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**June 2007**

## Upcoming Events

**May 27 - St Andrew's 31st Anniversary  
 Bar B Que**

**June 15 - Confirmation at St. Andrew's's**

**June 22 - Bunko Night - 7 pm**

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Several weeks back on a Saturday morning a bunch of folks gathered here to “show the love” to the property. They worked hard spreading pine straw, blowing leaves, raking, sweeping, and taking down dead trees. The atmosphere was full of energy. I was out there hacking at limbs and piling up brush alongside everyone else. It felt good to see everyone working with their hands and transforming the place. One of our fearless members climbed up and down with a chain saw in hand to remove the limbs that blocked the view of our church sign from the road. The pruning of those limbs allowed for our sign to be seen more easily. Overall, it seemed that everyone worked hard and the energy was infectious.

I had to leave “the love party” early to get Kathryn back into the city for a birthday party, I did not want to go, I wanted to stay work, but I had to get Kathryn home and take a shower so that I could return for the Saturday evening service. When I left here it looked great. It was amazing to see what a labor of love combined with a whole lot of energy could bring about. On my return to St. Andrew’s as I drove down Peachtree Parkway and prepared to turn into our parking lot, I noticed that I could clearly see our church sign from the road. What was once hidden behind the protruding limbs covered in blanket of green was now clearly visible for the world to see.

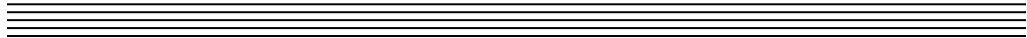
As I pulled further into the parking I noticed that someone had planted several of the Easter lilies from our Easter celebration in between the three trees in the circle directly in front of church. Those three trees always remind me of the Trinity because their roots mingle in the same soil and are about equal in height. The addition of the lilies at the base of the trees made me think of the resurrection and how year after year those lilies will rise out of the ground to stand in witness to the Love shown to us by God

**REGISTER**



**Weddings:**

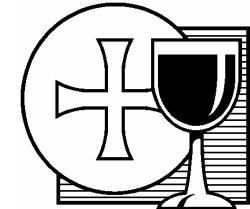
Kelley Jones and Michael Meyers were united in Matrimony on May 12th at 3:30 pm



**Weekend Services:**

**Sunday mornings:**

- 8:00 am - Traditional,  
Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:00 am - Family, Holy Eucharist - Rite II  
Children’s Chapel & Nursery



**Mid-Week Services:**

**Wednesdays:**

- 12 noon - Traditional, Rite I
- 6: pm - Holy Eucharist - Rite II  
(followed by Parish Dinner at 6:30 pm)

## SENIOR VERSION OF JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go.  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

Though I am no longer young,  
I have much which He's begun.  
Let me serve Christ with a smile,  
Go with others the extra mile.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.

Submitted by Joy Boyden

in Jesus throughout this Eastertide. We as a community have been shown the Love by God and have shown our love through our response. I have witnessed this over these past fifty days and I hope that you have too. The resurrection of our Lord reminds us that faith grounded in Love casts out all fear and overcomes sin and death. Like our Lord, this parish stands visible for the entire world to see, we stand to show the love, to show that we are instruments of God's peace.

### *A Prayer attributed to St. Francis*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
*Amen.*



*(Book of Common Prayer - 833)*

Father Paul+

## Other News --

**Our new worship schedule** will begin on Pentecost.

Services on Sunday morning will be at **8 and 10 am** with services on Wednesday taking place at **12 pm and 6 pm**.

The Wednesday evening service will be more like the Saturday service (years ago).

Please come to the first celebration on May 30<sup>th</sup> if you are able and plan to stay for the potluck dinner.

**Stewardship** - A big thank you to all who have responded to our stewardship call!

We are beginning to receive your cards and will be able to formulate a sensible budget that will (we pray) assist us in securing funding for moving forward.

Your offerings of time, talent, and treasure have been generous and are greatly appreciated.

The vestry and I will keep you posted as a clearer picture emerges.

**New Signage** – I am pleased to tell you that we will be acquiring two new outdoor signs. One of these will be given to by the Diocese and the other will be paid for through “pitching in.” Both signs were available to us at a discount and we felt it was better to go ahead and acquire them at the same time. One sign will be installed along Peachtree Parkway and the other will be installed near the back entrance on Stephen’s Entry.

Fr. Paul

Later, I had to find other places to know God, and the God I came to know had to become larger than what I sensed as a child at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Meridian. But, there the die was cast. Of the many churches I have tried, joined and led, none has felt authentic unless it approximated the warmth, safety and love that I knew as a child.

Some faith communities get this, and others don’t. You can always tell the difference.

The ones that get it make room for children, wear name tags, greet strangers, embrace diversity and always have time for the person who is suffering. The ones that don’t get it want children out of the way, encourage anonymity, freeze out the odd, rarely have time for human needs, and demand that people take sides in their endless squabbles.

Christianity’s health isn’t about doctrine, liturgical style, location, architecture or anything else that can be bought or intellectualized. From childhood through adulthood, church is about community, places to feel safe and loved, so that we can dare to grow up, dare to make our way in the world, dare to disagree with the powers-that-be, and dare to face death.

If Christians could stop arguing about things Jesus didn’t mention or value, and if we could turn down our institutional ambitions and pride, we could see that our singular contribution to these difficult times is community. Not just niceness and smiles, but radically open and transformative community.

Jesus said, “Be one,” not “be right.” He said, “Love one another,” not “judge one another.”

Our anonymous and fragmented world is desperate for authentic community. That need starts in childhood, and I don’t think we ever outgrow it.

Tom Erlich is a writer, church consultant and Episcopal priest in Durham, N.C.

Submitted by Russ Parry

## Where Everybody Knows Your Name

### The strength of churches lies in community

– by Tom Erlich

I asked the six families preparing to baptize their children: What was their best experience as children growing up in churches?

“Community,” nearly all said. They cited church friends, feeling safe and loved, being allowed to help, not needing to compete, belonging without having to earn their way.

When their families moved from town to town, they knew churches as a welcoming place.

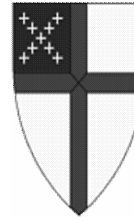
Now, as young parents, what did they want for their children in church?

“Community,” they said, where their children can be known by name and made to feel welcome. Even though they live in separate towns in this suburban corridor north of Charlotte, they want their children to have a church family in addition to the neighborhood play groups, sports programs and school that will fill their lives.

To that end, we baptized their children on Easter morning, in full view of a packed house, with no apologies for crying and squirming. I carried babies down the aisle to give grown-ups a good look at them, because it is their duty to maintain the open doors and open fellowship that are necessary for welcoming.

To this day, I carry with me the memories of growing up at Trinity Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. I remember the names of every Sunday school teacher, the faces of those who loved me even at my most obnoxious stages, and the church friends whom I saw only on Sundays and yet were essential to my self-awareness.

I don't remember the sermons or lessons. I never developed an interest in doctrines or church politics. But, I remember the sensation – physical, emotional, spiritual – of walking into the doors at Trinity and feeling at home. It even has a unique smell in my memory bank.



## A message from your Presiding Bishop

[Episcopal News Service]

This is one of the most exciting times in history to be an Episcopalian and an Anglican, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said during a May 9 presentation to the [Church Club of New York](#), a 120-year-old layperson's group.

"The Communion is moving, in what some people see as seismic kinds of ways, but it's moving. It's not a dead and dormant thing," she said to applause.

"The Anglican Communion is alive and well -- very well -- the reality is that congregations in which a sizable number of members have voted to leave the Episcopal Church constitute one-half of one percent of the congregations of this church. They are very vocal and they've got a lot of media attention."

She continued, "What has not gotten media attention are the faithful witness and mission work that is going on all over this church. When your neighbors and friends ask you -- O isn't it awful in the Episcopal Church -- I want you to tell them about something wonderful that's going on in the Episcopal Church because there is a great deal of it."

She countered news reports about the church: "Much of what people in this church and outside of this church think is guided by headlines. Headlines focus on a very small part of what's going on in this church and in the communion. I am happy to tell you that almost everywhere I go, I see signs of enormous health and vitality in congregations and dioceses. I don't see people moping."

"Our challenge," she stated, "is to retain the children we produce and to reach to new populations in this country and the vast population of the unchurched to whom we are a highly attractive alternative."

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In Christ,

Richard Bearden  
Senior Warden

Wherever you find us, you'll find the *Book of Common Prayer* and a Christian faith that honors and engages the Bible, the tradition of the Church and God-given human reason.

Joined in prayer, you'll find people with many points of view – Christians who are progressive, moderate and conservative – yet who value the diversity of their faith community.

That's a heritage drawn from our deep roots in nearly 2,000 years of English Christianity, and shared by a worldwide Anglican Communion that unites nearly 80 million people in 164 countries through prayer and ministries committed to caring for “the least of these,” as Jesus commanded, by reducing poverty, disease and oppression.

Episcopalians struggle with the same issues that trouble all people of faith: how to interpret an ancient faith for today...how to maintain the integrity of tradition while reaching out to a hurting world...how to disagree and yet love and respect one another.

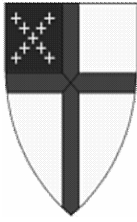
Occasionally those struggles make the news. People find they can no longer walk with us on their journey, and may be called to a different spiritual home. Some later make their way back, and find they are welcomed with open arms.

Despite the headlines, the Episcopal Church keeps moving forward in mission-in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, as well as congregations in Belgium, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Guam, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Micronesia, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, Taiwan, Venezuela and the Virgin islands. We're committed to a transformed world, as Jesus taught: a world of justice, peace, wholeness and holy living.

We've grown a lot in 400 years, since that 1607 worship service from the *Book of Common Prayer* was held in Jamestown – inside and out. Come see for yourself. Come and visit...come and explore...come and grow.

Taken from *The New York Times*, Sunday, May 13, 2007

Submitted by Eleanor Corbin



## The Episcopal Church Marking a Milestone, Moving Forward

Somewhere near you, there's a blue and white sign bearing the familiar slogan: *The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*. It represents some 7,4000 congregations that trace their beginnings in North America to a small but hopeful group of English Christians who arrived May 14, 1607 at a place they called Jamestown – the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

You may know us as Washington's monumental National Cathedral, site of historic services and ceremonies, or the cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, still unfinished, but already the largest cathedral in the world.

But the Episcopal Church is also Boston's Old North Church, founded in 1723 and made famous by serving as the beacon for Paul Revere's revolution-spurring "Midnight ride." And Philadelphia's Christ Church, home parish of 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence, host to the first General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1785.

It's Trinity Parish on Wall Street in New York, formed in 1698, and St. Paul's Chapel just down the street, frequented by George Washington and the spiritual healing center of Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

It's also Epiphany Church in Los Angeles, where Cesar Chavez rallied the United Farmworkers. And Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cumberland, Maryland, whose basement was a major stop on the Underground Railroad to freedom for enslaved African-Americans. And St. John's Church in Greenwich Village, a meeting place for gay and lesbian action following the 1969 Stonewall uprising.

It's a parish in Iowa. A campus ministry in Georgia. A mission in *Dinetah* – the Navajo Reservation. A cathedral in Utah. Even a house church in Vermont.

## Junior Warden's Report for March/April/May 2007

Since being named Junior Warden, effective March 19th, things have gotten quite busy for me here at St. Andrews. I had forgotten how much this position is like a part-time job. (I was was Junior Warden at St. Andrews in the early 1980s.) A lot of it has to do with just getting familiar with how all of the systems work and what condition they're in. Fortunately, former Junior Warden Gina Johnson gave me a manual that explains most of the systems and she has been very helpful in answering my questions. Most of the effort has been directed towards making sure that the air conditioning system works properly for this summer.

We had a productive "Share the Love" Saturday cleanup on April 28th. I was impressed that virtually no direction was needed by the participants, with the result that a large amount of work was accomplished. It seemed that everyone pitched in and did their "own thing". Graham McDonald has agreed to be in charge of the grounds, while I'll be responsible for the buildings. We have discussed implementing an "Adopt-A-Plot program so that individuals and families can do the maintenance for individual sections of the grounds (weeding, litter pickup, etc.). I need to develop a drawing to show the different plots so that we'll know who wants to take care of each plot. So, if you are interested, please look around and feel free to adopt an area (the back lot needs an especial amount of love.).

Faithfully submitted,

Bill Permar  
Junior Warden



# St Andrew's 31st Anniversary Bar B Que

May 27 - After the 10:00 service

Wear Something Red - it's Pentecost!

BBQ, drinks, cake and ice cream  
will be provided.

Please bring a side dish to share

It will be fun for the whole family.

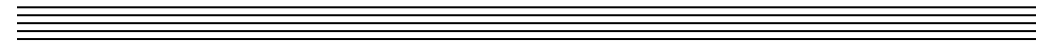
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## Episcopal Church Women

**ECW does not meet during the summer.  
See You in September**

Jane Lindsey, 770-461-9605 [wlindjr@bellsouth.net](mailto:wlindjr@bellsouth.net)

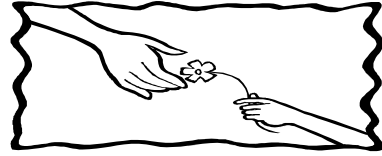


### LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how  
Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt,  
when little Jason interrupted,  
"My Mummy looked back once, while she was driving,"  
he announced triumphantly,  
"and she turned into a telephone pole!"

Submitted by Lucille Potts

## Outreach News

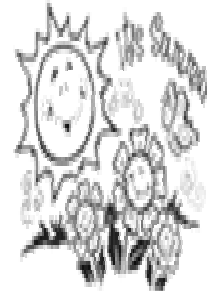


Sales of the African Team Ministry crafts are going well.  
We have raised \$400 plus in the first two weeks.  
Thanks to those who have bought and those who have sold.  
This is such a worthwhile ministry to support those in need.

The crosses make lovely Christmas Tree ornaments.  
These same giraffes and gazelle crafts were bought by one  
of our parishioners in England many years ago!

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# ECW Garden Party Bunko

**Friday, June 22nd,  
starting at 7 p.m.  
In the Parish Hall**

Come join us for a evening of fun, food  
and getting to know each other.  
\$5 per adult



Look for signup sheets in the Rotunda

Sign-up to come - The women and the men enjoy Bunko.  
You do not need to come in twos!  
Bring yourself, family and/or friends.

Sign-up to bring appetizers - fingerfood  
We will have wine and punch.

Sign-up to bring desserts. We will have coffee.

We will have lots of fun and prizes too.

## Rock of Ages

On November 4, 1740, a baby in Farnham, England, was given the formidable name of Augustus Montague Toplady. His father died in a war, his mother spoiled him, his friends thought him “sick and neurotic” and his relatives disliked him.

But Augustus was interested in the Lord. “I am now arrived at the age of eleven years,” he wrote on his birthday. “I praise God I can remember no dreadful crime; to the Lord be the glory.” By age 12 he was preaching sermons to whoever would listen. At 14 he began writing hymns. At age 16 he was soundly converted to Christ while attending a service in a barn. And at 22 he was ordained an Anglican priest.

In 1776 Augustus wrote an article about God’s forgiveness. He ended his article with an original poem:

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.*

Augustus Toplady died at age 38, but his poem outlived him and has been called “the best known, best loved, and most useful” hymn in the English language.

Taken from Then Sings My Soul by Robert J. Morgan



## Grounds

Many thanks for all the folks who helped with Share in the Love Work Day, Saturday, April 28.

Twenty eight showed up to pull weeds, trim limbs, pressure wash the walks, spread the pine straw, mow and weed eat, blow the driveways, cut down trees and haul off the debris.

Thanks too for those who brought donuts, brownies, sweet rolls, cookies, water, coffee, and lemonade.

With the generous donations we received at the 3 services, we were able to buy 100 bales of pine straw. It took a group effort to give us a fresh look.

If you would like to adopt an area and keep it weed free and spruced up, just let me know. There are lots to choose from.

St Andrew's is such a lovely place to worship. Let's keep it that way!

Graham McDonald, gmcdga@comcast.net

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## Plantings

Herbicide - a two gallon tankful applied to Handicap Parking beds back to Stevens Entry Rd. They are infested with car briar which would climb and be a danger at eye level. A second application is probably necessary. Poison Ivy is also in evidence.

Regards, JEB