

Congregational Communications

...keeping in touch with each

From the Bishop's Committee

The breaking of bread has not only been a symbolic gesture, but for us Christians, it is an important aspect to our lives and faith. Eating together as a community, and as a family, has been written about in both Testaments of the Bible. The Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), a feast was offered for the lost son who came home; the first miracle that Jesus did was turning water into wine which was done at a wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-11); and the greatest feast we observe each Sunday, the Last Supper.

Feasts play an important role in our faith, our lives, and in our fellowship with each other. Starting this month St. Andrew's Yaphank will be hosting one of the Community Dinners every other month at St. Andrew's Mastic Beach. In a time where families do not have the ability to eat dinner together due to school, jobs, children activities, or other reasons it is important that we support an event when a community can come together, break bread, and eat together.

We have an opportunity to provide nourishment to those in our community who need everything from the nourishment of food, to those who need the nourishment of the spirit and community. Those who come to the Community Dinner will be fed with more than food, but fed with the gift of company and love.

It is time that we break the comfort zone we live in, spread our wings and experience the Love that God has shown us and freely give it to those in need. Let's have a good showing from St. Andrew's Yaphank on October 21st. From Your Senior Warden ~ Rich Ohlsen

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE NEWS

Treasurer's Report dated Aug 2015 - YTD Receipts: Plate offerings \$ 1,124.75, Pledge offerings \$30,355.00, received from Diocese \$16,128.36, Other (ECW, Mass cards, interest...) \$7823.87. YTD Expenses: Salaries \$39,465.32, Building & utilities \$13,078.97, Office/bkkping \$894.63, Ministries \$293.13, pledge& special offerings to Diocese \$2,660.00, Other (altar supplies, flowers, Sunday school, bulletins...) \$1,142.36

Stewardship Drive - The Month of October. Let's focus on how we can increase our ministries and outreach.

Building & Grounds - The Rev. Deacon Andrew Durbidge, Real Estate Manager for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island met with Father John Jeffrey and Rich Ohlsen to discuss the building. He has itemized a list of what we need done. The next step is for us to prioritize those needs, get estimates for the work and submit them. Then the Bishop and Trustees can access how best the Diocese can help us. This will be a long process; anyone willing to work on this should see Rich Ohlsen.

Cemetery Committee - We are trying to formalize the rules and guidelines for the use and upkeep of the cemetery and are putting together a committee to oversee it. If you are interested, please peak to Father John Jeffrey.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 3, 2015
 Clean-up Saturday Postponed
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Oct 4, 2015 – Sunday
 Youth Sunday
 Blessing of the Pets, Noon
 Start of Stewardship Drive
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Oct 10, 2015 – Saturday
 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 9:30-11:30am
 Cleanup Saturday, 10am-1pm
 Presbyterian Church Fall Festival,
 10am-4pm
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Oct 21, 2015 – Wednesday
 Community Dinner MB,
 Noon- 9pm (or until done)
 ECW, 7:30pm cancelled
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Oct 17, 2015 – Saturday
 Mastic Beach Chinese Auction,
 Doors open 11am
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Oct 19, 2015 - Monday
 Bishop's Committee Mtg, 7:30pm
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Nov 1, 2015 – Sunday
 All Saints Day
 End of Stewardship Drive
 ECW meeting After Church
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Nov 6, 2015 – Sunday
 Deadline for Newsletter articles &
 submittals
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Nov 8, 2015 - Sunday
 Blankets of Love Drive, 10:30am
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Nov 14, 2014 – Saturday
 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 9:30-11:30am
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Nov 23, 2015 – Monday
 Thanksgiving Service MB – 7pm
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Altar Guild

October
 Janet Rate and
 Donna Trusnovec

November
 Heather Jablonsky and
 Donna Trusnovec

Coffee Hour

OCTOBER

4 Donna Trusnovec
 11 Olive Archer
 18 Dana Conners
 25 Heather Jablonsky

NOVEMBER

1 Aleida Perez
 8 Sue Fischer
 15 Robert Williams
 22 Gayle Lattanzio
 29 Callie Douglas

Readers' Schedule

October	November	December
04 Youth Sunday	01 Youth Sunday	06 Youth Sunday
11 Callie Douglas Jen Hovestadt	08 Ed Rambarran Olive Archer	13 Mary Collins Ed Rambarran
18 Donna Trusnovec Bill Jablonsky	15 Daniel Molloy Callie Douglas	20 Olive Archer Daniel Molloy
25 Jenelin Chin Suey Mary Collins	22 Jen Hovestadt Donna Trusnovec	27 Callie Douglas Jen Hovestadt
	29 Bill Jablonsky Jenelin Chin Suey	

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

Ministries and New Appointees

The Ministry Fair was a great success, lots of people signed up for different ministries!

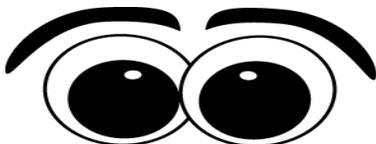
We also have 2 new appointees:

Tara Mooney is our new Coffee Hour Coordinator
 Minya Gao Chin Suey is our new Altar Flower Coordinator

Minya would like someone to share the job with so that there is always coverage for making sure that flowers are on the altar. If you are interested, please speak to her, Father, or anyone on the Bishop's Committee.

We also have a new Audit 2015 Committee consisting of Ed Rambarran, Aleida Perez-Brown and Minya Gao Chin Suey.

Thank you all for your service.



Don't forget to look at the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall for the sign-up sheets for the various events and ministries!



The St. Francis Day Blessing of the Pets will be NOON on Oct 4th! Right after coffee hour. Please don't bring your pets to Sunday Service. The blessing will be on the front lawn and if your pet doesn't like to travel, you can bring a photo or drawing of you pet.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Saturday of every month from 9:30 to 11:30am. When you arrive, please go in through the church and take a few minutes to sit in a pew and reflect on things, say a prayer and get into the right mood for the making of a prayer shawl. Then go into the Parish Hall and join everyone in crocheting or knitting the wonderful shawls that will give so many comfort. You don't need to know how or have supplies – all that is provided by the church.



Fall Clean-up Saturday is rescheduled to Oct 10th from 10am to 1pm. Pizza and beer/soda will be provided for our workers. Please bring your tools, gloves, and strong backs – there is a lot to do. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and it helps if you sign up. That way we can contact you if there is a change in plans...like a hurricane!



The Yaphank Presbyterian Church will be having their annual Fall Festival on Oct 10th, from 10am to 4pm. They are located down the block from us at 65 Main Street, Yaphank.



St. Andrew's Yaphank will be hosting the St. Andrew's Mastic Beach Community Dinner on Oct 21st. Volunteers are needed from noon until clean-up is finished. A Sign-Up Sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, please sign-up for the times that you can help.



St Andrew's Mastic Beach is having a Chinese Auction on Oct 17th, doors open at 11am. Admission is \$20 for 20 tickets and no one under 12 years of age will be admitted. The church is located at 250 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach. Refreshments will be served.



ECW elections will take place on Nov 1st directly after church. The positions up for vote are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If interests, please let Donna Ohlsen know.



Blankets of Love Drive is on Nov 8th. Last year, St. Andrew's had a very successful pillow drive for the Veteran's Place. The veterans were very grateful and pillows are no longer needed at this time. This year, the Veteran's Place is in need of new blankets (twin size), sweatshirts, and sweatpants. The Blankets of Love Drive will provide the veterans with warmth these upcoming winter months. Please drop off donated items in the parish hall by Sunday, 8th November, so they can be presented for Veteran's Day. Thank you for your generosity and support in this ministry to our veterans. ~Ed



We are invited to a Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Mastic Beach on Nov 23rd at 7:30pm. The church is located at 250 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach. St Andrew's Yaphank won't be having a Thanksgiving Service this year. We will be having Lessons and Carols in Dec and we'll be inviting our brothers and sisters from Mastic Beach and the Presbyterian Church.

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From the Vicar

God the Giver

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, God, and of your own have we given you."
1 Chronicles 29:14

God is a giver, or more to the point, God is "the Giver". From this "fragile earth, our island home" to the technology that makes our smartphones and other devices possible, and the food we eat to ability and skills to do our work is given to us from God. Just as the passage from First Chronicles says, "all things come from you, God", absolutely all things. Ours is a God of abundance who gives from that abundance. Yes, God is the Giver, and we who are made in God's image are also called to be givers. As God's Children we are called to give back from that which we have received in order that God's Good News can be made known to all.

October is traditionally the time church communities set aside to talk about stewardship, but then the conversation often stops with the ingathering of the pledge cards. We will also begin our giving campaign this month, but it will be the beginning of a conversation, not just an event. As part of our mission financial stewardship is a conversation that we need to continue year round. As your vicar and priest, and on behalf of your wardens and the members of the Bishop's Committee, I am inviting all of you to be part of this conversation. I invite you to share your personal experience with giving, how it plays a role in your faith, and how it has changed over time. I also invite you to share ideas and to encourage others in stewardship. Tell us what it means for you to be a giver and to allow others to share their own stories. God is "the Giver", and each of us givers, too.

In Christ,
Fr. John Jeffrey+

Sunday Services & Children's Church School at 10:30AM

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