

the CHIMES OF ST. ANDREW'S

July 22, 2010

Pentecost

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

I trust you have been enjoying the summer so far and I hope that rest and relaxation have figured in from time to time. Perhaps you've had a chance to visit with someone special or read a good book, or it may be a time for getting "projects" accomplished, and for some of you a day of good, hard exercise may be the best way to relax.

The gospel reading for the Sunday coming up as I write this (July 18th) is the story of Mary and Martha of Bethany, the sisters with different approaches to life, and to Jesus. Both are welcoming and generous, but Martha's way of showing her affection for Jesus is to prepare a bountiful meal and Mary's way is to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to every word he says. We get the sense that the most relaxing thing for Mary to do on vacation would be to sit quietly, to read, to think, but for Martha a brisk walk in the sunshine might be a more agreeable idea. Each has her own personality and her own preferences.

Some find it troubling when Jesus judges Mary's way to be "the better part, which will not be taken from her." Discussion around this passage always includes the insistence, and rightly so, that somebody has to do the work so that others can have the meal. Someone must cook or we won't eat. Someone must plant and tend the seed or we won't have anything to cook. Of course. Jesus would never tell us to sit on our hands and become expert couch potatoes. Far from it.

But as Jesus approaches Bethany, where the sisters live, he doesn't have a lot of time for people to hear what he has to say. His entire ministry lasts only a few years so he tries to use every moment as a teaching moment. There's an urgency for him about getting his message to the people, the message of who God really is and of how much God loves those he has made. So he is delighted when Mary cannot drag herself away from listening to his words. It's all the more joyful for him because women did not behave this way in Jesus' time. This woman, Mary, is deeply moved by him and she breaks the social code to sit by him and hear him speak.

It's in the spirit of Mary that I wish for you some time in these longer, more relaxed days, to meditate on Jesus' words, whether by reading or praying or listening to music or gazing at the beauty of God's creation. The work of Martha does need to be done and it is always there for us to do. But the work of Mary can pass us by unless we resolve

to take some time, and a deep breath, and enter into a place of peace.

I shall be on vacation from July 22 until August 15. During that time there will be priests to celebrate the sacrament on Sundays and someone on call in case of emergency. I know that I will be spending some Martha time as we drive out to Ohio to check on the house we have not yet been able to sell, but I am looking forward to some Mary time as well, reading, talking with old friends, resting by the ocean, and enjoying God's incredible creation. See you in August.

Susan+

FRIENDS IN DEED

It's summer and the Pastoral Care roster of drivers is sadly diminished!! We are being asked for folks who will take their neighbor to a doctor's appointment, a medical test, etc. We really hate to disappoint those who ask for our help, and so we come to you, metaphorical cap in metaphorical hand, to ask for your assistance. The monthly coordinator is listed below and Pat Dunbar is happy to take messages in the church office. Thank you.

-Jane Baker

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April in the Marsh
Dick Paik, artist

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TALENTS

Have you decided how use your “Talents” yet? When you do, remember to advertise your effort or report on your adventure right here in *The Chimes*.

Lemonade, Cookies, and Fine Crafts

As a summer Talents project, Lily and Rose will be “setting up shop” in front of Paper Moon (54 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead), Friday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 p.m. They will be open for business every Friday through the end of summer (weather permitting). The girls decided to make and sell various wares (**jewelry, paintings, crafts**, etc.) . . . all at discounted “friends and family” rates, of course! In addition, they will also be serving homemade, **fresh lemonade and cookies**. Any and all contributions will be graciously accepted! On September 19, at the close of the project, 100% of all their profits will be given back to the church in support of its missions and ministries. We hope to see you some Friday afternoon!

-Mom Kelley and Lily and Rose.



. . . More Talents

- Jack Russell would like to offer for his “talent,” a **guided tour** of the workshop of C. B. Fisk, Organ Builders in Gloucester. He is arranging a time. More to come.
- Sheila Bengier offers her services as a **nanny** to care for children of the parish!
- Maryl Willcox, a graduate of the Massage Therapy Institute in Cambridge in 1991, is offering **massages**. Relaxation massage is her specialty, combining Swedish, Cranio Sacral and Myofascial techniques. She also addresses special pains such as headaches, shoulder, back, hip, and leg issues. For more information please call at 781-248-2773.
- Susan Russell will be **knitting** up yarn purchased with her “Talents.” More soon.

. . . and Even More Talent

BIG MONEY RAFFLE!!!

Do you know anyone who would like \$5,000.00?

Something new is happening at the Church of St. Andrew. Frank Marean, Patti Churchill, Nancy Brothers, and Allison Perry are combining their “talents” and are establishing the first “Big Money Raffle.”

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Lynn is in their 3rd year running this fundraiser, and they have been very successful.

Only 150 tickets will be sold at \$100.00 apiece. The Grand Prize will be \$5,000.00 to St. Andrew’s and \$5,000.00 to some lucky ticket holder. The balance will be distributed in 4 or 5 smaller cash prizes, such as \$1,000.00, \$500.00, etc. It will all depend on whether we are able to sell all 150 tickets.

Think \$100.00 is kind of steep? Consider getting a group together to purchase a ticket! Ten people contributing \$10.00 each can join together and buy 1 ticket. Or, split 50/50 with your neighbors. Anyone is eligible to buy a ticket. When we sell all the tickets, we pay out several cash prizes—then St. Andrew’s realizes over \$5,000.00 in new funds. Wouldn’t it be great to invest in some type of cooling system for the church!!

The Big Money Raffle culminates after the Sunday, September 26, service. Light refreshments will be served at the drawing, so be sure to stay for the big event.

Remember, you will be contributing to St. Andrew’s, so please help! Details on ticket sales will be in the next issue.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: INFORMATION GATHERING BEGINS

Since the last edition of *The Chimes*, the Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work and is now ready to gather information from you, the parishioners of St. Andrew's. Our goal is to listen to what you have to say about these four basic questions:

- Who were we as a parish?
- Who are we now?
- Who do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

Currently, you have two different opportunities to share your thoughts with us.

The first is a short, ten-question survey, which will be available soon. The survey can be completed online through Survey Monkey or can be filled out on paper and returned via mail. It is important to note that the survey is anonymous and confidential. The online survey does ask you for your name and e-mail address; however, your name and e-mail address will NOT be connected with your responses. We are asking for names only to ensure that we obtain a sufficient number of responses from all of the various St. Andrew's communities and to prevent double-counting of respondents.

In addition to the survey, parishioners are invited to join us for "Coffee Hour Conversations" after church services each Sunday. The first of these conversations started on July 4 and will be held every Sunday through August 15. After church, please grab refreshments and then join us for one of these conversations.

We hope that these information-sharing methods make you to feel comfortable speaking openly and honestly about your experiences at St. Andrew's. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of us—the committee consists of Tom Pineros-Shields (chair), Alexandra Pineros-Shields, Greg Mancusi-Ungaro (vestry member liaison), Margaret Eckman, Dirk Isbrandtsen, Carroll Perry, and Kate Swanson. We look forward to talking with you.

OUTREACH MEALS

Salem Mission: Lunch Sundays—**August 15 and 29**.
Please drop off cookies in the kitchen by 11:00 a.m.
To volunteer, call Hannah Diozzi at 978-741-1154 or
Bruce Raisner at 781-631-5549.



My Brother's Table: Tues. Dinner—**August 3**.
To volunteer, call Tim Parker at 781-631-5335.

CHIMES SCHEDULE

(Please e-mail articles to lakeloreyn@aol.com.)

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>
July 30	August 5
August 13	August 19
August 27	September 2

CLOISTER GALLERY

Paintings and Pastels of Dick Paik
through August 4



Marblehead artist Dick Paik, a member of the Marblehead Arts Association, Salem Arts Association, and the Pastel Society of New Hampshire, is exhibiting now in the Cloister Gallery. He says

When I least suspect them, ordinary moments or images strike chords. An idle breeze tugs; an empty place invites, stirring some vague mix of wistfulness, hope, regret, peace. Such moments can change a small part of a day. In an effort to grasp these, I paint. The attempt to grasp something personal through a purely visual medium seems ambitious and daunting and results in failures as well as successes.

Mr. Paik has exhibited in galleries in Marblehead, Salem, eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maryland. He is, for the most part, self-taught, but has completed coursework in drawing and color theory at the School for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

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Mission Statement

God calls us at St. Andrew's to grow spiritually and personally and to reach out to others as part of the global family. We will strive to respond to this challenge every day of our lives through:

- Worship that strengthens and inspires
- Love, mutual care, nurture, and fellowship in the community of faith
- Christian formation and teaching Christian discipleship at all stages of life
- Mission and outreach into the community and the world
- Faithful stewardship in gratitude for God's creation and gifts

