



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

I have wanted to write an article about children in liturgy for quite a while. I happened upon this article in the September 2006 edition of the West Missouri Spirit which essentially says what I wanted to say. I thank Mother Louise Baker for this column. It is reprinted here with her permission.
Pax, Kelley+

Children belong, more than anywhere, in church

By the Rev. R. Louise Baker
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An 81-year-old grandmother of 20, when asked what she thought about children in worship, replied, "Just keep 'em quiet!"

Quiet is the essence of many Eucharist communities at worship. The praise music, liturgy of the Word, creed, confession and prayers most often move along without any small voices chiming out of sync. After all, why would we want infants and children in worship? Why would I want the children of my parish in the pew as often as possible?

In *Living the Faith Community*, theologian John H. Westerhoff maintains, Christian community is present when people understand themselves to be those who have gathered in response to God's grace. Common worship is the authority for faith and life." The church is most alive when all its members are worshipping God together and it is not always quiet.

Our sacramental life with all its rituals binds us together in familiar and easy ways. Children who participate regularly in worship feel at home.

They will grow up to feel included and with a longing to connect with the family

of God through ritual. God's grace and children go hand in hand. Children are more than the hope of the future; children are the life of the present. We need such life in our midst.

In the August 2006 *Christianity Today*, Leslie Fields, mother of six, writes, "When we sit around the table and hold hands to give thanks for our food, I like it that the table is big and the circle is wide."

If we, the Church, want to keep the circle wide and diverse, if we want to see the risen Christ standing in our midst, our children must be actively engaged in the liturgy. As a priest, a parent and grandparent, I want the whole big family to gather around. God's love expands immeasurably when this happens."

How do we enlarge our family? Sit with our children in the pews closest to the action. They are first to understand the mystery of love and we need to see them "up front." Children are vulnerable, trusting, welcoming, spontaneous and playful. They enter into the drama of the Eucharist, and they respond in reverence.

Children are joyful in praise so there are songs to sing from an alternative songbook with choruses that can be easily learned. Children have hearts to hear the voice of God and minds to interpret the scripture, so a children's sermon or time near the pulpit happens every Sunday.

Memory phrases from the Eucharist help children listen attentively and join in — one line at a time building over the years. Let's not wait for confirmation class!

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Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II,
 Rector of St. Andrew's

September 2 starts the “new year”

Sept. 2 is more than Labor Day Weekend—it’s the day some changes will be unveiled at St. Andrew’s. Although change is something Episcopalians traditionally prefer to avoid, some of these changes will mark a return to the way we always used to do things.

First of all, anyone who doesn’t want to miss out on the event will need to note the *time change*: The celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In accordance with that, the *Christlan education classes* will begin at 10 a.m. for children and adults. Colleen Mitchell is coordinating the children’s classes; Fr. Kelley will conduct the adult study, focusing on the lessons that will be part of the worship service. Participants in the first session can check the Book of Common Prayer for the readings; those attending can expect to receive handouts of the texts for the next week.

The choir will be back on that day, resplendent in *new choir robes*, in the time-honored Anglican look of black cassocks and white surplices. The Vestry authorized the purchase of these new robes, using funds that had been designated for the St. Andrew’s music program.

Picnic time is almost here

Keeping with tradition, St. Andrew’s will again worship in the Flint Hills. We’ll gather for a 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Bazaar Schoolhouse.

Again this year, a picnic potluck will be part of the occasion. Everyone who attends should take a dish to share, as well as table service for their family. Water and tea will be furnished.

Directions to the schoolhouse will be posted on the bulletin board. Anyone who needs a ride or can give a ride may call Karen at the church office so car-pooling arrangements can be made.

Flea market is in the works

St. Andrew’s basement is beginning to fill up as parishioners are bringing their item for the Sept. 8 sale, part of Emporia’s 2007 version of the Great American Flea Market. Gay Barnes, who is chair of the event, is putting out a call for helpers:

- to move everything from the basement up to the hallway and the parish hall on Thursday, Sept. 6. Some of the work will continue that evening.
- to finish pricing and arranging on Friday, Sept. 7.
- to work all day, or part of the day, on Saturday, Sept. 8.
- And to help get read of any leftovers and clean up after the sale.

If none of those volunteer opportunities fits your schedule, Gay says, you’ll be welcome to fix some goodies for those who are working at the sale.

There’s still plenty of time to check your house for potential donations, box them up and take them to St. Andrew’s. If you can price them as you pack, Gay says, your efforts will be appreciated. Anyone who isn’t able to negotiate the basement stairs is welcome to leave the box in the foyer. Just be sure that it’s clearly marked as a sale donation!

October auction will be a first for parish

Tickets will go on sale next month for the parish supper and auction, the first time St. Andrew’s has attempted such a fundraising feat.

The evening will feature a brisket supper and an auction of treasures, art works, goods and services donated by St. Andrew’s parishioners. Tickets are \$12.50 each and the organizing committee is hoping that eager parish volunteers won’t be hesitant about selling tickets to their friends. We need a crowd to keep the evening lively.

The steering committee comprises Deb Cotterman, Nancy Romine, Lynn Bonney and Karen Whittlesey. They’re delighted to be hearing from others who are volunteering to help with decorations, set up, cooking and all the other duties that will help make the event a success.

They ask that you think about donating arts and crafts, needlework and interesting treasures that will attract buyers. Your time and talent will also bring bids. We already have heard from one parishioner who’s willing to donate three hours of house-cleaning or two hours of weeding. What can you offer?

Mark your calendars

August 12	Eucharist and picnic at Bazaar Schoolhouse. (See article in this issue.)
September 2	Big day at St. Andrew's. (See article in this issue.)
September 8	Rummage sale. (See article in this issue.)
October 27	St. Andrew's auction. (See article in this issue.)
October 14	CROP Walk. Please consider walking or contributing to a parishioner who is. (See future issues for details.)

Fr. Kelley plans vacation

During August, Fr. Kelley will be away from St. Andrew's, vacationing and retreating for a few days before the busy fall schedule kicks in.

He'll be gone Aug. 3 through 11 and from Aug. 20 through 24. Pastor John Davis of St. Mark's Lutheran Church will celebrate the Eucharist on Aug. 5 at St. Andrew's. Pastor Davis will also be available in cases of pastoral emergencies. Fr. Kelley recently described these emergencies as cases in which someone is bleeding, which require a trip to the hospital emergency room or in which someone has "fallen off the wagon." Pastor Davis can also administer last rites.

If a pastoral emergency arises, parishioners may phone the church office or Bill Barnes, senior warden. The office number at St. Mark's is 342-5850.

Women continue get-togethers

The women of St. Andrew's plan to continue their new "tradition" of meeting for lunch at Coburn's Family Restaurant on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The casual event begins at 11:30 a.m. and all the women of the parish are invited to drop in for a brief stay or linger as long as they like.

Each participant pays for her own lunch.

There's no child care, but children who have joined the fun find that they have lots of "big sisters, aunts and grandmas" who are interested in seeing that they have a good time.

Welcome, little one

Nolan Eugene Jacob is getting acquainted with his St. Andrew's family, who have been looking forward to meeting him. At 9 pounds 6 ounces and 21½ inches, Nolan Eugene arrived on June 29. His parents are Ann and Nick Jacob. Abigail Jacob is his proud big sister.

St. Andrew's thanks . . .

... Deb Cotterman and all the volunteers who helped out with Vacation Bible School: Sue McKinney, Gladys Azzun, Koseku Azzun, Gay Barnes, Lynn Bonney, Helen Call, Marcia Law, Judy Schwenn and Sandy Wells.

... All the folks who provided baked goods for the cake walk: Pat Adams, Gay Barnes, Lynn Bonney, Leigh Dyer, Elaine Edwards, Nancy Gilpin, Opal Glasgow, Arney Graham, Onnalee Harrell, Jackie Heckman-James, Marcia Law and Nancy Toms.

... Our cake coordinators, Clifford and Gloria Stewart.

... The float committee: Eddie Gilpin, June Hubert, Su J and David Mai, Rick Mitchell and Nancy Pontius.

... All those who rode on the float.

... The Mais for the picnic.

... Patrick Kelley and Lynn Bonney, who organized the "lemonade evangelism."

... The anonymous giver who made possible the restoration of the vintage organ.



St. Andrew's has
had 29 rectors
since its
establishment in
1870.

Milestones

In our daily prayers

we celebrate

Births

Aug. 4 Nancy Pontius
 Aug. 7 Ruthann Resch
 Aug. 12 Mary Barnes
 Aug. 13 Barry Romine
 Aug. 15 Gay Barnes
 Aug. 16 Tammy Davis
 Aug. 17 Sarah Marie Azzun
 Aug. 19 Emmanuel Azzun
 Helen Samuelson
 John Schwenn
 Aug. 20 Emily Harbaugh
 Aug. 21 Emily Ayers
 Kira Williams
 Aug. 24 Brianna Dougherty
 Don Glasgow
 Aug. 26 Linda Graham
 Aug. 30 Don Bailey
 Larry Eudaley
 Lee Fowler
 Abigail Jacob

Aug. 5 Bettie Cuff
 William John Gunkel
 Eleanor Craig Jones
 George E. Noce
 Donald David Resch
 Sr.
 Larry Valentine
 Aug. 7 Bobby Jo Dehler
 Aug. 11 Winfield S. Hancock
 Aug. 12 Constance Allen
 Ann Louise Jones
 James
 Aug. 16 Gladys Peart
 George Newman
 Sprague
 Aug. 17 Kathrine K. White
 Aug. 18 Karl Bruder
 Aug. 20 Herbert Ritterhoff
 Aug. 21 Cordelia Belle Mote
 Gladfelter
 Aug. 22 Rex Eugene Jones
 Aug. 26 Frederick James
 Higbee
 Aug. 27 Harry McClure
 Aug. 28 Gertrude Unger

Baptisms

Aug. 31 Kelley Fowler

Marriages

Aug. 1 Lee & Kelley Fowler
 Aug. 5 Barry & Nancy
 Romine
 Aug. 7 Millard & Onnalee
 Harrell
 Aug. 11 Larry & Donna
 Eudaley
 Aug. 12 Bill & Ann North
 Aug. 14 John & Judy Schwenn
 Aug. 26 Don & Dobby Bailey
 Josh & Ashley Taylor

We remember

Aug. 3 Lorelei Ann Hicks
 Jenette Tomlinson

Important date missing?

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

Deadline for September Crossroads

Information to be included in the September Crossroads should be in by August 20. Drop your information by the office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com.

August Server Schedule

	August 5	August 12 CHASE COUNTY	August 19	August 26	Sept. 2
Chalice bearer	Patrick Kelley		Gould Garcia	Allison Keller	Sue McKinney
Priest server	Rick Mitchell		Rick Mitchell	Jenny Harder	Justin Davis
Crucifer	Cody O'Mara		Gary Mason	Jordan Crofoot	Brian Dyer
Torch 1	Gladys Azzun		Justin Davis	Elijah Williams	Patrick Davis
Torch 2	Allie Mitchell		Patrick Davis	Hannah Harder	Cody O'Mara
Reader	John Schwenn		Chase Harder	Lynn Bonney	Bill Clamurro
Prayers of the People	Marged Amend		Bill Barnes	Gould Garcia	Mary Mingenback
Nursery 1	Ashley Taylor		Ann Jacob	Ray Call	Mary Halleran
Nursery 2	Leigh Dyer		Nick Jacob	Helen Call	Gladys Azzun
Greeter 1	Josh Taylor		David Mai	Chase Harder	June Hubert
Greeter 2	Chase Harder		Sue J Mai	Nancy Romine	Julia Williams
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Sue McKinney		Lynn Bonney	Millard Harrell	June Hubert
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Gary Mason		June Hubert	Jean Runge	Chris Lynch

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

Rector's Column, *cont.*

- Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever.
- Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
- Glory to God in the Highest....
- We believe in God the Father....
- We confess...
- Holy, Holy, Holy!
- Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
- Our Father....
- Therefore let us keep the feast.
- Thanks be to God.

Children cry out to be fed, so there are rocking chairs in the nave. The infant's cry reminds us of our hope in the "bread of heaven" to nourish us and quiet our souls. Children and their parents stand or kneel together to receive the bread and cup as a family. We know Jesus is

really present when they hold their hands out in expectation for the gifts of God. Children need healing and have a healing touch so they are included in intercessory prayer circles during communion. We need their mountain-moving faith and comfort. Children bring bread and wine to the altar, read scripture, serve at the table and ignite the light of Christ. If they are serving, we know we have the grace to serve, too. Can we do without children in worship? I don't believe we can be the body of Christ without all of the community gathered around the risen Christ. Let us keep the circle wide and diverse. Let us welcome the sound of God's children in our worship space often.

Celebrating two 'birthdays' on one big day

Independence Day 2007 was a day for celebration in Emporia and at St. Andrew's. Emporia combined the traditional Fourth of July activities with a 150th birthday party that included a parade, a street fair and the fairgrounds fireworks after dark.

St. Andrew's joined the downtown festivities, as a good crowd of parishioners gathered at Ninth and Commercial to watch the parade. In addition to bagpipers, veterans, Shriners and dignitaries, the highlight of the event was a float entered by St. Andrew's and carrying a crowd of parishioners and friends. The float-organizing committee included Eddie Gilpin, June Hubert, Su J and David Mai, Rick Mitchell and Nancy Pontius.

Under an umbrella (thoughtfully provided by June Hubert) on the sidewalk, Lynn Bonney and Pat Kelley practiced "lemonade evangelism," offering cups of cold lemonade and information about St. Andrew's to passers-by. Gay Barnes and Pat Adams, who came to watch the parade, pitched in and joined the effort.

The street fair included a cake walk at Eighth and Mechanic, where participants took a chance at winning cakes and other baked goods, many donated by the cooks of St. Andrew's. Gloria and Clifford Stewart coordinated the St. Andrew's bakers and, assisted by daughter Marcia Law, delivered the treats to the appropriate destination.

The winners knew where the tasty items came from, thanks to special labels Fr. Kelley and Karen put together for the

occasion. The recipient of Leigh's contribution even tracked her down to thank her – the labels were a success

As the sun dropped and the skies clouded, threatening rain (which never materialized) and cooling things down, St. Andrew's folks moved to Su J and David Mai's beautiful back yard to celebrate an Independence Day Eucharist. The Mais provided hamburgers and hotdogs to star in a potluck picnic that accompanied lots of conversation as the busy day drew to a close.

The St. Andrew's float joined the parade that was part of the all-day festivities on July Fourth.



From the Senior Warden

We are blessed with active members who find various ways to support our church. A special thanks to Deborah Cotterman for all her work with the Vacation Bible School. Our church was well represented in the Fourth of July parade with a float and lemonade. I do not have a list of all who helped with the float but special thanks to Eddie Gilpin, June Hubert, David Mai, Rick Mitchell and Nancy Pontius. For the second year, Sue J. and David Mai were hosts for a Fourth of July picnic and Holy Eucharist. Gloria Stewart did a wonderful job arranging for the 15 cakes for Emporia's 150th Celebration Cake Walk.

Don Bailey and Jacque James have agreed to coordinate this year's stewardship campaign. Bill Clamurro, Sue McKinney and John Schwenn will be coordinating an adult education program. Sue Wilson and the Parish Life Committee continue to perform their special ministry every week.

Our Vestry meeting in July was held after the newsletter was finalized so I do not have financial numbers to share with you. At the end of June, our checking balance was extremely low. Please continue to keep your pledges current.

Bill Barnes

From the Treasurer

If all bills were paid today, our bank balance would be -\$4,202.47. If each giving unit gave an additional \$33.00 a month—a little more than dollar a day—we would be able to balance the budget. As new academic and school years begin, as we return from vacations refreshed, as we move into new service times September 2, please take this opportunity to consider increasing your pledge.

Mary Mingenback

Vintage Instrument still makes music

A Mason & Hamlin organ that may have accompanied some of the first hymns sung at St. Andrew's is back in tune and back in service, thanks to an anonymous donor, whose gift made the organ's restoration possible.

The cabinet organ made its debut on July 1, accompanying the parish's singing of traditional and patriotic hymns. (The Christmas Day Eucharist had given a pre-restoration preview to a small, but appreciative, congregation.)

St. Andrew's records don't give much information about the purchase of the cabinet organ, advertised in an 1864 Harper's Weekly as "a great improvement" over similar instruments and suggested "for families, churches and Sunday schools, adapted for secular and sacred music."

The builder, J. Webber, signed the inside of the organ case and dated it on Nov. 16, 1869, in Boston.

By the early 1880s, parish records mention a "competent organist," indicating that organ music was a part of St. Andrew's worship. After years of biding its time in storage in various places around the building, the organ wound up as a table in the chapel. Now, it is "residing" in the conference room, where it can be moved into the nave or the parish hall to continue helping the people of St. Andrew's "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Sharing Bible lessons

Parishioners from St. Andrew's joined fellow Christians from Emporia Presbyterian and St. Mark's Lutheran churches to learn about the Ten Commandments during a late-June Vacation Bible School.

Meeting at the former Westminster Presbyterian building, now known as the Presbyterian West Campus, adults and children gathered each evening for an opening service, followed by classes for each age group.

Deb Cotterman represented St. Andrew's on the planning committee for the school. Others from the congregation assisted, attended and baked treats for the participants. Fr. Kelley was one of the leaders for the adult class.

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