



The Grapevine

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**ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 30th
AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE**

The Business to be transacted at the meeting will be as follows:

The Election of the following:

- Clerk of the Annual Meeting
- Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, Treasurer
- Two Vestry positions available to serve 2 year term
- One Vestry position available to serve 1 year term
- Delegates to Convention for the Episcopal Diocese of MA
- Delegates to Deanery
- Greater Lawrence Council of Churches
- Parish Historian

Other Business will include:

- Parish Vote to change quorum from 40 to 25
- The receipt of annual reports from all Parish organizations
- The receipt of annual financial reports
- A report on the adopted 2005 budget
- Parish Vote on the Development of Land
- Any other business as may properly be brought before the Congregation for its consideration

MUSIC PROGRAM

Adults and Young People: We always welcome new folks to sing with us. This doesn't need to be an every-week commitment, you're welcome whenever you're able. We rehearse at 9 AM each Sunday. Contact anyone on the Music Committee for more details:

- Jody Bowes 978-683-7525-Joanna.Bowes@Smith-nephew.com
- Sue Foster 978-683-8747 or Activity38@aol.com
- Elaine Morrisette 978-683-8841 or REMOR20@aol.com
- Elizabeth Boulier 978-686-0840 or EABoulier@Yahoo.com

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE/SAUSAGE
SUPPER 5:00 – 7:00 pm
FEBRUARY 8TH
\$4.00 ADULTS
\$2.00 CHILDREN**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
IMPOSITION OF ASHES
7:00 pm FEBRUARY 9th**

Happy Birthday



FEBRUARY

David Hill	2/7
Dan Sulesky	2/9
Sheila Davekos	2/12
Lindsay LaCourte	2/15
Lars Falk	2/16
Clive Falk	2/16
Mally Falk	2/16
Keagan Whipple	2/16
Michael McGuire	2/26
Ashley Luther	2/26

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TEACHERS and OTHERS NEEDED

Some of our wonderful teachers retired at the end of last year and many will be retiring over the next two years.

With this in mind the Sunday School Staff would like to see new people step up and join the program. This will allow a smoother transition as teachers leave. Most of the teacher's at St. Andrew's church have taught for many years and have participated in creating what I feel, is a Wonderful Sunday School Program. They all want to see the program continue and improve. They would like to work with new volunteers so that the program will do so. Contact Valerie Carey or Mimi Falk if you would like to be part of this program.

ST. ANDREW'S BITS & PEICES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Church: For **Frank Griswold, our Presiding Bishop; Tom Shaw, our Diocesan Bishop; Bud Cederholm and Gayle Harris, our Bishops Suffragan.**

For those of this parish, especially Rene Morissette; Dick & Sue Lorenz; Joann Moran; Dick Fraser; Agnes Gourdeau; Lawrence Barnes, husband of Peggy Barnes; Jennifer Desario, Betty Mac Kay's granddaughter; Niall Fleming, long-time member of Saint Andrew's; James Johnson, Susan Foster's brother; Adolph Medelinskas, Carol Elliott's father; Al Willmore, Deb Wunderlich's father; Kylie McGurn, Susan Foster's cousin; Erin Feugill, Granddaughter of Betty Feugill; Nicholas Gayhete, great-grandson of Harriet Hebsch; Judy Makin, cousin of Gail Ratcliffe, Linda Hernandez, Niece of Dora Atkinson; Mary Durant; Rev. Diane Bragg, at St. David's Church, from Dora Atkinson; Irene McLeod, mother of Krista McLeod; Ruth Miller, daughter-in-law of Ella Miller; Ruth Perry, mother of Gary O. Perry, Linda Finlayson, friend of Mimi Falk.

Friends and Family of Armed Forces Personnel:

Lt. Stephen Pellerin, friend of Dave Marsh

VOLUNTEERS

It seems as though the list of requests for volunteers is steadily growing. As with all organizations volunteers are extremely important to help keep the many projects running smoothly. So again we ask for help for the following projects:

- Sunday Coffee Hour (Bulletin Board in Parish Hall)
- Donations for our food pantry (Len Brown)
- Altar Guild members (Elaine Morissette)
- Vestry members (Laura RuizdeLuzuriaga)
- Paint crew for the Parish Hall (Jim Carey)
- Teachers for Sunday School Classes (Valerie Carey)

Should any of the above requests for help is of interest to you please speak with the above listed members.

ELEVATOR LIFT

Should you find it difficult to climb the stairs to the sanctuary or Parish Hall, the elevator/lift is available

for your convenience. Please contact an usher or member of the vestry and they will assist you.

Lenten Study

Before the holidays, I had asked the priests in the Deanery to give me some titles of compelling books they've studied in Adult Ed groups. I've read three so far, and one is particularly interesting. It is written by Marcus Borg and is called *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*. It is very compelling and seems to be relevant to our lives today.

If you would like to join our study group, we will be meeting on MONDAY nights, starting FEBRUARY 7th, at 7 PM. Each chapter is only 20 pages and it's an easy read. I expect we'll need an hour each Monday if we can start on time!

PLEASE let me know ASAP if you will join us so that I can order the books.

Laura Walta - Tel 978-686-6824.

ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH



ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLEDGE FOR THE PANTRY

The Food Pantry for the Arlington Neighborhood has been depleted. Would you be willing to pledge \$12.00 or 12 one-dollar items of food from the super market, i.e.:

- 12 cans tuna @ \$1.00 each
- 12 jars jelly @ \$1.00 each
- 12 cans vegetables @ \$1.00 each
- 12 jars of spaghetti sauce @ \$1.00 each

If every family participated with a pledge, we would have enough food for for several months. I would only need to purchase the 6 gallons of milk each week and six loaves of bread from our mission account.

Thank you Len Brown

**CHRISTMAS "ADOPT A FAMILY PROJECT"
METHUEN ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD**

I would like to thank everyone who helped provide Christmas Gifts for 5 working families in the Arlington Neighborhood. The outpouring of support was great. All of the lists for families were filled, and the wish lists for the children were also filled.

I purchased 5 large totes to put all of the presents into, one for each family; they were overflowing. When Linda Soucy came to pick up the totes she needed two cars to deliver them to the families. David and I had a great feeling, knowing that St. Andrew's is making a difference in our lives, but also the lives of others.

Thank you, Len Brown

Note from the Arlington Neighborhood Association:

Dear St. Andrew's Church members,

We would like to thank you for your participation in our Annual Holiday Adopt a Family Program. Families that would have had nothing under their tree for the holidays, were able to wake up Christmas morning and see smiles on their children's faces.

As you know, we work closely with working families that are struggling financially. You made their Christmas special and that means a lot.

Thank you again for your generosity to the families of the neighborhood. It was greatly appreciated by all.

The Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, Inc.

VESTRY INFORMATION

Vestry

Directory

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am – 1:00pm, Monday through Friday

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Please do not hesitate to call Laura at any time at the above number, especially with pastoral emergencies. Be sure to inform her if you or anyone you know in the parish is ill and/or in the hospital.

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MEMORIAL FUNDS

IN MEMORY OF:

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NOTES FROM OUR FRIENDS

Dear Gloria,

These have been particularly busy days for Bette and me. On the seventh of this month we moved into assisted living at the above address. This was necessary because Bette requires more care than I could give her. As I will be ninety-five in March it has become increasingly difficult for me. It is lovely here with many nice people to look out for us and give us the necessary care.

We hated to leave our lovely home in Methuen but as you can understand, we didn't have too much choice. Old age is unkind. We love every person at St. Andrew's and wish we could stay. We must say goodbye, with love to all.

Sincerely Rufus

(Editors note: if you would like to send the Prices' a note or card or visit them call me at the office and I will give you their new address. Gloria)

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Dear Members of Sain Andrew's Church:

Thank you very much for the beautiful Poinsettia plant you sent for Bernard.

It is very kind and thoughtful of you to think of him.

He is feeling better, and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

With love and best wishes,

Bernard & Eugenia Hancock

CONTACTING THE GRAPEVINE

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