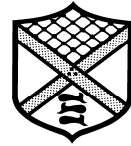


The Weekly "E" – April 16, 2008

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MISSION: As a community in Christ, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church offers a spiritual home for those seeking to celebrate God's love, participate in joyful fellowship, and faithfully serve those in need, near and far.

**DID YOU GET YOUR COPY OF THE FINANCIAL "E" FOR APRIL 9TH ?
IT IS A REPRINT OF THE PRESENTATION DOCUMENTS FOR
THE FINANCIAL FORUM GIVEN ON SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH.
FINANCIAL "E" BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

**EVERY SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN THE CENTER:
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SURVEY DISCUSSIONS**
Please join us and make sure your voice is heard!

Come and hear about how Saint Andrew's compares to other churches throughout the USA – in terms of spiritual life, programs, outreach and hopes for the future.

Share your views on what we should be looking for in our new rector, help us to make the most of who we are and where we are going.

There will be four one-hour sessions, all in the Parish Center, each addressing a different element of our parish life:

- Building Spiritual Connections** — Sun. April 13, 9:00am OR Wed. April 16, 7:00pm
- Building Inside Connections** — Sun. April 20, 9:00am OR Wed. April 23, 7:00pm
- Building Outside Connections** — Sun. April 27, 9:00am OR Wed. April 30, 7:00pm
- Building Identity Connections** — Sun. May 4, 9:00am OR Wed. May 7, 7:00pm

*Dottie and Roger Barney
would be honored if our Church family would join us on Sunday, April 20
for a reception to celebrate our April 12th marriage.
We will have cake, punch, and goodies in the Center after the 10am service.*

SARATOGA SYMPHONY & ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR JOINT CONCERT
Sunday, April 20, at 2 pm at St. Andrew's
Featured on the program will be "Dona Nobis Pacem" by local composer, Lothar Banderemann, in memory of the Rev. Dr. Kristin Sundquist, Director of Music from 1993—2003.

Our prayers for healing are with **Meg Ebner (Bob & Jill Ebenhahn's daughter), Chuck Rogers, George Buljan, Jorge Helmer, Dean Duckett, Bill Slagle, Jan Seamons, Walter Hulsenberg, David Knapp, Jane Blaisdell, Marge Kundtz, Fran Reynolds, Gary Rubio, and Bob Chartrand.**

Our prayers for comfort are with **Norman Anderson's Family** and with **Gordon Case** and family for the loss of Gordon's sister. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

If you have any Pastoral Care information to report, please call the Church Office at 408-867-3493. **For an after-office-hours EMERGENCY, please call 408-291-8099.**

KOINON intercessory prayer contact for April is Charlene Raisch 408-356-3064.

Pastoral Care Update: We are under way! Many Pastoral Care Volunteers have received Safe Church Training as well as training in listening skills. Our first group of Pastoral Care Visitors have been assigned to home visits. As a reminder, Pastoral Care offers a wide range of assistance including: hospital and home visits, cooking, phoning, reading, transportation, errands, computer assistance, financial advice, and respite care. If you, or someone you know, could use assistance in any of these areas please contact a member of the Pastoral Care Committee:

Marian Abbott (867-1848, mabbott39@comcast.net), Margaret Clark (867-3812, clarkmab@sbcglobal.net), Harry Van Wickle, (867-2894, hvw11@comcast.net)

PLEASE COME to meet and hear **Richard Hoff** from **Episcopal Relief and Development** tell us about their organization and how donations from Women Helping Women can best be utilized. The date is **4/22/08**, Tuesday, in the Parish Center at **4:00 P.M.** It will last about one hour and can enlighten us about the group that we support faithfully.



"SCHOOL DAYS" – COMING YOUR WAY SOON!

Watch for ticket sales coming soon for **ECW's Annual Luncheon** headed your way on **May 15**. Enjoy box lunches and musical entertainment by Saint Andrew's School.

THOSE EPISKOPOLS: A class for anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. Come join us for fun discussions and delicious desserts! Buy your copy of *Those Episkopols* at the special price of \$8 from the Church Office. Why do Episcopalians read their prayers? Why don't Episcopalians act more religious? Does God like all that ritual? Are there any Episcopalians in Heaven? And other topics written with humor and insight. **Classes take place in the Center from 7 to 8:30pm on the following dates: Tuesday, April 22: Chapters 5 & 6 continued, Tuesday, April 29: Chapters 7 & 8, and Tuesday, May 6: Chapters 9, 10 & 11.**

Ruth/Rachel Guild will meet at Belmont Village 1039 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale 94087, on **Thurs. April 17 at 11:00 (note the earlier start time!)** Please RSVP to Sylvia Chadwick 408-356-5431 or Sylvia Moore 408-356-0807. **Esther/Leah Guild** will meet at Jean Hankey's home 19126 Vineyard Lane, Saratoga, on **Thurs. April 17 at 11:30.** Please RSVP to P. Kaye Connor at 408-379-6275. Anne Hootman is providing the main dish, Anona Roman the salad, and Bobi Vogel the dessert. We are going to view Helen MacCrea's collection of ancient Egyptian clothing and scarves. **Are you interested in visiting one of our women's guilds?** The Women's Guilds are open to all women of Saint Andrew's Parish. If you are interested in visiting the Esther-Leah or Ruth-Rachel Guild call P. Kaye Connor 408-379-6275 or Sylvia Moore 408-356-0807.

A Note From The Senior Warden

Dear Saint Andrew's Family and Friends,

We often read of memorial services or illnesses of our members and sometimes worry that if our members depart, will new members join us? Katie Macheimer, our Director of Children and Youth Ministries, has been reporting in staff meetings about new families coming into our Parish. I asked Katie to quantify this for us. She let me know of eight new families with thirteen children among them that she has dealt with in the past few months. Katie's report reminded me how important it is for each of us to look for new members and be sure that we make them feel welcome. If new member ministry is one to which you feel called, please contact Beth Hopf, who chairs our new member committee, and ask to be included.

At the last Vestry meeting, we also had reports from Vestry members about their Agape Groups. Most groups have met at least twice and seem to be a great venue for meeting new people and discussion. My own group has enjoyed two dinners, and I am getting to know people with whom I had not really spoken before even though we have been members of Saint Andrew's for years. If you have not joined an Agape Group and would like to, please contact Howard Nelson and let him know that you want to be included when the next round of groups are formed.

Phone numbers for Howard and Beth are in the Directory or they can be contacted through the office.

Yours In Christ,
Steve Kottmeier,
Senior Warden

To All the MEN of Saint Andrew's — "SAM" IS BACK!

Saint Andrew's Men ("SAM") will be having a dinner on Thursday, June 5th. Mark your calendar now. It will be in the Center starting at 6 PM. We don't have a menu or price yet, but will have a guest speaker. Sign up now so we will know how many to expect. Also, we would like to borrow 2 or 3 portable barbecues for the evening. Let us know if you have one to share. Join us for good fellowship, good food and a good time! Contact Ray Renwick 408-531-9316 or Ken Cook 408-255-2616 for any questions.

The Community Ministries Board (CMB): There's nothing like a home-cooked meal. **STAR House** is looking for that special someone who is skilled in the kitchen to prepare a tasty and healthy meal for the STAR boys and girls; or, someone who is willing to prepare a meal and drop it off at one of the STAR houses on a regular monthly basis. Most of their kids have a healthy appetite and most are very interested in helping and learning how to cook. Additionally, they need someone to make birthday treats for the STAR kids on a monthly basis. Please contact Regina Gage, STAR Programs, General Manager, at 408-246-4364 ext 102 if you are interested in either one of these opportunities.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Wed. Apr. 16: Bible Study, 6pm, Center
Wed. Apr. 16: Parish Survey Follow-up, 7pm, Parish Center
Thurs. Apr. 17: Men's Group at 6:30am in Memorial Chapel
Thurs. Apr. 17: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
Sat. Apr. 19: "Saturday Night Live" — Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm, Memorial Chapel
Sun. Apr. 20: 5th Sunday of Easter — Holy Eucharist, 8 & 10am, Church
Sun. Apr. 20: Parish Survey Follow-up, 9am in the Center
Sun. Apr. 20: Holy Communion Class, 10am in the Church Portable
Sun. Apr. 20: Special Coffee Hour Celebrating Disher-Barney Wedding, 11:15am, Center
Sun. Apr. 20: Gloria Choir at 11:15am, Music Room & Youth Group at 11:15am in Room 203
Sun. Apr. 20: Saratoga Symphony & St. Andrew's Choir Concert, 2pm, Church
Sun. Apr. 20: Eucharist at the Saratoga Retirement Community, 2pm, with the Holy Communion Class doing a craft project with the residents after the Eucharist
Mon. Apr. 21: Prayer Group at 7:30am at the Saratoga Retirement Community's Center
Mon. Apr. 21: Echo Shop Board, 10am, the Center
Mon. Apr. 21: ECW Finance Meeting, 11:30am, the Center
Mon. Apr. 21: Bells Angels (Bell Choir) at 7pm in the Church
Mon. Apr. 21: EFM in the Church Portable at 7pm
Mon. Apr. 21: Rector Search Committee at 7:30pm, the NET
Tues. Apr. 22: Speaker for ER-D, 4pm, the Center
Tues. Apr. 22: Adult Confirmation Class, 7pm, Center
Wed. Apr. 23: Articles are due for the May edition of *The Evangel*
Wed. Apr. 23: Prayer Shawl Circle, 10am, Church Portable
Wed. Apr. 23: Holy Eucharist, 11:45am in the Chapel
Wed. Apr. 23: Bible Study, 6pm, Center
Wed. Apr. 23: Parish Survey Follow-up, 7pm, Parish Center
Thurs. Apr. 24: Men's Group at 6:30am in Memorial Chapel
Thurs. Apr. 24: ECW By-Laws Review, 9am, Church Portable
Thurs. Apr. 24: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft
Sat. Apr. 26: Confirmation Class: 9am, in the Center
Sat. Apr. 26: "Saturday Night Live" — Holy Eucharist & UTO at 5:30pm, Memorial Chapel
Sun. Apr. 27: 6th Sunday of Easter — Holy Eucharist & UTO Ingathering – 8 & 10 am
Sun. Apr. 27: Parish Survey Follow-up, 9am in the Center
Sun. Apr. 27: Holy Communion Class, 10am in the Church Portable
Sun. Apr. 27: Gloria Choir at 11:15am, Music Room & Youth Group at 11:15am in Room 203

The UTO Ingathering Sunday is Sunday, April 27, so it's time to empty out your UTO box and count up your thank offerings and bring them to church on Sunday the 27th. Pick up a box or envelope in the Narthex and be part of the mission "to expand the circle of thankful people." The **United Thank Offering** is a program of the Episcopal Church founded by and administered by women since 1889. Saint Andrew's takes part in the twice yearly ingathering. Coins and bills in the UTO boxes and envelopes are combined with others at diocesan celebrations and finally with those from all of the Episcopal Church. Every penny of the thank offering goes to support grants for important projects and ministries. Nancy McGuffin is St. Andrew's UTO Chair.



BOOK GROUP

The Saint Andrew's Monthly **Book Group** will meet Tuesday, May 13th, beginning at noon, in the Church Portable, for an informal discussion of Leaving Church by Barbara Brown Taylor. On June 10th, we will discuss Shoot the Moon by Billie Letts. For more information please contact Anne Briggs at 379-5635 or apbriggs@att.net.