

VISION

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINTS ANDREW AND
MATTHEW

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Corporate Prayer for the Search/Discernment Process

"Almighty God, bless and give guidance to the Vestry, the Search Committee and this congregation in our search for new clerical leadership. Open our eyes to your vision and our hearts to your will. Amen"

The prayer above has been chosen by the Parish Involvement Sub-committee as the winner of our discernment prayer contest. We encourage all SsAM members to use this prayer during services, at meetings, and at home.

It was submitted by Cynthia Oates. Others were offered by Thomas Roberts, Elizabeth Feasel and Lois McGinnis. Our most sincere thanks goes out to all who participated.

In other news, the Search Committee is meeting every two weeks to gather the information required by the discernment process. The Parish Involvement Sub-committee plans to set up forums at individual homes, as well as at church, in order to gain YOUR INPUT.

The Profile Sub-committee has the arduous job of compiling all the information from those meetings and creating a description of our parish that might draw a clergy person to submit his/her application.

These two steps must be accomplished and reviewed by the Bishop and Standing Committee, before we can send out application requests. This is not a quick process.

Several churches in the Diocese are currently looking to call new rectors and, in one case, the information-gathering and compiling of the profile has taken an entire year!

Our committee will seek to keep you informed of our progress. Please feel free to contact any of us with your comments.

Lenten Concert Series

Tuesdays at 12:00 noon

March 4 - DAVID CHRISTOPHER, ORGAN

Lenten Chorale Preludes ... J. S. Bach

Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, Opus 65 ... Felix Mendelssohn

March 11 - TINA BETZ, CONTRALTO

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

and other great African-American Spiritual arrangements
by Harry T. Burleigh

March 18 - DAVID CHRISTOPHER, ORGAN

WITH THE MEN OF THE SsAM CHOIR

Selections from the "St. Augustine Organbook" by Gerald
Near with Gregorian Chant sung by the men of the choir.

You are invited to a 60+ year tradition in downtown Wilmington. Delicious lunches on Tuesdays during Lent where homemade soups, sandwiches and delicious deserts are served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a modest donation. Lunches will run through March 18.

We welcome the newly baptized!

Cassidy Nwanekwu (age 6 months)

Henry Gaskell (age 6 months)

Cassidy and Henry were baptized on January 13, 2008.

We remember the dearly departed.

Gertrude Shipp, age 78, December 16, 2007

Helen Young, age 90, December 22, 2007

Lottie Fountain, age 78, January 22, 2008

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER A FAMILY CELEBRATION

Easter Family Workshop - Saturday, March 15, 10:00 - noon

Kids and parents gather, this activity-filled morning, to prepare for Easter. We will tell the Holy Week story together, and then have a variety of activities:

- Making palm crosses
- Baking the bread to be used in our Easter Holy Communion services
- Making Easter greeting cards for our home-bound members
- Coloring eggs

Please let the office know who is coming, so that we can make plans to include everyone.

Maundy Thursday Supper and Service - Thursday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.

Families are invited to join the whole congregation for an informal family-friendly evening. A simple supper in the Auditorium begins the evening. Soup, macaroni and cheese, and beverages will be provided. You are asked to bring bread or fruit to share.

After our meal, we will remain at our tables for an informal Holy Eucharist, remembering the Lord's last supper with his disciples and the giving of the Sacrament. The evening will conclude with everyone helping in the ceremony of the Stripping of the Altar in the Church.

Easter Day - Sunday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.

The children will be an important part of our Festival Service this year. They will join the Procession, carrying streamers they made in the Easter Workshop. They will also be singing an anthem during the service. Sunday School classes will not meet, but child care will be provided for children age 4 and under.

Following the service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, first for children 6 and under, and then for children 7-11.

Easter Flowers for the Church

Once again, the nave, chancel and sanctuary of the church will be beautifully arrayed this Easter with lilies and other flowers. Please consider making a donation for these flowers, as a gift in memory of departed loved ones and/or in thanksgiving for living persons or moments of significance in your life. A list of your memorials and thanksgivings will be printed in the Easter leaflet, if we receive your donation and the information below by Tuesday, March 18.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

DONOR INFORMATION:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Amount enclosed: check \$ _____ or cash \$ _____

Please make checks payable to SAINTS ANDREW AND MATTHEW (note: EASTER FLOWERS)

Inquirers' Classes Slated for March 31 through May 25

Have you been thinking about "joining the Church?" Are you at a time in your life when you feel led to renew your Baptismal promises? Or are you a regular member who would enjoy a "refresher course?"

These classes are being offered in preparation for Bishop Wright's annual pastoral visitation on Sunday, May 25 to:

Adults who are interested in being Baptized;

Baptized adults who wish to be presented for Confirmation;

Adults who were baptized and confirmed in another denomination and wish to be received into the Episcopal Church;

Anyone interested in joining the discussion.

The classes will be led by the Revs. Peter Huiner and Rod Welles. They will be held on Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Demby Room. A final session will be held on Saturday, May 24, to prepare for the Bishop's service.

Monday, March 31 – Introduction. Who we are and where we have been. What questions do you hope we address?

Monday, April 7 – Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus the Christ; history and faith.

Monday, April 14 – A snapshot overview of Holy Scriptures, the Episcopal approach to the Bible.

"Forward in Faith" Exceeds Last Year

Our "Forward in Faith" stewardship campaign formally ended on December 31, although we are still welcoming and receiving pledges. We are grateful to report that our congregation has responded enthusiastically. We have exceeded last year's giving, both in the number of pledges received and in the total dollar amount promised. As of this writing, our total number of pledges is 128 for a pledged contribution of \$316,400.

We give hearty thanks to the leadership of the campaign: Diane Clarke Streett, Chair, Gerald Hastie and Bill Young, Co-chairs. We also thank all of you, who by your response, have continued to provide a foundation for our shared ministry. And thanks to God, for calling us to this ministry together.

The Vestry approved a budget for 2008 at its January meeting. The budget significantly decreases the projected draw from the Endowment during this year. Copies of the budget are available on request from the office.

Monday, April 21 – "I believe....We believe...." - The Church's creeds.

Monday, April 28 – 2000 years of history in 90 minutes – the story of the Church.

Monday, May 5 – The Book of Common Prayer and the sacraments.

Monday, May 12 – The Episcopal Church: Anglican Communion, national church, diocese, and parish.

Monday, May 19 – Living a Christian life – personal spirituality and moral decision-making.

Saturday, May 24 – Preparing for the service.

Confirmation Classes for Young People Scheduled

Young people, ages twelve and over, are invited to consider renewing their Baptismal vows at the time of Bishop Wright's visit to SsAM on May 25. Confirmation is not "joining the Church." All baptized persons are already full members of the Church. It is also not "becoming a Communicant member," since Holy Communion is offered to all, whatever their age. However, people who were baptized as infants had the Baptismal promises made for them by their parents and godparents. As they mature, they are invited to publicly make these promises for themselves. Confirmation is the renewal of Baptismal vows, made in the presence of the Bishop, our chief pastor.

Special Confirmation Classes for youth, in preparation for the Bishop's visit, will be offered on six Sunday mornings, during the 10:30 service. The first class meets on Sunday, March 9. Classes will be led by Youth Director Linda Jackson, assisted by the Rev. Peter Huiner. Pre-registration is not required -- just come to the first session, meeting in the Teen Suite.

Beautiful Gardens ... Historic Homes Saturday, May 3

61st Wilmington Garden Day – Dedicated to the memory of Trudy Shipp

In 1947, a group of women from St. Andrews, lead by Mrs. Charles Richards, decided to raise money that could be used to support a children's program at St. Matthews. They decided to have a garden tour which had never been done in Wilmington. In the first year they had seven gardens to view and raised \$100. After a couple of years, St Michael's School and Nursery became the beneficiary and the Cathedral Church of St. John became an additional sponsor. In the 1950s more houses were added as the popularity of the garden tours increased. By the 1970s men began taking part and at one point there were over 500 volunteers with many churches, Episcopal and others, helping. In the early 197's Calvary-Hillcrest and in later years St. Barnabas became sponsors as well. Today Christ Church – Christiana and St. Nicholas – Newark are very involved and are considered unofficial sponsors. By the mid 1980s Garden Day had raised over \$1,000,000 cumulatively.

Through the years, many members of our parish have headed committees and provided manpower for this tour which has traditionally funded various children's

organizations. This year the beneficiary will be St. Michael's School and Nursery. A Preview Party on Thursday May 1 has been added to generate more funds to donate.

The tour will take place on Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 on the day of the tour.

The Wilmington Garden Day board has dedicated its 61st tour to the memory of "Trudy" Shipp. Trudy was an active participant for almost 20 years. She held many different jobs and was always willing to do whatever was needed to help. This very special volunteer will be sorely missed.

If you would like to become involved, here are some areas from which to choose:

Serve as host/hostess at a garden for half a day;

Sign up your business as a corporate sponsor for a donation;

Purchase tickets for the tour.

For more information contact Susan Murphree at (302) 427-0392 or look at the Garden Day website: www.gardenday.org.

Birthdays

MARCH

5
Thomas Roberts, Sr.
8
Sylvia Banks
10
Paul Ellison
14
Harvey Jones
Carl Webster
16
Felicia Walker
18
Audrey Butler
23
Myrdis Dyton
24
Vern Bethea
25
Steven Hengel
28
Gwen Walker
Alice Sawyer

29
Sara Hengel
Shawn Dorsey
30
Tyler Hastie
31
Carson Bethea

APRIL

1
Lori Williams
Jim Linderman
5
Linda Julius
6
Lionel Hampton
7
Les Roberts
13
Erwin Polk
14
Paulyne Webster
DeVere Patton

17
Rod Welles
18
Retha Fisher
Cecil Gordon
19
Herbert Harvey
20
Louise Spaulding
Mary Anne Edwards
Leroy Ames
Nancy Ware
25
Michael Faulk
26
Marion Gibbs
29
Elizabeth Nicholls



Shipley Village Development – the Work Begins!!

At long last the demolition and rebuilding of the structure that SsAM owns and has leased to the Shipley Village Community Development Corporation (SVCDC) at 701 Shipley Street is poised to begin.

At the February 13th Vestry meeting, Chris White, President of SVCDC, informed us that all necessary financing has been secured and receipt of all necessary permits and approvals is nearly complete. We anticipate this will allow



SsAM's Code Purple

As communicated in an earlier *Weekly Vision*, SsAM is offering its auditorium space for a Friendship House program to accommodate the homeless on nights the city declares a Code Purple Alert.

Code Purple is in effect anytime the actual or wind-chill temperature is 15° or below. We are opening our space at 4:00 p.m. and closing at 9:00 p.m. when the Salvation Army begins providing sleeping accommodations for the remainder of the night.

SsAM is also providing one of six volunteer teams that will serve soup and sandwiches to the people coming in on Code Purple nights. These six teams include three groups from Westminster Presbyterian and two groups from Wilmington Rotary plus the one from SsAM. On January 30, SsAM's team (Joe and Karen Johnson, Carolyn Haon, Phil and Susan Murphree) provided the food and hospitality. There is always one staff person from Friendship House to provide supervision.

To volunteer to participate in this ministry, contact Phil or Susan Murphree at (302) 427-0392.

demolition of the interior structure to start early in March.

It is anticipated that demolition will take about one month and that rebuilding should be complete by the second quarter 2009. The demolition will be accomplished by temporarily shutting down 7th street between Orange and Shipley and using a large crane to move debris to street level.

As reported in the *News Journal* last month the start of this long-awaited project has been delayed by the Delmarva Power and Light Company's insistence that a new power distribution system had to be installed to supply electricity to the building. SVCDC was able to obtain additional financing that now allows them to purchase and install the new transformer that is required in the basement.

Thus, to the great relief of those who have struggled with finding a suitable end-use and financing for the building that was purchased by St. Andrews in the early 1990s, the path is now underway for the construction of an artists' loft community that will solve an unmet need in downtown Wilmington.

Members of SsAM currently on the board of SVDC are Geoff Sawyer, Chris White, Adrian Allen, Keith Criddell and Herb Harvey.

Our "Souper" Bowl Sunday Was Super!

Seventeen members showed their excellent culinary skills with a wide variety of soups provided on "Souper" Bowl Sunday in February.

We would like to recognize their contributions:

- Williamsburg Peanut – Buck Smith
- Turkey Bean – Leroy Burks
- Pumpkin Mushroom – Karen Johnson
- Vegetable Bean – Gloria Connor-Bungy
- Turkey Bean – Retha Fisher
- Chili – Susan Murphree
- Squash – Shirley Bynoe
- Maryland Crab – Pat Griffin
- Crab – Carol Scott
- French Lentil – Carolyn Haon
- Red Lentil – Elizabeth Hunt
- Vegetable with Red Beans – Kitty Esterly
- Turkey Rice – Lionel Hampton
- Contributed Boston Market Soup – Max Bell
- Chicken Corn Chowder – Alice Smith
- Vegetable Beef – Dot Dorsey
- Navy Bean with Ham – Cynthia Oates

Thanks also to the Community Advocacy Committee, (Retha Fisher, Shirley Bynoe, Sandy Holt, Carol Scott, Alice Smith, Susan and Phil Murphree) for helping to serve the soup and then to clean up.

The money raised will go to the AIM Fund for outreach activities.



Our Spotlight this month is on **Remi Poindexter**. Remi is a senior who attends Mt. Pleasant High School. His favorite subjects are Spanish and history. His interests include photography, Latin America and music. In his spare time he works on the school year book, does community service, and enjoys going out with friends. This summer he will spend a lot of time on the beach while visiting family in Martinique. For college he plans to attend the University of Delaware and then medical school. His goal is to become a doctor who can help people in nations which are in crisis.

Youth News Shorts

The Youth Group this year group is busier than ever. We started off with the "2008 Kick-off Meeting and Reception" on January 13. This was an opportunity for teens and their families to learn more about the SsAM Soul group. We welcomed new members Kay Collins, Omolulu Babatunde and Alana Walker and heard an inspiring message from Rev. Huiner. The affair was such a success that we plan to make it a tradition. (See photo on page 7)

In February we volunteered during the ECW Pancake Dinner and welcomed the St. Thomas Episcopal Church youth group who joined us in worship for Carnival Sunday. With the Trinity Episcopal Church youth group we supported the 30 Hour Famine Movement, an international youth movement to fight hunger. Also we participated in Acolyte Training.

March and April promise to be full of activity as we prepare for Confirmation and hold the Second Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon. We invite all SsAM teenagers and their friends to join us for fun and fellowship.

Diocesan Youth Council

Phil Glass, Alex Oates and alternate La'Erica Conner-Sims have been selected to represent the SsAM Soul Youth on this newly formed group. The council met February 16 at St. Andrews School to develop a full calendar of Diocesan monthly youth events. Stay tuned for more information!!

Springtime Prayer

*For flowers that bloom about our feet
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet
For song of bird, and hum of bee
For all things fair we hear or see
Father in heaven, we thank thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky
For pleasant shade of branches high
For fragrant air and cooling breeze
For beauty of the blooming trees
Father in heaven, we thank thee!*

Confirmation

Youth who would like to be confirmed at Bishop Wright's visit on May 25 are invited to attend Confirmation classes led by Youth Director Linda Jackson and the Rev. Peter Huiner. Classes will be held on six Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. service. The first class meets on Sunday, March 9.

SsAM Family Banquet and Fashion Show

The SsAM Soul Youth Group will host the 2nd Annual Family Banquet and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 19 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Dine on a delicious meal while our models feature the latest in sporty, casual and dress spring fashions. To sign up to model and /or learn more about the Fashion Show, please attend the Fashion Show Kick-off meeting Sunday, March 2 in Crypt Hall.

Camp Arrowhead

Sponsored by the Diocese of Delaware, this is a camp for kids entering third through eleventh grades. The camp experience enriches young people's relationships with one another, nature and God. Campers develop their sense of adventure and spiritual awareness as they participate in the activities, outdoor life and community of camp. The camp will host an open house on Sunday, April 27 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tour the camp and meet the staff. To learn more and to download registration forms, visit www.CampArrowhead.net.

Youth Calendar of Activities

What

Fashion Show Kick-off meeting
 Scholarship & Grants Workshop
 Youth Confirmation Class
 Fashion Show rehearsal
 Palm Sunday
 Easter Sunday
 Diocesan Teen Retreat
 Youth Confirmation Class
 Fashion Show rehearsal
 Youth Confirmation Class
 Fashion Show rehearsal
 Fashion Show rehearsal
 Fashion Show rehearsal
 Spring Fashion show/luncheon
 Youth Confirmation Class
 Camp Arrowhead Open House

When

Sunday, March 2, 12:30– 1:30 pm
 Saturday, March 8, 10:30– 12:00 pm
 Sunday, March 9, 10:30– 12:00 pm
 Sunday, March 9, 12:30– 2:30 pm
 Sunday, March 16, 10:30 am
 Sunday, March 23, 10:30 am
 Friday March 28– Saturday, March 29
 Sunday, March 30, 10:30– 12:00 pm
 Sunday, March 30, 12:30 – 2:30 pm
 Sunday, April 6, 10:30– 12:00 pm
 Sunday, April 6, 12:30– 2:30 pm
 Sunday, April 13, 12:30– 2:30 pm
 Friday, April 18, 6:00– 8:00 pm
 Saturday, April 19, 3:00– 5:00 pm
 Sunday, April 20, 10:30– 12:00 pm
 Sunday, April 27, 2– 4:00 pm

Where

Crypt Hall
 Auditorium
 Teen Suite
 Auditorium
 Nave
 Nave
 Camp Arrowhead
 Teen Suite
 Auditorium
 Teen Suite
 Auditorium
 Auditorium
 Auditorium
 Auditorium
 Teen Suite
 Camp Arrowhead



SsAM Soul Youth Group 2008 Kick-off Meeting and Reception Participants

The Daily Parish
Calendar can be
seen on the
SsAM website—
www.ssam.org.



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