

November 2014

St Andrew's Light Yaphank

From the Bishop's Committee

There is so much going on in our church! We have been having a lot of functions that have been very well attended. These functions are fun for us, but also a way to bring others to our church, a way to introduce them to and invite them into our family. Introducing people to our St. Andrew's family is one way that we can grow our family. So invite your friends to our functions and let them know they are welcomed to be part of our St. Andrew's family.

As we give thanks to God and enjoy our friends and families during Thanksgiving, we need to think about how we can give thanks to God for fruits of our labor. All that we have and all that we are is from God in heaven. We need to remember that, as we live our lives between the Sundays. While St. Andrew's is the building we worship in and where we get our message and our strength, our work is in our community. It is in the community where our gifts from God are put to work, we need to remember we have to live our Christian life in a secular world and it is through the church that we find that balance.

So as you're filling out your pledge card, ask yourself, can I do more for my church home and its good works?

IMPORTANT DATES

10/25/14

·Presbyterian Church's Fall Festival

10/26/14

·Scavenger Hunt & Costumes
·1st week of Stewardship Month

10/29/14, 11/5/14, 11/12/14, 11/19/14

·ECW craft workshop

11/2/14

·Youth Sunday
·Pillow Sunday, 10am
· ECW meeting after Church
·Fall Clean-up & Chili Cook Off, right after Mass

11/9/14

·Veteran's Day Parade, noon

11/23/14

·Last week of Stewardship Month

11/24/14

·Thanksgiving Service, 7 PM

12/6/14

·Christmas Fair, 10am-3pm

12/7/14

·Youth Sunday
·ECW meeting after Church
· Tree Lighting & visit from St. Nicholas, 5 PM

12/17/14

·Bishop's visit, Installation Service with Lessons & Carols, 7pm

12/21/14

·Decorating the church, noon
·Historical Society's Candlelight Tour and Crèche Display, 4pm

12/24/14

·Christmas Eve Services: 5 PM & 11 PM

1/11/15

·Christmas Pageant, during 10:30 AM service

YOUTH SUNDAYS

The 1st Sunday in November is Youth Sunday & we will be having another Instructional Eucharist. Fr John Jeffery will take time during the service to explain Holy Communion.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have a class of 13! Isn't that wonderful? Confirmation Classes meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. We are partnering with St Andrew's in Mastic Beach and alternating between churches for the class locations. St Andrew's Mastic Beach is located at 250 Neighborhood Road. Please

talk to Fr. John Jeffery, if you want to participate.

The Ceremony will be at the Cathedral on May 9, 2015. St Andrew's Mastic Beach has offered to host Sunday Eucharist on May 10th, with a reception to follow to honor those making their Confirmation. This joint Mass will be for everyone in both Churches and no services will be held at St. Andrew's Yaphank that day. If you have any questions, please talk to Father John Jeffery.



Youth News!



We would like to start a preschool class & need teachers for all levels. Sunday School is for ages 1 1/2 to Teens (not in confirmation class)

*Please see Olive Archer,
Sunday School
Superintendent*

The 2015 Stewardship Campaign has begun!

For the next few weeks we will be focusing on how your donations work through the church to help our community, as well as maintaining the building we love so much.

Your thoughtful contemplation is appreciated as you discern what your donation will be for the year 2015. Filling out the pledge card helps the church budget those monies to sustain us throughout the year.

On November 23rd we will collect the pledge cards with the offering, blessing them and giving thanks for them.

With your support St. Andrew's can grow beyond our walls!

Hi! Just a little note from your editor! I am finding it hard to keep up with everything that goes on and have a favor to ask... If you are running a function it would help me out a lot if you would e-mail me information about that event and a summary of how that function did. If you can't, then see if someone can help you with it.

I think communication is a very valuable asset for any organization and our newsletter is one of the tools. So I encourage you to e-mail me with family news, announcements, prayer requests, charities you are involved with, functions you are running.....anything you would be interested in hearing about, you can bet others want to hear about it, too. (A youth reporter would be wonderful)

I would also like some feedback on how you like or don't like this newsletter. Is it too wordy? Or would you like to have more articles and such? Do you think a different format would be better?

I am trying to get the newsletter out once a month. So if you get your information to me by the 15th of the month, it will make it in the newsletter. If you get it to me late, I'll just save it for next month.

Thanks ~Sue Fischer
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👋 **FYI** -our newsletter will be going paperless
In the new year – make sure we have your
e-mail address!

Help Wanted!

Please volunteer...many hands make a
light load!

Help needed with the Veteran's Day
Parade, Installation Ceremony, Bishop
Committee, Coffee Hour, Altar Guild,
Flowers, Buildings & Grounds, Choir,
Sunday School.....

If you see something you'd like to be
part of – let someone know!

Reader's Schedule:

If for any reason you are not available
for the designated date or would like to
volunteer to read, please contact
Edward Rambarran at (631) 448-
2006 to reschedule. Thank you. God
bless you! ~Ed

A Celebration! Welcome Fr. John Jeffrey!

December 17th at 7PM, the Bishop will be here to
celebrate an "Installation Ceremony for Father John
Jeffery, with Lessons & Carols".

Your help and presence is needed to make the
evening a success.

So, please get involved and put this night on your
calendar – that way we can show the Bishop how
much we appreciate Fr John Jeffery and how much of
a family we truly are.

If you want to help, please talk to a Bishop's
Committee Member.

Readers' Schedule

November

- 02 Youth Sunday
- 09 Olive Archer
Jen Hovestadt
- 16 Donna Trusnovec
Bill Jablonsky
- 23 Jenelin Chen Suey
Ed Rambarran
- 30 Olive Archer
Karen DeVries

December

- 07 Youth Sunday
- 14 Cali Douglas
Jen Hovestadt
- 21 Donna Trusnovec
Bill Jablonsky
- 28 Jenelin Chen Suey
Ed Rambarran
- Christmas Services TBD

January

- 04 Youth Sunday
- 11 Olive Archer
Karen DeVries
- 18 Cali Douglas
Jen Hovestadt
- 25 Donna Trusnovec
Bill Jablonsky

THANK YOU'S

👍 Bill Jablonsky did a wonderful job at the Wine, Cheese & Technology Party on October 5th. Thanks to him we learned short cuts and tricks for using our computers, surfing the web, and had a good look at how we appear to the world! The 20 of us that attended even got to see our pictures on the Church Web Site! Go ahead & check it out!

👍 Special thanks to the Brown Family for donating a projector to the church. Bill Jablonsky – our tech guy – is setting it up & we are looking forward to a movie night real soon!

👍 Lesly Galloway has out done herself – she spoke to Whole Foods and they will be donating 50 food baskets to our church for distribution. We will be needing volunteers to help with picking them up (Rich Ohlsen and Steve Trusnovec are organizing that). We will also need volunteers to distribute the baskets. Please see Fr John Jeffery or one of the Bishop's Committee if you can help.

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Senior Warden Junior Warden

Robert Williams
Bill Jablonsky Donna Ohlsen
Heather Jablonsky Judy Seif
Donna Trusnovac Mike Seif
Lesly Gallaway Sue Fischer

From the Vicar

Thanks

November is often thought of as a month of thanksgiving. In part, this is due to the American celebration of the Thanksgiving, but the practice goes back much farther in our history. When we were a more agrarian people, our ancestors often take a day or two for a fall festival or a feast to celebrate the LORD's largess, giving thanks for the abundance that would help to see them through the worst months of winter and early spring. They understood where their daily bread came from, and they also realized how easily it could all be lost due to storms or drought, or pestilence. So they gave thanks for all that they received by giving a portion of what they produced back to the God for the care of those in need and for the ministry of the Church.

Today, with supermarkets and big box stores, when most of us have very little direct connection with the origin of our food and other goods, Thanksgiving takes on a new importance. It becomes even more crucial for us to take time out of lives to meditate over the abundance we have received from God. It also requires us to dedicate time for prayer to discern how and where our Creator wishes to give back a portion of what we have been given by God. This is the time to look around us and see what others need, and how we might best share with them. It is the time that we at St. Andrew's work together to see where the Holy Spirit is leading us. My friends, as we prepare for our own Thanksgiving feasts and celebration, let us all work as One Body in Christ to see that our neighbors are also taken care of this season, and in the seasons to come.

In Christ, Fr. John Jeffrey+

~ Sunday Services: & Sunday School at 10:30AM ~

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upcoming events

■ Oct 26 **Fall Fun!** Wear your costume to church that Sunday & participate in the Scavenger Hunt after church!

■ Nov 2nd is also **Fall Clean Up and Chili Cook Off Sunday!** We need lots of hands to help and lots of Chili!

There will be 2 crews. 1-outside doing yard work, 2- in the Parish Hall prepping it for painting.

So come to church dressed to work and lend a hand. Please bring your tools (yes, Guys especially your power tools). Some items needed are leaf blowers, trash cans to collect leaves in and trimmers. For inside we need drop clothes, paint brushes, shop vacuums and anything else you can think of.

WE NEED YOU!...and your chili!

■ Chili Cook Off Rules:

We will have racks with sternos set up for the chili. Please bring your chili in a ½ rack aluminum pan. If you don't have any at home, we will have some for you to use. Your name will go into a numbered envelope and there will be a cup with the corresponding number on it. Everyone at the clean-up will have a vote. The prize will go to the chili with the most votes!

■ Nov 2nd is "**Pillow Sunday**" and the day after we turn our clocks back. So you can get an extra hour's sleep and give a year of good night sleeps to a Vet. Bring a new pillow, in its wrapper to church. They also need toiletries, especially razors!

■ Nov 9th is the **Veteran's Day Parade**, at noon on Main St., Yaphank. We will be giving the Veteran's Place our pillows on that date. Remember – our Vets are why we have freedom to worship as we please, let's support them!

■ Dec 6th is the **Christmas Fair**. The Ladies of the church have been meeting on Wed nights and making all kinds of crafts for the fair. Remember to stop by – there will be lunch & goodies & gifts & handmade items..... The fair runs from 10AM to 3PM.

■ Dec 7th is the **Tree lighting and visit from St Nicholas Party!** 5PM we will be lighting the tree in front of our church for the Christmas Season. After the lighting there will be refreshments in the Parish Hall and a visit from Saint Nicholas. I believe he usually has something sweet to hand out?

■ Dec 21 **Church Decorating & Historical Society Candlelight Tour, With Crèche Display**. We are part of the Historical Society in Yaphank and participate in the bi-annual event regularly. We open the church in the evening so the community can see a church that was built in 1853. We have people on hand to explain the history of the church and what we are now doing. We also would like to have a **Nativity Scene display** in the parish Hall for the participants to look at. We would appreciate it if you would loan us your Nativity Scenes for that Sunday.

We will be **decorating the church for Christmas** after the 10:30 service as well as setting up the Crèche display. Please plan on staying and helping. I know it's the last Sunday before Christmas, but if we have a lot of people stay we can get it all done in a couple of hours! We can all be home by 1:30pm!

■ Jan 11, 2015 – **The Christmas Pageant! A Casting Call for all!**

Our Youth will be putting on a Christmas Pageant the Sunday after Epiphany. We are very blessed to have Jennifer Densing as this year's Director. Jenn needs a co-director, so please help her out! We also need to update our costumes, Jenn is a wiz with costumes and I'm sure she has some great ideas, but will need help with them as well. Let's work with Jenn to make this a great experience for our kids!

Bishop's Committee News

✓Fr John Jeffery is usually in the church on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. You are very welcome to stop by, but it's a good idea to call first to confirm that he is there. Sometimes he is called away.

✓On Christmas Eve there will be a service at St Andrew's Mastic Beach between our services. The exact time has not yet been determined.

✓This year we have pledged to give the Diocese \$4,100.00. It is the same as last year, but still only about 75% of the asking.

✓Nov 14th & 15 Fr. John Jeffery will be attending the Diocese Convention.

✓The 2015 Annual Meeting will be the 3rd Sunday in January. It is open to everyone in our congregation. During that meeting all of St Andrew's organizations give their annual reports, the budget is discussed, future plans are discussed and food is eaten! This year we have 3 Bishop Committee positions to vote on. The Junior Warden position and 2 committee member positions are being vacated. If you would like to be part of this committee, see either Fr John Jeffrey or one of the committee members. Please put this meeting on your calendar as it is important for all of us to participate! (If you have a good idea on what to eat – let us know that as well)

Altar Guild

November:
Heather Jablonsky
Donna Trusnovec

December:
Judy Seif

If you would like to be on the Altar Guild, please talk to Janet Rate

Your ad here!

Contact
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Coffee Hour

November

2..Jenelin Chen Suey
9.. Donna Trusnovec
16..Robert Williams
23..Heather Jablonsky
30..Sue Fischer

December

7..Donna Ohlsen
14..Gayle Lattanzio
21..Debbie Archibald
28..Janet Rate

If you need to switch a date please call Janet Rate or someone else on the list and just let Janet Rate (631) 475-2474 know the arrangements you made.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

✂✂ Fall Clean Up Sunday is Nov 2ndbring your power tools & elbow grease ✂✂

✂ If someone could clear a path in the attic over the Parish Hall bathroom – from the attic steps in the hallway to the window by the American Flag, it would help Mike a lot. He has a panel to place in the window that will hide the attic from view as you are sitting in church.

✂ All of the storm windows in the Parish Hall need to be replaced. Mike has priced them out for \$75 dollars each. If you want to donate towards their replacement, please use a Special Offering envelope and write on it "Parish Hall Windows". Once we receive enough for a window, it will be replaced...until all of them are done.

✂As many of you know we have a problem with the church's foundation, there is one corner that is weakening. Mike is getting an estimate for this repair and we hope to start work in the Spring. In order to fund it we will be having a Capital Projects Campaign starting in January. Please let someone on the Bishop's Committee know if you have any suggestions on how we should run that campaign.