



THE COMPANION

...of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,
Waterford, Michigan

June 2019

From the Priest-in-Charge

—The Rev. Canon Jonathan Sams



This is a photo of Bishop James Montgomery, who ordained me Transitional Deacon In 1966. He is now 98, and still active in his ministry. On Saturday, June 1st we will elect a new bishop for our own diocese. Although we don't yet know who it is, I can say something about the significance of bishops, at least for me. Bishops are not mainly bosses, unless you work on a Diocesan staff. Bishops are apostles, "ones sent" by Christ to expand the mission begun by him, and to witness to the strange reality of his resurrection from the dead. When Bishop Montgomery laid hands on me at my ordination, I became part of a chain of connectivity going back to the original discipleship community, the "first called" like Andrew, who quite literally touched the lives of their apostolic successors, who in turn touched others, and who eventually got around to touching me.

Our new Bishop will now serve as our chief link, our apostolic witness, our choreographer-in-chief for the 2000 year-old line dance that is the holy catholic church and the living body of Christ in the world. Having said all that, it may seem strange that we elect our bishops the same way we do other corporate leaders. The authority to lead the people of God, however, involves much more than just a majority of delegates at a convention. Spiritual leadership requires authentication as well as ordination, and that comes through shared experience of success and failure, prosperity and adversity, death and resurrection. All that is yet to come, and, as the Hymn we sing on Maundy Thursday says, "When we sing to God in heaven,/We shall find such harmony,/Born of all we've known together/Of Christ's love and agony."

Peace be with you,

Jonathan †

Visit Father Jonathan's blog at www.theramblingrector.blogspot.com

Senior Warden's Update

—Joelle Chaney, Senior Warden

Welcome, Summer!

I am writing this on May 26th, which turned out to be rather cool and damp. It's supposed to be the first weekend of summer, but I'm not convinced that Mother Nature knows what the calendar says.

Today we had the bittersweet experience of bidding a loving farewell to Judy and Del Saiter, who have been members of St. Andrew's for 30 years. They have been a huge part of our parish, and we are going to miss them and their daughters, Jessica and Christine. Judy has been involved in the music ministry, both in choir and the Minstrels, and her beautiful voice will be dearly missed. She has also been a member of our Daughters of the King chapter. We know that God will bless them in their new home in Wisconsin, where Del will be an engineer at Harley-Davidson, and Judy plans to continue working for Meijer.

June is the month of graduations, weddings and Father's Day. On Sunday, June 16th after the 10:00 AM service, Jack will put on his chef's hat for another Father's Day Hot Dog and Root Beer (or Vernor's) Float Lunch! There is a sign-up sheet on the board in the Richardson Room so we know how much food to prepare. There is no charge for this event; it's just a fun time of food and fellowship.

Friday, May 31st was the deadline for applications for the Andrew William Hartke Memorial Scholarship. Recipients will be notified, and their schools will receive checks this summer. The list of scholarship recipients will be published in the July Companion.

As we near the end of another program year, we want to thank all of the Church School teachers. We also want to acknowledge Richard and Lois Vestuto for helping us 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'.

Eucharist in the Park will be held on Wednesday, July 17th at Bay Court Park at 6970 Andersonville Road. We will begin gathering at the Lakeside Pavilion at 5:30 PM, and service will begin around 6, followed by a potluck supper. There will be a sign-up sheet. Please invite your family and friends to this wonderful evening.

While you may go on vacation or take a little break from attending church during the summer, please try to keep up with your pledges. Have a safe, happy, fun summer!

Joelle Chaney
Senior Warden

Annual Spring Clean-Up

—Photos courtesy of Judy Rowcliffe

Thank you to our hardworking volunteers who helped spruce up the inside and church grounds on Sunday, May 5th after worship service. Special thanks to Judy Rowcliffe who provided lunch for everyone. Your support to keep our property and church beautiful was truly appreciated!



Annual Spring Clean-Up

—Photos submitted by Judy Rowcliffe



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

Bits & Pieces

Book Club



***The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn**
Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 pm
St. Andrew's on Hatchery Road

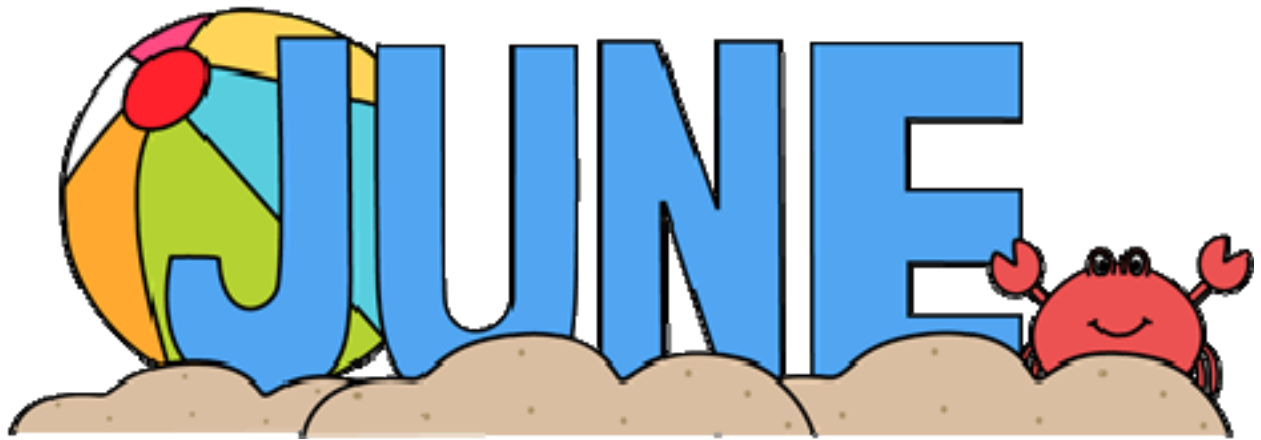
In an enthralling new historical novel from national bestselling author Kate Quinn, two women—a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947—are brought together in a mesmerizing story of courage and redemption. In the chaotic aftermath of World War II, American college girl Charlie St. Clair is pregnant, unmarried, and on the verge of being thrown out of her very proper family. She's also nursing a desperate hope that her beloved cousin Rose, who disappeared in Nazi-occupied France during the war, might still be alive. So when Charlie's parents banish her to Europe to have her "little problem" taken care of, Charlie breaks free and heads to London, determined to find out what happened to the cousin she loves like a sister. A year into the Great War in 1915, Eve Gardiner burns to join the fight against the Germans and unexpectedly gets her chance when she's recruited to work as a spy. Sent into enemy-occupied France, she's trained by the mesmerizing Lili, the "Queen of Spies", who manages a vast network of secret agents right under the enemy's nose. Thirty years later, haunted by the betrayal that ultimately tore apart the Alice Network, Eve spends her days drunk and secluded in her crumbling London house. Until a young American barges in uttering a name Eve hasn't heard in decades, and launches them both on a mission to find the truth...no matter where it leads.

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

If you shop at Kroger's, you can help St. Andrew's by enrolling in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. You must have a valid email address and can enroll by visiting the website www.krogercommunityrewards.com and using our organization number **ML486**; click on Michigan and select "Enroll". We earned \$64.91 for the quarter ending April 30th.

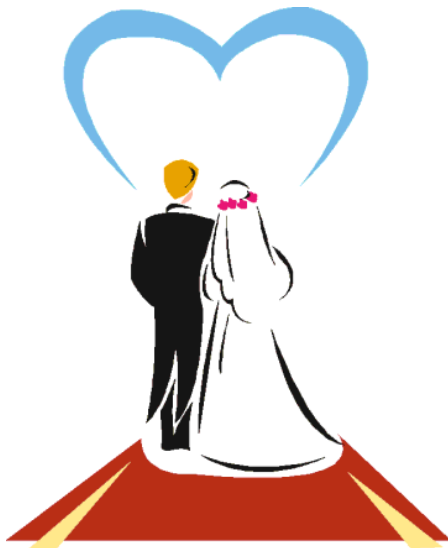


Eucharist in the Park
Bay Court Park in Clarkston
Lakeside Pavilion
Wednesday, July 17th—5:15 pm



Birthdays

- 1st John Ferris, Jr. & Father Jonathan Sams
- 3rd Scott Slocum
- 10th Rosie Murray & Lois Vestuto
- 16th Christine Damron
- 19th LouAnn Leonard
- 23rd Worley Smith
- 30th Anne Irwin



June Anniversaries

- 4th Janice & Lionel Lessenthien, Jr.
- 9th Judy & Del Saiter
- 25th Pauline & Syd Owen

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations Beth Chaney!

Beth Chaney graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with her Masters Degree in Postsecondary Education Student Affairs. Beth is the youngest daughter of Jack and Joelle Chaney and the granddaughter of Margaret Chaney.

Congratulations Zachary Nelson!

Zachary Nelson, grandson of Bob and Judy Rowcliffe is a 2015 graduate of Ferris State University where he studied Pre-Optometry. Zachary will be graduating from Midwestern University School of Optometry in Glendale, Arizona on May 30, 2019 with a Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree. He has accepted a position with an Optometry office in Sierra Vista, Arizona

Flannel Shirts

—John Ferris, Sr.

Early this year, our oldest Flannel Shirt member, Art Petar, died at age 96. Many of you wouldn't know Art as he and his wife, Laura, had been living up north.

Art was an original St. Andrew's member. He began at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Pontiac and then to a home located in Drayton Plains to start a mission with others. They purchased the Drayton Plains Movie Theater and converted it into a church. The next big move was to build St. Andrew's at its present location. The original building consisted of the lower level and Hunt Hall. Art was busy in all work at St. Andrew's and will be greatly missed.

Many thanks to Scott Slocum, who keeps the grass mowed in addition to collecting bottled water for St. Andrew's in Flint. Thanks also to Richard and Gaynor Whitehouse (who attend the 8:00 am service) for planting and maintaining our beautiful gardens.

Our Pop Can donations purchased socks (\$25) for the Oakland County Jail inmates and \$80 will be used to purchase food for the meals provided by St. Andrew's in Flint. Please continue to donate pop cans and bottles for our outreach programs and other causes. Your donations are much appreciated!

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Monday & Friday

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