

# The Saltire

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

January, 2006

## A Note from the Senior Warden

2006 is the fiftieth anniversary of our parish, and it's already shaping up to be an excellent year. Any year that starts with a Baptism on January 1 is sure to be great.

Fr. Reed is now in California, preparing to go to Iraq in March. Please keep him, Karen, Jonathan, and his Marines in your prayers.

We are blessed to have Fr. Harry Dailey serving as our supply priest during Fr. Reed's absence. I know from talking with many of you how delighted you are to have Fr. Dailey with us. Don't forget that Fr. Dailey is also leading our Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. Currently, we are studying the Acts of the Apostles.

Our parish secretary, Sandra Hoerner, resigned at the end of November, after many years of service to the parish. We thank her for her time with us, and wish her all the best for the future.

The parish office is now staffed five mornings each week with volunteers. We also have a volunteer setting up a new donated computer in the parish office. It's wonderful to see so much participation from parishioners. We have also had recent new volunteers to serve as lay Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, choir members, Sunday school teachers, and Saltire editor. Forgive me if I have forgotten any other new volunteers, and thank you all.

Fear not – there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities within the parish! In this edition of The Saltire, you will find the parish social event calendar for 2006. We need volunteers for all these events, and a sign-up sheet has been posted in Hunsaker Hall.

As we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary, it is essential that we plan for growth. We will discuss our planning process at the annual parish meeting on January 29. I hope that you will be able to attend.

*Nic Osmond, Senior Warden*

## Mark your calendar

### Potluck supper and game night:

Wednesday, January 18 at 7pm

### Annual meeting:

Sunday, January 29 after the 9am service

### First Sunday brunch:

Sunday, February 6 after the 9am service

## Weekly schedule

### Sundays:

**9am:** Mass

**10:15am:** Christian ed.

### Wednesdays:

**6:30pm:** Choir practice

**7pm:** Bible Study and Mass (except the third Wednesday of each month)

## Saltire suggestions

Glenna Grimmer has kindly volunteered to be the editor of The Saltire, starting in February. If you have any suggestions, please drop a note in the "Saltire" box outside the parish secretary's office.

## **Annual parish meeting**

Our annual meeting will take place after the 9 a.m. service. Agenda items will include:

- Voting for three new vestry members
- Distribution of the annual report
- Presentation and discussion of the 2006 parish budget.

The vestry is providing a baked potato lunch, with all the trimmings. Please bring a dessert to share.

There will be child care available in the nursery, and some activities for the older kids. (We're looking for some volunteers to help with the kids' activities and supervision).

## **Flower chart**

The 2006 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in Hunsaker Hall. To sign up for flowers: If you want to give both arrangements just sign your name. The cost is \$70 for the two – if you want to sign up for one arrangement sign your name with a slash / beside it so someone else can sign up with you (the cost is \$35 for one arrangement). As some people have forgotten to pay for their flowers, we are asking that you put your check in the collection plate marked "Altar flowers" before your Sunday arrives. Carrie Hunt will call you to see what occasion you wish to remember. Any questions or special wishes can be made to Carrie.

## **February vestry meeting**

To avoid meeting on Valentine's Day, the next vestry meeting will be one week later than usual, on Tuesday, February 21 at 7pm in Hunsaker Hall. Visitors are welcome.

## **2006 parish activities**

We have lots of fun activities planned in the parish for 2006. A more detailed calendar will be published, but here's a summary (dates subject to change during the year):

**Sunday, January 29 at 10:30am:** Annual parish meeting and baked potato lunch

**Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30pm:** Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

**Saturday, March 25 at 6pm:** BBQ'n'Bingo

**Saturday, April 8 from 9am to noon:** "Grungy Saturday" parish work day

**Easter Sunday, April 16:** Easter reception and egg hunt

**Saturday, May 13:** ECW Tea

**Sunday, May 14:** Mother's Day celebration

**Sunday, June 4:** St. Andrew's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration:

**9am:** Service followed by a reception

**5pm-9pm:** Picnic in the park

**July (dates to be advised):** Family campout at Lake Murray

**Saturday, September 16 at 6pm:** Shrimp boil

**Saturday, October 14 at 7pm:** Octoberfest fundraiser for Austin Street

**Sunday, December 3 at 6pm:** St. Andrew's Day potluck dinner with the pipers.

## **ECW news**

The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will be at 10am on February 8.

The ECW's February birthday luncheon will be at Benedicts on February 23 at 11:30am.

## Calendar for January/February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 15 9am Mass 10am Christian education	16	17	18 6:30pm Choir 7pm: Potluck supper/game night	19	20	21
22 9am Mass 10am Christian education	23	24	25 6:30pm Choir practice 7pm: Bible study & Mass	26	27	28
29 9am Mass 10:30am Annual parish meeting/lunch	30	31	February 1 6:30pm Choir practice 7pm: Bible study & Mass	2	3	4
5 9am Mass 10am Brunch (& youth Christian ed.)	6	7	8 6:30pm Choir 10am ECW 7pm: Bible study & Mass	9	10	11

*Until we fix our technology problems with the parish office computer, unfortunately we cannot publish birthdays and anniversaries*

### Parishioner news

Please welcome the following new parishioners who have recently joined us:

- Joseph and Wendy Acker and children Benjamin and Rachel of Carrollton. Joseph and Benjamin have joined the choir where they are much needed and appreciated.
- Shayan Andfield and her son Raanan of Carrollton. Raanan was Baptized at St. Andrew's on January 1.
- David and Joanna Jurgens, who recently joined St. Andrew's, and even more recently have been blessed with the birth of a son, Nathan.
- Sandy Luc of Irving. Sandy's sister Janet Dawson is also a parishioner at St. Andrew's. Sandy has volunteered to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at our Sunday services.

In December, we bid farewell to Gordon and Jeanene Vail, who have moved to Albany, Georgia, to take care of Jeanene's mother.

The Vails were active members of St. Andrew's for many years. Gordon is a former vestry member and worked on our Search Committee. For many years he was active in the Men's Club, and did a huge amount of yard work for the parish. He also participated in our Habitat for Humanity ministry. We're sorry to see the Vails go, and wish them the very best for the future.

Mrs. Ursa Pierce a long time communicant of St. Andrew's and a member of the Altar Guild passed away after a short illness. The granddaughter of an Episcopal bishop, she never missed a Sunday in church. She leaves two daughters and a son and grandchildren as her husband preceded her in death many years ago. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord.

*Did we miss any parishioner news? This will be a regular feature of the Saltire, so please let us know if you have any suggestions.*

### Saltire mailing list

In 2003, we stopped mailing the Saltire newsletter to most parishioners. This saves us significant postage, and many of you prefer to either pick up your newsletter at church or download it from our website. However, if you would like to have the Saltire mailed to you, please contact the parish office.