Rio Grande (*see p. 4*)

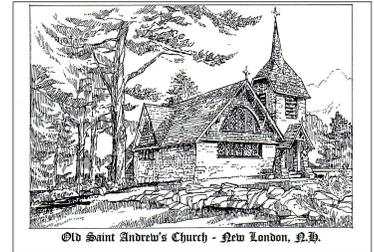
August:

10 (Wednesday) - Novel Theology, 7 PM (*see p. 7*)

25 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, open plate to benefit HMMM (*see p. 5*)



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Monday to Friday 12 Noon Midday Prayer ▼ **Mondays** 6 PM Meditation
Wednesdays 10 AM Music & Memory; 5:30 PM Informal Cookouts
Saturdays 5 PM Worship at Epiphany, Newport
Sundays 9 AM Summer Choir Practice

Our next visit to the Friendly Kitchen is planned for Friday, 26 July. 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**

July: Cereal and Baked Beans

August: Hearty Soups, Stews & Chili

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,

It is summertime! The solstice is past, Midsummer is here, and the days begin to grow shorter. As we head into this new season, I want to remind you of an opportunity for service in our church. You may have seen this notice in the Sunday bulletin:

SUMMER CHOIR BEGINS. If you'd like to sing in the choir, please join us at 9 AM on Sunday mornings in July and August. Anyone who wishes is invited to participate in this worship ministry. We will rehearse the hymns and choral music for the day, and prepare to support the people's song as we celebrate Christ among us.

At our last Thursday night rehearsal for the spring, the Choir and I had a reading session. We had fun singing through more than a dozen anthems. We chose ten of these pieces for the summer Sundays: some old, some new, some even a little blue. Each piece can easily be prepared in a few minutes' time on a Sunday morning. It is our hope that you will join us whenever you can. If you have the desire to sing, we are here for you.

Summer Choir is an *ad hoc* group: there is no commitment beyond 9-11:30 AM on a summer Sunday morning. Of course, you are most welcome to spend as many Sunday mornings with us as you like. Please consider joining the Summer Choir.

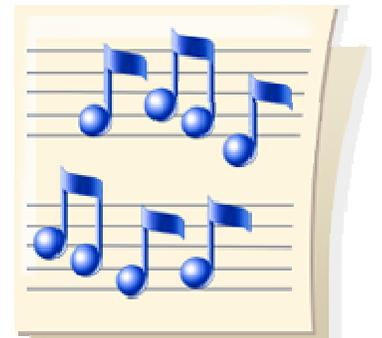
The Parish Choir of St. Andrew's meets to rehearse on Thursday evenings, September through June. There is always a need for singers in all voice parts. Please consider joining us in the fall. Our first rehearsal will be on 5 September. Rehearsals begin at 7 PM.

If you can only commit to singing for a short period – say 4-6 weeks – we can make adjustments to accommodate you. While the ability to read music is helpful, a sense of curiosity and a loving heart are *far* more important qualifications.

Please bear in mind that the choir meets weekly in order to prepare its music in advance. We usually spend 4-5 weeks getting music ready for a given service – more than that, depending on the nature of the music involved.

If you have further questions about singing with the choir, please contact me or speak with a Choir member.

Peace and Love,
David



THE TEMPTATIONS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Off in the wilderness bare and level,
Anthony wrestled with the Devil.
Once he'd beaten the Devil down,
Anthony'd turn his eyes toward town
And leave his hermitage now and then
To come to grips with the souls of men.

Afterwards, all the tales agree,
Wrestling the Devil seemed to be
Quite a relief to Anthony.

This poem by Phyllis McGinley, as found in her 1956 (originally published in 1951) volume entitled *The Love Letters of Phyllis McGinley*, was shared with Jay by "Chip" Edward Ordman recently.



Sunday School

Through Eastertide and Pentecost, we have been examining Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the relevance of each of these transforming events in our lives. Our last day of Sunday school was 9 June, when we celebrated our teachers and shepherds for their faithful service. Sunday school will resume on 8 September.



Faith Adventures is our interdenominational middle-school youth group for youngsters in sixth through eighth grade. Our leaders include Steve and Nancy Allenby, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Maguire and Ellen 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, 23 June, the Yenawines hosted an End-of-Year Picnic at their Little Sunapee beach.



Youth On Main (YOM) is an interdenominational initiative serving the Lake Sunapee area communities. YOM invites middle-school youth to join us for events on the second Saturday of each month. Leaders include Lynn Wenger, Teresa Jackson, and Ellen Yenawine. This group is supported by Our Lady of Fatima, First Baptist, and St. Andrew's churches.

YOM does not meet during the summer but will be posting upcoming events in August for the coming year.

Details will be confirmed each month, published in the Kearsarge Shopper, and sent via email. Please RSVP and bring a friend!

To sign up your sixth through eighth grader or for more information contact Ellen Yenawine.

— Ellen Yenawine



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