



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

### Inquiring Minds Want to Know

While vacationing this summer, I got into the conversation with a fellow traveler in which I often find myself. It usually starts something like this; "You're in the Episcopal Church, isn't that part of the Catholic Church? Are you under the Pope?" I found myself wanting to give a concise answer. Of course the most painless way to answer such a query is simply to say "no" and leave it at that. However, nothing about being an Anglican is simple. And the question deserved a more thoughtful answer than just a quick, painless "no". Of course giving the appropriate answer to such questions offered in passing usually guarantees that eyes will glass over and a follow-up question will not be asked. There are some other Christian groups that would condemn us for the need to be so complicated in our faith. After all, to some faith should be a simple endeavor of "either-or" because complexity seems to be a stumbling block to a personal relationship with Christ. I would argue quite the contrary.

Since the emergence of the Anglican branch of the church catholic in the 16th century, Anglicanism has been fraught with bloody divisions that have threatened to tear the church asunder and put one faction of believers in absolute power over other groups. Control of the English Church oscillated between Roman Catholic, Protestant and Puritan factions for many years before the torturing, burning, and beheading of persons in the name of orthodoxy ended. However, persecution continued up into the 1800's, when clergy who were supporters of medieval ritualistic revivalism were

harassed and jailed for their views and practices by more Protestant factions of Anglicanism.

So what is it that has allowed our Anglican tradition to continue up to the present? My most emphatic answer is, of course, the Holy Spirit. It is the breath of life that sustains, energizes and propels the Body of Christ in all that we do. I believe that the Holy Spirit has a couple of unique vehicles within the Anglican tradition of the Church, though, and this is why simple answers often elude those of us who would share our tradition with others.

As Anglicans, we are people of the *via media*, that is, people of the middle way. Reformation era judgments of Roman Catholicism imagined a church so shackled to a tradition of dogma that it is idolatrous, fixated on hierarchal structures and once-for-all declarations by infallible human authorities. Similar judgments of Protestantism painted a picture of a group of people so shackled to the literal word of God as found in the Bible, that the Bible must be a universal how-to manual that fell off of the edge of the Lord's desk and right into the waiting hands of the church below. It doesn't take very long to realize that finding a person with infallible judgment is as unlikely as going to the Bible to find a definitive answer to perplexing questions such as how to structure one's home life or for which presidential candidate to vote. Anglicanism emerged over time as a middle way between these two extreme positions.

A *via media* is a way in which more than one authority is taken into

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

## It all happens on Sept. 2

Sunday, Sept. 2, marks the beginning of big changes at St. Andrew's.

For starters, the new times for celebrations of the Sunday Eucharist go into effect: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The choir, attired in new robes, will resume singing and Andrea Garritano, choir master, says that any new singers are welcome – “The more the merrier!” The choir will meet each Sunday to review that day's anthem and will then rehearse after the Eucharist (about 12:30 p.m.) for the weeks ahead.

Christian education classes for children and adults will also begin that day, meeting at 10 a.m. Led by Father Kelley, adults will begin the year studying the readings for the week. Colleen Mitchell, who is supervising children's studies, says that the year will begin with registration and get-acquainted activities.

“We're looking forward to a new year,” she says, “with added classes, new group leaders and a curriculum for today's Episcopal children. Our fall session will run from September through December with the theme ‘Heritage: People of God’. As well as meeting the people of God, we will focus on fellowship, Bible skills and the Episcopal Church.” Registration and get-acquainted activities are planned from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 2. Registration forms have been mailed to children's homes and are also available in the church office.

Deb Cotterman will work with the 3-4 class in Room 4 and Ashley Taylor will work with the K-2 class in Room 2. Colleen will be working with both classes. Colleen says that volunteer group leaders are still needed and welcome. “Our new curriculum is easy to follow,” she says, “and supports time-pressured leaders with at-a-glance plans.”

## Come downtown for the Uptown Hoedown First parish auction set for Oct. 27

The auction items are coming in and the cooks are signing up to help make the Uptown Hoedown a success.

The event, set for Saturday, Oct. 27, is the parish's first venture into putting on a supper and auction to boost the parish budget and ensure that St. Andrew's can continue its ministries.

Your arts and crafts, needlework and pottery, antiques and interesting “miscellany” will entice bidders. Some parishioners have already put their talents to work, creating handcrafted jewelry and teaming up to offer a pre-Christmas brunch in beautiful Chase County – and there are rumors of other special dining opportunities. In addition, one member has donated time for housecleaning and weeding, a talent that's likely to be in big demand.

Tickets for the event, which includes a brisket dinner, will go on sale in mid-September. Seats are limited, so plan to purchase your tickets early and take a few extra tickets to sell to friends. At \$12.50 each, they're a bargain.

Volunteers are needed for cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up, so please let committee members know which tasks you're available for. The steering committee comprises Nancy Romine, Deb Cotterman, Lynn Bonney and Karen Whittlesey – and any of them will be happy to help you choose the service that fits your time and talent.



## Singing at Holy Eucharist

Members of St. Andrew's sing “in harmony” at the Bazaar School House in Chase County on July 4. The occasion was the annual Holy Eucharist and parish picnic. Shown are Lynn Bonney, Millard Harrell, June Hubert and Helen Call.

## Try to remember these dates in September

Sept. 13 Vestry meeting, 7 p.m., parish hall. All parishioners welcome.

Sept. 27 Women of St. Andrew's lunchtime gathering, 11:30 a.m., Coburn's Family Restaurant. Come as your schedule allows.

Sept. 30 Kansas Concert Opera, premiere performance, 3 p.m., Beach Music Hall, Emporia State University campus.

... and in October:

Oct. 3 St. Francis Day. Blessing of the Animals.

Oct 18-20 Diocesan Convention, Topeka.

Oct. 31 Halloween party.

## Garage sale time is fast approaching

The beginning of September means it's almost time for St. Andrew's to take part in the Great American Flea Market, now an annual event in downtown Emporia. Gay Barnes, who is masterminding the sale for the parish, says she appreciates people's bringing in their items for the sale. She and volunteers have been getting together weekly to price items that arrive without price tags.

Parishioners who have large items to bring in may want to wait until Thursday, Sept. 6, or Friday, Sept. 7, Gay says, so the bulky items can stay in the hallway and won't have to be moved before the sale.

Anyone who wants to help with the sale, which takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8, is urged to let Gay know.

## 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.

### St. Andrew's thanks . . .

... the anonymous donor who saw to it that the piano in the parish hall is back in tune.

... all the generous folks who take their turn at providing coffee hour.

... Don Bailey, Bill Clamurro and Elaine Edwards, who graciously shared their musical gifts with St. Andrew's during August.

... gardeners who make their homegrown produce available to others in the congregation.

### Applause to ...

... Gladys Azzun, who has been honored for volunteering 100 hours as a candy-striper at Newman Regional Health.

...Karen Whittlesey, who took a big step and entered her photographs in the Lyon County Fair, where her work received ribbons.



**All true awareness of God is an experience at once and the same time of ultimacy and intimacy.**

—John A. T. Robinson, Anglican theologian

## Milestones

*In our daily prayers we celebrate*

### Births

- Sept. 5 Kelsey Hendricks  
Bob Johnson  
Sept. 6 Shanda Hendricks  
Sept. 10 Bob Basler  
Sept. 15 Eli Fowler  
Sept. 18 Grady Fowler  
Sept. 25 Ivy Ringstrom  
Sept. 27 Steven Schwenn  
Sept. 30 Pat Adams  
Laura McWilliams  
Julia Williams

### Baptisms

- Sept. 14 Ivy Ringstrom  
Sept. 17 Brian Dyer  
Ashley Taylor  
Sept. 23 Daniel Hendricks  
Sept. 28 Jim Resch

### Confirmations

- Sept. 16 Keith Foster  
Ivy Ringstrom  
Sept. 17 Alice Azzun  
Gladys Azzun  
Brian Dyer  
Mary Halleran  
Mike Halleran  
(received)  
Nick Jacob  
Jacque Heckman  
James (received)  
David Mai  
Su Mai  
Cody O'Mara  
Adam Rust  
Ashley Taylor  
Josh Taylor (received)  
Beau Wallace  
(received)  
Julia Williams  
Kevin Williams

### Marriages

- Sept. 13 Kelley and Carolyn Lackey  
Sept. 16 Emmanuel and Koseku Azzun

### We remember

- Sept. 1 Beatrice McClure  
Sept. 2 James D. Jones  
Sept. 4 Vergil Ferrebee  
Sept. 6 Helen Firth Bailey  
Sept. 8 Mary Ella Peak  
Sept. 12 Louise Thogmorton  
Sept. 16 Suzie Teichgraeber  
Sept. 17 Bill Heller  
Sept. 18 Catherine Neill  
Sept. 20 George Randall  
Sept. 21 Matthew Perry Day  
Sept. 23 Jerry Keller  
William Gerard Price  
Sept. 24 Bertha Catherine Kufaul  
Sept. 25 Agnes Finney  
Hancock  
Sept. 26 Wayne Nightingale Cuff  
Granville Holmes  
Clay E. Howerton  
Sept. 29 Edna Austine Stewart

### 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 October Crossroads

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

# September Server Schedule

	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	October 7
Chalice bearer	Sue McKinney	Jean Runge	Gary Mason	Allison Keller	John Schwenn	Gould Garcia
Priest server	Gary Mason	Rick Mitchell	Sue McKinney	Justin Davis	Jenny Harder	Rick Mitchell
Crucifer	Brian Dyer	Brian Dyer	Jordan Crofoot	Patrick Davis	Cody O'Mara	Brian Dyer
Torch 1	Will Dyer	Jordan Crofoot	Will Dyer	Gladys Azzun	Jordan Crofoot	Allie Mitchell
Torch 2	Cody O'Mara	Allie Mitchell	Brian Dyer	Brian Dyer	Hannah Harder	Cody O'Mara
Reader	John Schwenn	John Schwenn	Bill Clamurro	Lynn Bonney	Adam Rust	Sue McKinney
Prayers of the People	Mary Mingenback	Marged Amend	Millard Harrell	Marged Amend	Lynn Bonney	Mary Mingenback
Nursery 1	Mary Halleran	Carolyn Lackey	June Hubert	John Schwenn	Ann Jacob	Leigh Dyer
Nursery 2	Gladys Azzun	Leigh Dyer	Mary Halleran	Judy Schwenn	Nick Jacob	Gladys Azzun
Greeter 1	June Hubert	David Mai	Jean Runge	June Hubert	Chase Harder	Jean Runge
Greeter 2	Julia Williams	Sue Mai	Nancy Romine	Chase Harder	Mark Harder	Nancy Romine
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Bill Barnes	Millard Harrell	Lynn Bonney	Sue McKinney	Justin Davis	Millard Harrell
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Patrick Kelley	Gary Mason	Mary Mingenback	Jean Runge	Bill Barnes	Patrick Kelley

**Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.**  
**NOTE: New service time: Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**

## Rector's Column, *cont.*

consideration. As Anglicans, these authorities include Scripture, Tradition and Reason. This is popularly referred to as the "three-legged stool" upon which our church sits. Scripture of course is the Bible, the record of the prophetic and apostolic witnesses of God's redeeming work for humanity. Tradition is the wisdom of the Communion of Saints throughout the history of the church and includes components such as the decisions and creeds of church councils. Finally, Reason is the authority given to human beings by God to interpret both scripture and tradition as well as to be corrected by them. However, Reason, as the church exercises it, does not include only that which is as the dictionary says, "reasonable, logical, and calculatory." Reason also factors in the entirety of human understanding and experience.

If your eyes do not glass over at such discussions I have a real opportunity for you! These are just some of the topics that we will be covering beginning this month. Over the next few months, inquirers' classes will be running on Wednesday evenings to prepare folks for Bishop Wolfe's visitation in January. If you are interested in being confirmed by Bishop Wolfe, please contact me about our inquirers' classes. Enrolment in the classes does not commit you to confirmation by the bishop—that's why they are called inquirers' classes. Don't be apprehensive—I have yet to flunk or publicly humiliate anyone in any of the inquirers' classes that I have led over the years!

Pax,  
Kelley+

## What's 'Happening'? Ask Chase Harder

If a "Happening" is happening, Chase Harder is probably there. Chase, who attended this summer's "Happening" at Grace Cathedral, will be more than a participant at the next diocesan gathering for teens. He was chosen one of the three pastors, young people who will be involved in planning the next event.

"Happening" brings together young Kansas Episcopalians, who spend a weekend, beginning Friday night, learning and sharing information and questions about their faith – coupled, of course, with plenty of eating and very little sleeping.

Chase says he enjoys the "Happening" experience, something he'd like to share with others from St. Andrew's. At the last get-together, he was the only Emporian on hand.

Teens – and parents – who want more information about "Happening" can visit with Chase.

## Opera company will be based in Emporia *St. Andrew's well-represented in musical venture*

When the curtain goes up on Kansas Concert Opera's opening program, several familiar St. Andrew's names will be helping make a dream come true.

Stanford Felix envisioned an opera company that would bring concert and stage singers from the world of opera to Kansas stages, presenting concert presentations "in an intimate venue where the audience can experience the strength, emotion and passion of the music."

The company, to be based in Emporia, will present two programs this month, including a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Beach Music Hall on the Emporia State University campus. A performance is also scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Lawrence Arts Center in Lawrence.

Tickets for the Emporia performance – \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors – will be available at the door or may be ordered in advance by mail:

Stanford Felix  
Kansas Concert Opera  
817 Market St.  
Emporia, KS 66801

Orders by mail should be placed by Sept. 20.

For the premiere performance, organizers have chosen Puccini's "Tosca," which will feature the talents of Andrea Garritano, St. Andrew's choir director, and Felix, as well as Hugo Vera and pianist Mark Ferrell. St. Andrew's church secretary Karen Whittlesey is the operations coordinator for the KCO.

## From the Senior Warden

As we move into September, we have a number of activities taking place at St. Andrew's.

First, special thanks to our Chase County members for hosting the Aug. 12 service and church picnic. Father Kelley and Sue McKinney, along with some of our college students, represented St. Andrew's at Emporia State University's ministry fair. It is nice to see so many college students attend our various services.

During the month of September, we will be participating in the community flea market. Be sure to bring your saleable item to the church by Sept. 7. In October, we plan a brisket dinner and auction. The funds from both events will be used to support the church's operating budget.

The Vestry voted at their last meeting to proceed with a landscaping project for the front of the church and parish hall. Various monies have been given over the years for the grounds of the church. Because of work conflicts, Josh Taylor has had to resign from the Vestry.

With all of the good things happening at St. Andrew's, please keep in your prayers our members who are facing various illnesses and surgeries and those who are recovering.

Our financial position remains challenging. We ended July with almost \$5,000 in unpaid bills. In August, we had to move \$10,000 more from our endowment earnings to support the operating budget. As you can see, our pledge income is ahead of budget. One of our expense challenges in July is the quarterly payments for building insurance and our pension expense.

Item	July YTD	Variance
Pledges	\$67,225	\$ 6,559
Total Receipts	74,580	7,660
Transfers	10,000	(7,976)
Total Expenses	87,354	75

Bill Barnes

## From the Church Secretary

It takes many people to provide an enriching, rewarding, prayerful liturgy. There are altar guild members, chalice bearers, priest servers, crucifers, torch bearers, sometimes thurifers, readers of prayers and lessons, greeters, nursery providers and lay eucharistic visitors. These folks heed a call to ministry as worship leaders—and without them on Sunday mornings and on other worship occasions something big is missing.

In recent weeks, though, several parishioners who are directly involved in the liturgy or who work behind the scenes have been overwhelmed by accidents, illness, heavy work loads or out-of-town commitments, and are unable to serve. This means that some people are on the schedule more frequently than they otherwise might be and we need to find others who feel called to participate.

Whether or not you are a server, greeter or nursery care worker, if you know of someone who has expressed an interest or who might like to be asked, please give their names to me or to Fr. Kelley so that he can visit with them.

To those serving more frequently than they prefer, please understand the need to do so at this time.

Karen Whittlesey

## ECW will hear from Wyoming dean

"Today's Puzzle: Multi-generational Living and Relationships" will be the theme of the 2007 Annual Gathering of the Episcopal Church Women, meeting on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Grace Cathedral, Topeka.

Although St. Andrew's does not have a formal ECW group, all Episcopal women are members of ECW and welcome to attend. Men have also been welcome at gatherings.

The Very Rev. Marilyn Engstrom, dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Laramie, Wyo., will be the speaker as daughters, mothers, sisters and grandmothers delve into the demands and conflicts that today's women are familiar with.

The gathering will begin at 9 a.m. after a continental breakfast that begins at 8 a.m. Engstrom will speak at 9 a.m. and celebrate the Eucharist at 10:45 a.m. She will also lead a discussion session after lunch, before the meeting adjourns at 3 p.m.

Registration cost is \$40 a person and participants are asked to register by Sept. 21. Lynn Bonney, who is the St. Andrew's "contact person" for ECW, has registration forms.

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