



The Net Tender

Newsletter of St. Andrew & St. John Episcopal Church

June 2011

ST. ANDREW & ST. JOHN GARAGE SALE Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th

As you read this we will be in the final throes of putting the 2011 Garage Sale together for this year's event to be held at Priscilla Trafton's home at 40 Seal Cove Road. The tents will go up on Thursday morning, June 9 (please call Ted Bromage 244-3227 if you can help erect them). The sale will be open for business from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. We always appreciate any additional help you'd be willing to offer; especially muscular souls throughout the day (mostly Friday) who can help lift and load some of the heavier objects into customer's vehicles. Please give me a call if you can help set up, sell, load, and/or clean up afterwards.

Mary Mitchell, 244-9951

YARD SALE NUMBER ONE!

June 10 and 11 from 7:00-3:00 PM at 40 Seal Cove Road

Help Needed!

Call Mary Mitchell 244-9951

Items are still being collected for the sale and may be dropped off and put in the garage at 40 Seal Cove Road.



Ted Fletcher and Gail Leiser, Senior Wardens for St. John's and St. Saviour's.

CALLING A PRIEST WITH ST. SAVIOR'S

For over a year now, the parish and vestry have pondered St. Andrew and St. John's future need for clergy, as well as its role as one of four small Episcopal parishes on Mt. Desert Island. After much discussion and prayer, following the six-month experimental period of sharing among the MDI parishes and a joint meeting with the vestry of St. Savior's, the vestry passed the following resolution unanimously at its meeting on March 26:

"The Vestry of St. Andrew and St. John affirms its commitment to collaborate with St. Saviour's in joint mission on Mount Desert Island. Goals for this collaboration include but are not limited to, jointly calling and working with clergy, exploration of common outreach, and investigating ways to share staff."

Below you will find a set of "Talking Points" on the plan to call a "shared" priest-in-charge written by Gail Leiser, Senior Warden for St. Saviour's. I provide those points here in the hope that they may answer some questions and ease some fears. Some specific questions, such as, what kind of schedule will the priest have? how many services will each parish have? are unanswerable at this time. They will be addressed in due season, often in consultation with the newly hired priest.

We on the vestry are eager to hear everyone's concerns, so that we can make well-informed decisions on these and other parish matters. The vestry makes parish decisions concerning finances, calling of clergy, and program. We are grateful for the opportunities we have had to discuss these changes together. Over the next few months, we will certainly continue addressing our hopes and fears about calling a priest-in-charge with St. Savior's, as well as the fears some of us have about what happens if we fail to seize this opportunity for constructive change.

Talking Points about Collaborative Ministry with St. Saviour's

Immediate Goal:

The immediate goal is to call a Priest-in-Charge for a specific period of time (most likely 3 years) to serve the parishes of St. Saviour's and St. John & St. Andrew. Once the Priest-in-Charge is in place, the Vestries of both churches would work with him/her to figure out what additional clergy and/or lay support is needed to meet the needs of the parishes.

What will be the benefits of working together

1. A reduction in payroll cost, because we will be sharing clergy salary. Other cost-saving opportunities might be found through combining some administrative duties (although any change in staffing would most likely be through attrition, not lay-offs).

2. Expanded educational opportunities (Ex. Bible study groups that meet at both churches, but at different times, each week. If you can't go to the group at St. Saviour's, you could go to St. John's and still be getting the same lesson.)
3. Expanded opportunities for mission work (More hands working together to accomplish a goal)
4. Expansion of the Episcopal "brand" on the island as more people share common education, outreach and worship.

What will remain the same

1. Each church will maintain its own Vestry and control over its own financial affairs. Vestries may consult with one another on various issues, but final decisions will remain with each individual parish.
2. We anticipate that each church will maintain weekly Sunday services.
3. Each Parish will maintain its own identity.

What will change

1. Both churches will be working with less than full-time clergy support, so there will not be a clergy person on campus full-time at each church. Lay members and administrative staff will most likely have to take on more responsibility for the day-to-day work of the church.
2. Worship services, other than one Sunday morning service, will have to be looked at and figured out. We cannot assume that one Priest-in-charge will be able to provide 4 Sunday morning services; if an assistant clergy person is called, there may be expanded possibilities.
3. One Parish will not have a clergy person living in its Rectory.

What will happen in the meantime

1. We are looking at bringing in some high-profile people to preach throughout the summer in a "Stellar Preaching Series". In the best case scenario, a well-known theologian would conduct some kind of an intimate teaching opportunity at St. John's during the week, then preach at St. Saviour's on Sunday. (Jonathan would preach at St. John's that day.) Doing this will give St. Saviour's an opportunity to hear new voices (like St. John's has done for the past year) and for St. John's to hear a consistent voice.
2. We anticipate that Jonathan will begin offering office hours over at St. John's on a weekly basis once Emily Blair's contract ends on July 31st.
3. We will try to find 2-3 supply clergy to fill in the time between when Jonathan leaves and when a new Priest-in-Charge arrives. The idea is to have consistency and familiarity, for both parishes, during that time.
4. We plan to establish regular office hours at both St. Saviour's and St. John's, maintained by the same clergy person in each parish, to offer pastoral care during the time between when Jonathan leaves and a new Priest-in-Charge is called. We are very concerned about and aware of the

need for parishioners to have the opportunity for a relationship with the person providing pastoral care at both the Parishes.

What if

1. What if we enter into a contract with a Priest-in-Charge for both Parishes and we decide we don't like being so closely related: *At the end of the contract period we can sever our relationship with St. Saviour's and start back up the traditional way.*
2. What if we absolutely love the Priest-in-Charge and want him/her to stay beyond the contract period? *At the end of the contract period, the Priest-in-Charge will be eligible to apply for a more permanent position.*

Proposed Timeline for a Search

May & June: Two vestries individually develop ranked list of priorities and skills/gifts that they would like to see met or achieved in filling the position:

July: Joint meeting with the vestries to arrive at common profile or description of the position in one document.

Late July: Diocese provides response to the document

August Vestry meetings:

1. Vestries individually approve position description and ranked priorities.
2. Vestries name interview team

Late August/Early September: Joint Parish meeting to share description, answer questions, respond to concerns, etc.

Mid-Late October: Short list from Diocese to Interview Committee

November & December: Interviews

January:

In a best-case scenario, a new Priest-in-Charge begins serving both Parishes.

We too hope to have and share an exciting list of visiting clergy this summer.

Faithfully,

Ted Fletcher

Birthdays

JUNE

- 1—Ted Bromage
- 7— Nicole Carreno
- 11—John Hewlett
- 15—Mary Vekasi
- 16—BJ Fallica
- 24—Ted Fletcher
- 25—Jim Vekasi
- 27—Dean Henry
- 27—Bill Voorhies

Wedding Anniversaries

JUNE

- 7—Dana and Kathryn Hiscock
- 9—Chloe and Scott Hatcher
- 27—Bill and Diane Krueger
- 29—Lee and Anne Judd
- 30—Sam and Mary Lawrence

CLEAN UP DAYS

A Big Thank You to Jean Rohrer, Dean Henry, Ann Cox-Halkett, Barbara Campbell, Scott Hatcher and Ted Fletcher for cleaning up St. John's on April 30th!

Please come and get St. Andrew's ready for the summer season on Saturday June 11th from 8:30 - noon. Call Ann Cox Halkett at 288-5832 to get more information.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- With three of us boys born within 2-1/2 years, my childhood home was the neighborhood sports center.
- I've been in the construction business for the past 45 years.
- For a couple of years, I supervised 150 men while wearing a skirt and flip-flops.
- I have been rich in daughters.
- I've spent part of almost every winter in Florida for 60 years.
- My favorite hobby includes four part harmony.

Who Am I?

THE WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY

The Mission statement of St Andrew and St John: *"To worship God and to help people"*

Our outreach ministry, the Westside Food Pantry, has completed its 21st season serving neighbors in need from the towns of Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Mt Desert. We can be proud of the work that we do. We serve these communities from November-April by giving out vouchers that are redeemable at Gott's Store, Sawyer's Market and the Southwest Foodmart. Recipients may spend their vouchers on any item other than tobacco products, gas and alcohol.

Our food pantry started the voucher system in 1994. This system has several advantages. With the vouchers, folks may buy what makes sense for them and their families. Because vouchers are redeemable at the three Southwest Harbor grocery stores, we have brought extra income to these essential stores in the slow, winter months. The extra business generated on food pantry Sundays creates the need for more staff. That extra work is also a boon over the winter months when jobs are scarce. And, because we give out vouchers, we do not require the storage space that other traditional food pantries need.

This past season (November 2010-April 2011) we gave out \$107,000 worth of vouchers to our neighbors in need. This is a \$30,000 increase over last year's totals. We have had to cash in CD's and take money from our savings account to cover the cost.

How can you help?

Please consider a donation to our extremely essential outreach ministry. If you have never donated to the Westside Food Pantry, please put us on the top of your list of new donations. If you have donated before, thank you! Please consider increasing your donation, and please talk to your friends about the important work that we do.

All donations are tax-deductible. 100% of your donation goes to our friends and neighbors in need. All administrative tasks are handled by volunteers (most of whom come from our church) and Michele in the office.

Please make checks payable to **Westside Food Pantry**, and mail to PO Box 767, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. If you have questions about any aspect of the Westside Food Pantry, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank you very much,

Co-chairs

Susan Buell, 244-3124

Dean Henry, 244-3539

RAFFLE FOR THE WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY

Seal Cove artist and Department of Labor muralist, Judy Taylor, has donated an original, signed watercolor (29" by 36") to the **Westside Food Pantry**. The framed painting is titled, "*Bell House at Hockomock Head*", Swan's Island, Maine. The painting is valued at \$3,500. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Proceeds will help the Westside Food Pantry assist our neighbors in need from Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Mt Desert.

The drawing will be October 23, 2011. Tickets are available at St John's Church office, the Bass Harbor

Library, Jackson Lab, and Sawyer's Market, and from Susan Buell, Jean Rohrer, and Barbara Campbell. Starting June 17th, we will be selling tickets at the farmers' market in the church parking lot. We are very grateful to Judy for this very generous donation to our outreach ministry. Please stop by the Judy Taylor Studio, 1517 Tremont Road in Seal Cove.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 5

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John's
Confirmation of Margaret Fletcher and Ezra Halkett
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11
The Right Rev. Stephen Taylor Lane

Pentecost Sunday, June 12

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John's
Psalm 104:25-35, 37b; Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23
The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Trinity Sunday, June 19

8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew-by-the-Lake

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 8; Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20
The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Pentecost 2, June 26

8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew-by-the-Lake
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 13; Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
The Rev. Emily Blair Stribling

Thursdays: 12:30 p.m.—Healing Service

VESTRY BULLETS

- Fred Benson gave a report on the *Open Hearts Open Doors* Capital Campaign
- Jim Vekasi proposed the following: “*the Vestry resolves to approve the schematic design as recommended by the Design and Construction Committee and approves of the plan to seek a building permit and a variance of necessary.*” The vestry approved the proposal.
- Further conversation regarding shared ministry.
- The garden shall lie fallow for a year.

Floy Ervin

Evensong on May 23rd ...

honored Frances Perkins whose feast day was May 13th. Here is the Episcopal prayer for Frances Perkins on her feast day:

Loving God, we bless your Name for Frances Perkins, who lived out her belief that the special vocation of the laity is to conduct the secular affairs of society that all may be maintained in health and decency. Help us, following her example, to contend tirelessly for justice and for the protection of all in need, that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



QUIETSIDE FAIR @ ST. JOHN'S SATURDAY, JULY 16th

The four-day Harbor House Flamingo Festival begins on Friday, July 15th, followed on Saturday the 16th by the Flamingo Parade, which will lead the community to our **Quietside Fair at St. John's at 10:00 a.m.** Once again Jim Vekasi, Fred Benson and friends will make wonderful music from the steps of the church. Our visitors (and we hope customers) will find the Plant Sale, Basket Raffle, Silent Auction, Handicrafts, Antique Boutique and the ubiquitous Treasure Trove open for business. Besides the opportunities above, our guests can quaff lemonade and satisfy their hunger with pies and other baked goodies. This is a major fundraiser for St. Andrew & St. John and again, part of this year's profit will go to the Hancock County Medical Mission. Your volunteer help is always appreciated, and if you haven't yet signed up, call Mary Mitchell (244 9951).

TREASURER'S REPORT

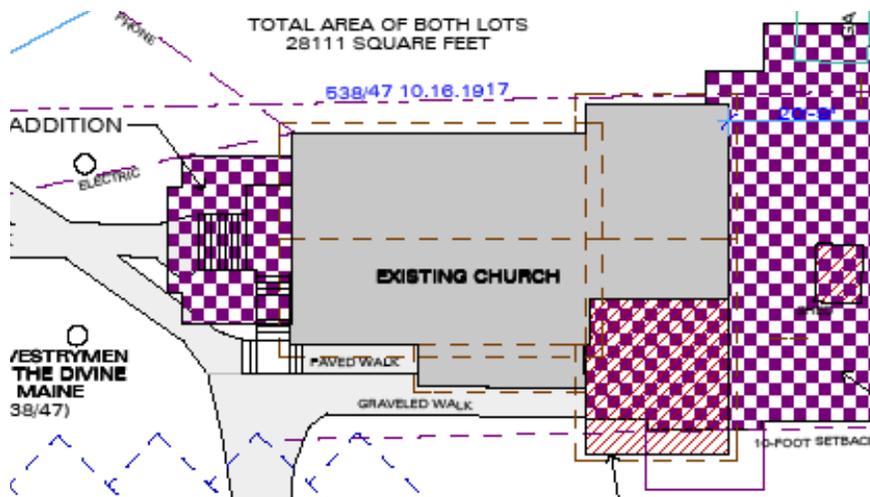
The operating budget is in good shape with pledge income on target. We are currently about \$2,000 on the good side of our adopted 2011 budget.

Blessings Fund provides opportunities to share good fortune like a graduation, a marriage, a memorial, or recuperation. One recent donation cited "Five graduations and three good jobs."

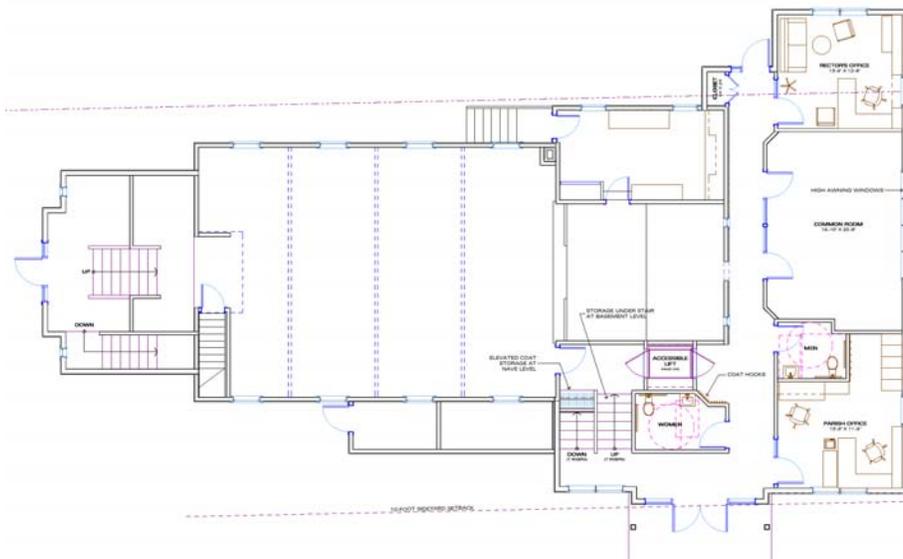
CONTRA DANCE AT ST. SAVIOURS

St. Saviour's and St. John's will host a contra-dance on Friday June 17 from 7-10 PM. The dance will be held at St. Saviour's in the nave and Big Moose Contra Dance Band will play lively music with Lindsay Eyesnogle from Isleford calling the dance. Lindsay will teach basic steps from 7:00 - 7:30. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to come. The event is free and refreshments will be served. If you want to help set-up please call Lynn Graham (288-4950) and she will gladly say, "Yes, Please Come and Help".

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE



The committee has worked with architect and builder Todd Hardy to develop a recommended schematic design. The floor plan and perspective drawings have been shown to the Vestry and Forum attendees with good reviews. We are proceeding with the building permit application and Fire Marshal review.





HOUSING NEEDED FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

St. John's and Pemetic School have been the program bases for Arthur Russell Strings, a one week summer chamber music program for young people from grades 6-12. The program is in its 14th year of providing top-notch professional coaching and performance opportunities for talented young local and nearby Maine musicians. House parents are needed this summer to house one or more students and two faculty members coming this summer from July 3 through 8. Students are carefully matched to support your home or family situation and group recreational activities are provided in addition to the full day music program. In previous years many in the St. John's community have enjoyed this opportunity to share their homes while also being part of a week of great chamber music. For more information, please call Kate Henry (244-3702) or Abigail Curless (244-0454).

The photo is in St. John's -- young local musician being coached by Bangor Symphony Orchestra member, cellist Noreen Silver.

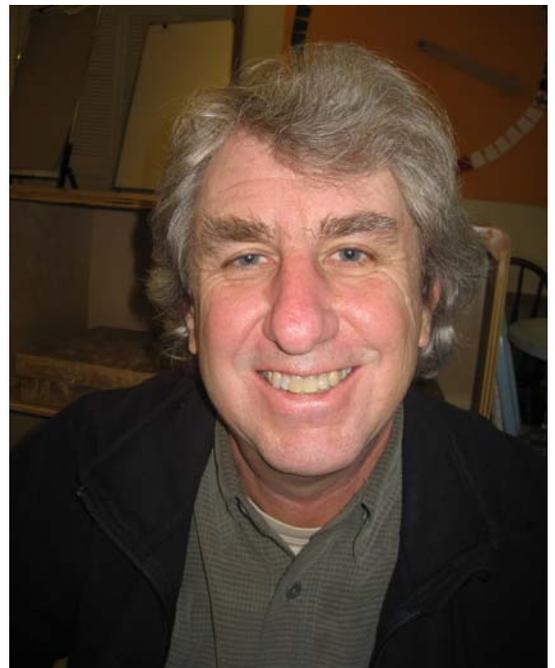
THE LIGHTER SIDE...

When a woman decided to send the old family Bible to her brother in another state, the postal worker asked her if there was anything breakable in the package. "Only the Ten Commandments," she replied.

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as her read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago..." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed honey, he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Father O'Malley answers the phone. "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?" "It is." "This is the IRS. Can you help us?" "I can." "Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" "I do." "Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is." "Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?" "He will."

Who Am I?



Jim Vekasi

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Deadline for articles for July Net Tender is June 26th

FARMER'S MARKET RETURNS

Friday, June 17, 9:00-1:00



JUNE MEETINGS:

Quietside Planning Committee – Saturday, June 4 at 8:30 a.m.

St John Singers—Mondays, June 13 and 27, from 5:00-6:00.

Come practice the hymns and service music for upcoming Sundays.

Everyone is always welcome to join us.

Vestry – June 16 at 6:00 p.m.