

St. Andrew's Chronicle

May, 2011

This is a shortened version of the May, 2011 newsletter, the St. Andrew's "Chronicle". A number of events have taken place in our congregation, and we plan to have a full report with additional information in the June, 2011 issue.



A reminder from the church office that if you or a loved one has been hospitalized or will be having surgery or a medical procedure, please contact the church office at 426-8610 to share this information. Our Pastor truly cares about the health and wellbeing of our congregation, and would like to assist individuals and their families during difficult times as much as he can. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Carol reported in Barb's absence that we have more income in March than expenses, however, March's snow removal, the organ repairs and monthly dinner expenses had not yet been received. Also it should be noted that in the Sunday bulletin, the giving goal listed is just the offering. We do receive additional income with the parsonage rent, monthly dinners, flowers, interest, etc.

Building & Grounds: Dave reported that our elevator has passed its yearly inspection (thanks to Kevin Wheeler for monitoring the elevator shaft) and also thank you to Kevin for spring cleanup of the Church grounds. The Church steeple has been leaking after the recent organ

repairs and Kleinschmidt Roofing was called to caulk the steeple. The roof needs to be redone the process of soliciting bids is underway; we will need to talk about how we can finance such a project.

Christian Education: Betty Jo reported that scholarship application letters have been sent to graduating seniors and are due back by May 1. We have 4 adults interested in re-starting the Youth Group and are meeting to develop ideas and a program.

Ushers: Carol Smith will be taking over the duties of assigning ushers for services.

Memorial Board: Lil reported that donations for the organ repairs were placed into the Memorial Fund (a total of \$1425) and the repairs came to \$1100. The balance will stay in the Memorial Fund for future needs.

Old Business: We have begun making our monthly additional payment of \$500 to the IRS and they are working presently on the year 2005 for refunds due the Church.

New Business: The parsonage tenets are interested in continuing to rent but would like to do a 6-month rental at this time which would be from July 1, 2011 until Dec. 31, 2011. This was approved by the Consistory.

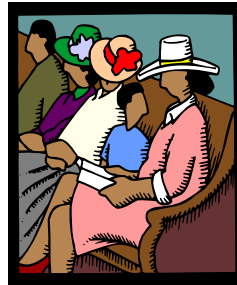
FINANCIAL REPORT

FUNDS AND BALANCES	MARCH 2011
GENERAL	
Feb. 28, 2011 Actual Ending Balance	\$14,604.44
<u>March Income</u>	
Giving	\$ 8,538.50
Rental	1,000.00
Monthly Dinner	829.65
Miscellaneous	170.00
Interest	<u>11.86</u>
Total Income	\$ 10,550.01
<u>March Expenses</u>	
Payroll	\$ 4,868.14
Payroll Taxes & Processing	856.22
IRS Payment	500.00
Utilities	1,258.98
Repairs, Maintenance & Custodial	525.27
Office & Supplies	354.59
Miscellaneous	<u>115.83</u>
	\$ 8,479.03
Revenue less Expenses	\$+ 2,070.98
Change in Cash Balance	\$ 16,675.42
Checks outstanding	+2,794.13
Ending Bank Balance-General Fund	\$ 19,469.55
OTHER FUNDS	
Future Fund	\$ -0-
Rental Escrow	1,000.00
Building Fund	5,220.02
Memorial	\$ 15,461.82
Donations for 1350.00	
Special – Organ Fund 1425.00	
Cemetery	\$ 10,912.35
Interest on CD	264.66
Bank Account Balance 3/31/2011	\$ 52,063.70

Year-to-Date Totals	General Fund
Income	\$ 35,798.31
Expenses	\$ 44,187.06
Revenue less Expenses	\$ - 8,388.79

ATTENDANCE REPORT

April, 2011	April 2010
98	190 (Easter)
103	82
119	82
227 (Easter)	71



RELAY FOR LIFE CAR WASH

RELAY FOR LIFE CAR WASH: As the 2011 Relay for Life event comes to a close, we have one more fundraiser that we hope you will take part in. A car wash will be held on Saturday, **May 21st, beginning at 10:00 am** until 1:00 pm, or later, if we get a good turnout! You can call Eva Slavik (426-5625) or the church (426-8610) or e-mail standrews@provide.net to sign up! Volunteers are needed early for set up and later for clean up! If you are unable to work, you can come get a wash or submit a donation! You can also leave your old clean towels downstairs in the donation box at the Relay for Life table.

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED June 5th at 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Attention graduates! If you will be graduating from high school or from an institution of higher education, we want to recognize you at our worship service on Sunday, June 5th. Letters of invitation will be sent out next week; and we ask that you contact the church office so that we can be sure to include all graduates in the mailing and recognition.

A MESSAGE ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

Submitted by Carol Jones

I recently found an article from the Office of Stewardship of the Episcopal Church titled *Seven Spiritual Practices: A Faithful Stewards Guide* and would like to share some of the key thoughts over the next few months.

1. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

We are currently living in anxious times. What began as an economic slowdown as turned into a recession, the likes of which we probably have not known since the Great Depression. Many have lost jobs or feel that their jobs are on the line; many have lost homes or have seen the values of their home plummet; and many have lost retirement savings. At the same time our culture lulls us into believing what we wear, what care we drive and what neighborhood we live in defines us. It is easy to lose sight of our true value as beloved children of God. It is easier often to focus on what we want and what we fear than on what we have. However hard life seems, we have things we can be thankful for. That is true of our lives and that of our Church.

2. COUNT YOUR CASH

Billy Graham has said on a number of occasions, "Give me five minutes with a person's checkbook and I will tell you where their heart is." Whether we feel we need to or not, making a budget is a good way of managing the financial resources God has entrusted to us. The Consistory has tried to set a budget based on the resources and revenue anticipated and look at additional means to pay for unexpected items. We ask that you help the Church meet the goal for giving that we have set for each month.

Lord, we live in disturbing days: across the world, prices rise, debts increase, banks collapse, jobs are taken away, and fragile security is under threat. Loving God, meet us in our fears and hear our prayer. Be a tower of strength amidst the shifting sands, and a light in the darkness.



UPCOMING RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual St. Andrew's Rummage Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. Your donations are appreciated and we are happy to provide you with a receipt for your donation if you would like one for tax purposes.

We will begin accepting items on Sunday, May 22th after the worship services and during normal business hours throughout the week (with the exception on Monday, May 30th). Please

place your "treasures" in the room off the Sunday school corridor that is designated for rummage sale items.

We need adult and children clothing items in good, clean condition (especially baby clothes), shoes, purses, household items, dishes, books, tools, games, toys, trinkets, small working electrical appliances, yard goods, bicycles, outdoor furniture, end tables, desks, chairs, sofas, curtains, baby items, computers, printers, etc. No large appliances like stoves, refrigerators,

washers or dyers please. Also please do not donate mattresses, box springs, doors, tires or propane tanks.

In addition to treasures, we also would like people to consider volunteering to help out with set-up and during the sale. Many hands make for light work and fellowship. Times and sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

CORRECTED CONSTITUTION

At the March 20 Congregational Meeting, the following changes were made to the Constitution approved at the February Annual Meeting:

Article III Membership, Section IV

Should read as follows: Any member who fails to support the Church by financial means, attendance at worship, or partaking of Holy Communion over a calendar year shall be removed from the Church's active membership with the exception of those in the military or doing missionary work. These members will be put on an inactive list.

Article XI Amendments, Section I

Should read as follows: Additions and alterations to this constitution may be proposed in writing to the Consistory which shall consider the same. Such changes shall be reported at a duly called meeting of the congregation for action. Said changes must be mailed to the entire congregation prior to voting. Said additions or alterations can only be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present.

Article XI Amendments, Section II

(Entirely New) The Church Consistory will appoint a Constitution Review Committee at least once every three years, which shall be the same committee charged with review of the By-laws.

Article XII Designation of Heirs

Should read as follows: In case of a division in membership of the Congregation, and it is determined that St. Andrew's United Church of Christ of Dexter shall be closed forever, all assets shall be transferred to an irrevocable trust to maintain St. Andrew's Cemetery of Dexter. The administration of such trust shall be handled by the last seated Consistory members.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR IN THE

JUNE, 2011 Chronicle

8th Annual Quilt Show Update
Relay for Life Sunshine Walkers Report
Updated information on the annual rummage sale
2011 Scholarship Award Recipient
2011 List of Graduates
Committees and Groups Taking a Break Over the Summer Months
A number of "thank you" notes to the Congregation

MAY, 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15 – May 31, 2011

Sunday, May 15	8:30 & 10 a.m.	Worship Services
	2-5 pm	90 th Birthday Celebration for Margaret Gilbert
Monday, May 16	6 pm	Elders Meet
	7 pm	Consistory Committee Meets
Tuesday, May 17	10 am	Gentle Pilates
Wedn., May 18	10 am	Ladies Bible Study
	1-2 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Church Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Adult Study Group
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 19	2 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday, May 20		June, 2011 <u>Chronicle</u> Items Due in Church Office
Saturday, May 21	9 am	Car Wash Set Up
	10 am – 1 pm	Car Wash Fundraiser
Sunday, May 22	8:30 & 10 a.m.	Worship Services
		Last Day of Sunday School
		Rummage Sale Item Collection Begins
Tuesday, May 24	10 am	Gentle Pilates
Wedn., May 25	10 am	Ladies Bible Study
	1-2 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	2:30 pm	Church Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Adult Study Group
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 26	9-11 am	Piecemakers Quilting Group
	2 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Friday, May 27	TBA	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday, May 28	3 pm	Wedding Ceremony of LeeAnn Cobb and Mark Spencer
Sunday, May 29	8:30 & 10 a.m.	Worship Services
Monday, May 30	All Day	Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, May 31	10 am	Gentle Pilates