

*St Andrew's Episcopal Church Yaphank - January 2016
Congregational Communication... we're changing it up!*

Well It's Sweet '16 and we are off to a great start!

Annual Meeting, 1/17/2016 - We elected Rich Ohlsen as Senior Warden, Brian Mooney and Dan Molloy to the Bishop's Committee, Ed Rambarran and Dan Molloy as delegates. Thank you Mike Seif and Lesly Gallaway for your service as a Bishop's Committee member. All Ministries provided reports, which are available on the website. It was brought up that the young adults in our congregation should be included in the Pledge drive after making their Confirmation, it was discussed and approved. There is a deficit between what the adopted budget is and what the monies pledged for this year are. At this time it is undetermined how to make up the difference, please look at the adopted budget on the website – you'll see most of our modest budget goes to keeping the lights on & place running. It was agreed, though, that an increase in the congregation would help greatly. Retention of our congregation is another issue, families come and go – we often don't know why. Janet Rate has done a wonderful job of keeping in touch, but suggested we focus more on this in the new year. Her suggestion was enthusiastically accepted and the Bishop's Committee will be looking into this issue. On a lighter note – Sue Fischer won the Chilli Cook-off!

Newsletter News - This Newsletter is changing...it is a labor intensive endeavour and after discussing it we feel those labors can be better channelled. Instead of a regular newsletter, we will be using the website for the Reader, Coffee Hour & Altar Guild schedules. All other ministries are encouraged to contact Bill Jablonsky by e-mail to have their schedules and reports/events posted there.

We are not forgoing mailings, but intend to use the postcards, like the ones circulated during Advent, to remind everyone of special events and services. These cards will be posted on the website as well.

Gaining access to the website is easy, just Google St Andrew's Yaphank!

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