

# VISION

**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
SAINTS ANDREW AND  
MATTHEW**

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*David Andrews delivers his first sermon to SsAM. Photo by Danny Schweers.*

## **New Beginnings and Happenings**

What a wonderful start to our ministry together. Even a couple of snow storms could not dampen the excitement and expectation I felt on February 14th at my first Sunday morning as your Rector. We now enter the holy season of Lent. For me, Lent is my favorite time of the church year. It is by far the busiest, and at the same time it is, for me, the most meaningful. I think that has to do in part with the fact that there is not the commercialism that is so much a part of Advent. Lent often begins in the darkness of winter and ends with the light and warmth of spring. Lent invites us to fast and examine ourselves with the outcome of renewal and transformation.

When I was in the Diocese of Central New York, I had the opportunity to work closely with the youth of the diocese. On numerous occasions I served as spiritual director for youth weekends such as New Beginnings for middle schoolers and Happening for youth in 10th to 12th grades. I always found these weekends exhilarating for my own life as the energy of the kids was infectious, and you could not help but get into the spirit of what was happening among the young people who were present. The New Beginning weekend is fun as the kids begin to explore their relationship with God and Jesus, their parents and family and friends, and the Church. The weekend is full of talks by adults and youth members of the team, and there is time for small family group sharing and experiential exercises. The Happening weekend invites youth to go deeper as they learn about prayer, the Sacraments, Jesus, and

the importance of being Christ to people they encounter. The weekend is marked by an agape meal where the staff serves the participants, foot washing, and a healing service. I have been the spiritual director on three of these weekends (two in the Diocese of Central New York and one in Maine). The depth of pain and sorrow in these kids always moved me as did their joy in the presence of God. For me, these weekends helped me have hope for the future of the Church.

In many ways, we have begun a new beginning and happening at SsAM. You have a rich and exciting history, and I am honored and humbled to be your Rector. By the time you receive this issue of the bi-monthly Vision, we will have begun our Sunday morning exploration of being a Christian community for this time. This is an exciting time in the life of this parish and in the Episcopal Church. Even in the midst of the recent economic troubles of the country I find myself believing that the Church has an opportunity to be a positive presence in the community and the world. Take SsAM as an example. With all the snow we had in early February, the church was open for Code Purple and was a place of warmth and nourishment for many as they struggled to stay warm and full. The Sunday Breakfast is another example of our opening our doors to the Wilmington community. Many churches today are so focused on the bottom line that their ministry to the community is compromised. To be realistic we have to keep an eye on our financial health in order to continue all that we do, but the Gospel calls us to feed and care for those in and outside of the Church.

Throughout Lent I will be exploring ways we can live into our Baptism by sharing with you some ideas I have and by listening to your stories and ideas for our future.

Later in this issue, you'll find the schedule for Holy Week. One idea I would like to invite your comments and participation with is to have the church open after the Maundy Thursday Liturgy and stripping of the altar through the night, up to the noonday Good Friday Liturgy. I envision teams of two taking one- to two-hour shifts in the church to keep a silent vigil the night before and the day we remember the story of Jesus' death on the cross. This period of time can be used in any number of ways: silent prayer, the reading of scripture, or writing in a journal. Please see me if you are interested in being part of this all-night vigil.

Thank you again for your welcome and your support as we begin to grow into this new relationship. Let us bless the Lord!

Peace,  
Fr. David+

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## **Vestry News**

*by Geoff Sawyer, Senior Warden*

The major activity for the Vestry in January and February was the passing of the 2010 budget. Much attention was paid to cost cutting where possible. The process has been at times painful but necessary in order for us to meet our responsibilities as fiscal stewards of SsAM.

Unfortunately, even with the conscientious stewardship of the budget, we are anticipating a \$150,000 deficit. That money will have to be taken from the principal of our endowment. While it is never a good time to take money out of principal, now is a particularly bad time because of the decrease in the market value of our stocks.

We are also continuing to examine possible areas of revenue generation. As you know, the Universal Church is renting Crypt Hall two evenings each week. Now that the weather hopefully has settled down and we have our new Rector, we will be directing our efforts to looking at ways of communicating the availability of space for rent. At the same time, we need to establish standardized rules and regulations for use of church property as well as rental rates. If you would like to help in this effort, contact anyone on the Vestry.

Obviously two additional ways of generating revenue are:

1. Increase membership. We hope you have seen the "R U NEW" table at coffee hour. It is just one of the many efforts the Membership Committee is undertaking to encourage new members for SsAM.
2. Increase pledging. We are very impressed with the level of pledging this year. We have received pledges from more families than last year and received more pledge amounts! The total amount pledged to date is \$312,875 by 126 pledge "units." Thank you. For those of you that have yet to pledge, there is still time and every dollar you pledge this year will reduce that \$150,000 deficit.

## **ShipleY Lofts Close to Completion**

*by Geoff Sawyer, Secretary to the Board,  
ShipleY Village Community Corporation*

We hope you have noticed the progress in completing the building on the corner of 7th and ShipleY.\* This is the work of the ShipleY Village Community Development Corporation. Working with SsAM, which owns the property, the CDC has developed the former furniture store, thanks to our church, foundations, local banks, the city of Wilmington, and State of Delaware. With Delaware College of Art & Design, Christina Cultural Arts Center, and other art organizations nearby, these artist lofts, with subsidized rent, will help to support the arts community in our neighborhood and city.

It is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupancy by April 1. We will notify you in the Weekly Vision about open houses planned for ShipleY Lofts. I would urge you to take a tour; the loft apartments are impressive. There is also a gallery at street level that will be open to the public.

March 6 Update: The ShipleY Lofts are now available for rent.

For details, call the Ingerman Group at 302-652-7606 or visit their Web site at [www.ingerman.com](http://www.ingerman.com). A history of our efforts to renovate this building is on our Web site.

\*From a SsAM parishioner viewpoint, I am sure everyone will be happy to regain the additional parking on ShipleY and a lessening of the congestion caused by the construction.

## **Episcopal Church Women News**

*by Pat Saunders*

### **Lenten Lunches**

It is time for Lenten Lunches. Each Tuesday during Lent, a homemade lunch of soup, salads, sandwiches, and desserts are served. Please join us for this annual tradition at SsAM.

### **Pew Cushions**

You should have received information in the mail about donating toward replacing the pew cushions at SsAM. We are accepting donations until Easter Sunday. The cost of a pew cushion is \$250, and you may give it in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one. Donations in any amount will be accepted. Please make checks payable to The Episcopal Church of Sts. Andrew and Matthew and write "pew cushions" on the memo line. You may place these checks in the offering plate or mail them to the church. There is now a sample cushion for people to examine on a pew in the church. If you have any questions, please call the church or Pat Saunders at 543-4583.

### **Pancake-Easter Supper**

As you all know by now, the Annual Pancake Supper had to be postponed because of icy conditions, and has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 27, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The cost of a ticket is \$10. We hope to see you there, when we will enjoy our yearly feast, this year, AFTER Easter!

## **Our "Souper" Bowl Sunday Was Super!**

*by Alice Smith*

Thirteen of our members showed their excellent culinary skills with a wide variety of soups provided on "Souper" Bowl Sunday in February. As a result, a total of \$277 was raised, which went to purchase warm gloves and socks to be given out at our Code Purple evenings to anyone who is in need.

We would like to recognize the all of the delicious contributions:

Jamaican Pumpkin Chicken Soup - Christine Pinnock (a new addition to our menu)

Vegetarian Bean Soup - Gloria Connor-Bungy

Turkey and Navy Bean with Tomatoes - Retha Fisher

Taco Soup/Chili - Susan Murphree

Butternut Squash - Shirley Bynoe

Maryland Crab - Pat Griffin

Kielbasa - Carol Scott

Potato and Fennel - Carolyn Haon

Sweet Sausage and Pasta- Alice Smith

Vegetable Beef - Dot Dorsey  
Navy Bean with Ham - Cynthia Oates & Sylvia Banks  
Cajun Turkey Gumbo - Jenna Christy

Thanks also to Community Advocacy committee members Retha Fisher, Shirley Bynoe, Alice Smith, Sylvia Banks, and Susan and Phil Murphree for helping to serve and clean up.

## SsAM Supports ERD Efforts in Haiti

by Alice Smith

In the wake of the 7.0-magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working closely with local partners to assist those most impacted by this disaster. It is estimated that one in three Haitians were affected by the quake, roughly three million people. The most recent numbers from the Haitian government indicate that the death toll has reached 230,000 people, and that number continues to climb.

SsAM designated special offerings in January to help in this effort. Your contributions plus additional funds from AIM totaled \$1,200, which has been sent to ERD.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, activities supported by Episcopal Relief & Development through the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti include:

Supplying over five tons of food to survivors living in diocesan camps. This includes both purchased and donated food.

Delivering food by helicopter to six camps not accessible by vehicles. These camps are inhabited by more than 15,000 survivors. Each drop contains 216 pounds of rice, 204 pounds of beans, 12 gallons of oil, and 36 kilograms milk powder.

Constructing permanent latrines and clean water sites in eight camps. These new facilities will be earthquake-resistant. In addition to providing sanitation and clean water, the construction is creating jobs in affected communities.

Conducting training on the proper installation and maintenance of at least 20 emergency water purification systems, which diocesan development agents are distributing throughout Haiti.

Additional water purification needs are currently being assessed so that they can be adequately addressed.

Working closely with the Diocesan Disaster Council, which has been charged by Bishop Duracin to coordinate the earthquake response and long-term recovery plans.

Collaborating with the Diocese of Virginia, whose fundraising efforts will enable the purchase of 10 more trucks for use by the Diocese of Haiti

## Announcement

The SsAM parish profile has been updated to reflect recent changes—like David Andrews joining us as our new Rector! Check it out at [ssam.org](http://ssam.org).



David Andrews gives the children's sermon on Feb. 28. Photo by Tanisha Julius.

## Sunday School News

by Tanisha Julius

The seasons of Lent and Easter can be a fascinating and complex time for young people, filled with stories and rituals that embody deep feelings and miraculous events. This is the perfect time to make strong connections between the spiritual practices and rituals of family life and the life of your faith community.

During Lent, we will be reading passages from the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, which point us toward God being present with the Hebrew people and with Jesus in both exciting and difficult times. The season of Easter opens a series of readings from the Book of Acts, which focus on the power of God witnessed by the disciples and its impact on the growth of the Church. I encourage you to celebrate the good news of God's powerful presence deep inside and all around us every day!



Members of SsAM Soul at Saint Stephen's Food Pantry. Photo by Linda Jackson.

## SsAM Soul Youth Group News

by Linda Jackson

Welcome to a new season of SsAM Soul youth group activities. After a long, cold winter, we are excited to welcome our new Rector, Father David, and begin our season with activities that continue to focus on fun, fellowship, and service.

This fall and winter, we learned a lot and have taken steps to

fight hunger by sponsoring the annual Fall Canned Food Drive, visiting Saint Stephen's Food Pantry, participating in the annual 30-Hour Famine Lock-In, and volunteering at the Food Bank of Delaware.

We invite you to join us Sunday, March 14, for our annual kick-off meeting. The kick-off meeting is just the first of several events, including joint activities with the Trinity Episcopal Youth Group, a mission trip, youth confirmation classes, and celebrations honoring our high school graduates, Kyana Bailey, Phil Glass, Alex Oates, and Gloria Williams.

Our group meets to socialize, participate in service to SsAM and our wider community, and explore social and personal issues in an atmosphere of fellowship and support. All middle and high school SsAM youth and their friends are invited to participate in the group.

For additional information please call the church office or Director of Youth Programs, Linda Jackson, 302-540-3278.



**Spotlight on Pere Gaddis**

My name is Pere Gaddis and I am co-president of the SsAM Soul youth group. I am 17 years old and attend A. I. DuPont High School.

In addition to participating in SsAM Soul activities, I am employed by Urban Promise Wilmington as a team leader. Urban Promise is a ministry to children and youth living in inner-city neighborhoods. Our mission is to teach children

and young adults the skills necessary for spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management, and Christian leadership.

On February 12, I traveled to London, England, as part of a three-member delegation, including my supervisor James Russell and fellow team leader Zahiya West, for a ten-day recruiting trip. Our assignment: recruit staff for our five summer camps, attended by more than 400 children.

Our Urban Promise tradition is to travel to places beyond our everyday lives. We visit places where history comes alive by going to the very places where history was born and we are able to experience culture and arts.

**Clifton Gordon Sets Record at Delaware High School Swimming & Diving Championships**

At the Delaware High School Swimming & Diving Championships at the University of Delaware on Saturday, February 27, SsAM Soul member Clifton Gordon, a junior at Salesianum School, won the 100 butterfly in a state record of 49.08 seconds. Congratulations, Clif!

**Kick-Off Meeting**

Please join us in Crypt Hall, 12:00 pm, Sunday, March 21, for our 2010 Annual SsAM Soul youth group kick-off meeting and reception. This fun event serves as an opportunity for our teens and their families learn more about the SsAM Soul

group, welcome new members, gather for our group photo, and officially welcome our new Rector, Father David. All are welcome.

**Youth Confirmation**

Youth who wish to be confirmed at the time of Bishop Wright's visit to SsAM on June 20 are invited to attend confirmation classes led by youth director Linda Jackson. Classes will be offered on seven Sunday mornings, during the 10:30 am service. The first class meets on Sunday, April 18. Pre-registration is not required.

**Provincial Youth Event**

The Provincial Youth Event will be held April 9-11, in Maryland, at Camp Claggett outside Frederick. Youth from all over Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, DC, and Delaware will gather for a weekend of fun. You won't want to miss it!

**Camp Arrowhead**

Camp Arrowhead, sponsored by the Diocese of Delaware, is a camp for kids entering 3rd through 11th 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 activities, outdoor life, and the community of camp. To learn more about camping and summer employment opportunities, and to download registration forms, visit [www.CampArrowhead.net](http://www.CampArrowhead.net).

**Scholarship Opportunities**

City of Wilmington academic scholarship program for graduating high school seniors and matriculating college students. Visit [wilmingtonde.gov/scholarships/2010-Academic-Scholarship](http://wilmingtonde.gov/scholarships/2010-Academic-Scholarship). Application deadline: April 15, 2010

Verizon Wireless/UNCF scholarships for high school seniors Visit [UNCF.com](http://UNCF.com). Application deadline: March 15, 2010.

**Youth Calendar of Events**

<i>March 21, noon-2 pm</i>	Kick-Off Meeting	<i>Crypt Hall</i>
<i>March 28, 10:30 am</i>	Palm Sunday Service	<i>SsAM Nave</i>
<i>March 28, noon-2 pm</i>	Meeting	<i>Teen Suite</i>
<i>April 4, 10:30 am</i>	Attend Easter Service	<i>SsAM Nave</i>
<i>April 9-10</i>	Youth Province III Event	<i>Loc TBD</i>
<i>April 11, noon-2 pm</i>	Teen Meeting	<i>Teen Suite</i>
<i>April 17</i>	Diocesan Acolyte Festival	<i>Loc TBD</i>
<i>April 18, 10:30 am- noon</i>	Confirmation Class	<i>Teen Suite</i>
<i>April 25, noon-2 pm</i>	Meeting	<i>Teen Suite</i>
<i>April 27, after school</i>	Easter Supper, assist	<i>SsAM</i>

## Holy Week Services and Events

### Palm Sunday, March 28

10:30 am: **The Liturgy and Procession of the Palms with the Reading of the Passion**

### Monday, March 29

12:30 pm: Noontime Holy Eucharist

### Tuesday, March 30

12:30 pm: Noontime Taize Service

7 pm: **The Way of the Cross**

### Wednesday, March 31

12:30 pm: Noontime Holy Eucharist with the Ministry of Healing  
7 pm: **Tenebrae**

#### **About the Tenebrae Service**

**Ancient Meets Modern in the Shadow of Holy Week featuring the men of the Adult Choir with guest artists Ana Hernenandez and Ruth Cunningham**

Tenebrae is a Latin word, signifying “darkness,” “shadows.” The name is taken from the words in the Gospel describing the scene at Jesus’ death: Tenebrae factae sunt: Darkness covered (the whole land when Jesus was crucified). Throughout the service, there is a progressive extinguishing of all lights in the church except one candle. Psalms, lessons, and prayers form a prolonged experience of abandonment, judgment, and death, with a hint of resurrection symbolized by the remaining candle.

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

12:30 pm: Noontime Holy Eucharist

7 pm: **Agape Meal with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar**

9 pm-11 am: All-Night Prayer Vigil

#### **About the Evening Meal and Service**

Everyone is invited to this informal family-friendly evening. We begin with a simple supper in the auditorium. 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, including foot washing, to remember the Lord’s last supper with his disciples and the giving of the Sacrament. Then, everyone will help in the ceremony of the Stripping of the Altar in the church. Anyone who is interested may stay or return for the vigil.

### Good Friday, April 2

12:00 noon: Liturgy for Good Friday

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacraments

7 pm: Music for Good Friday

#### **The Passion of Christ through Psalms and the African-American Spiritual**

featuring the SsAM Adult Choir, Choral Scholars and guest soloists

### Easter Day, April 4

8:00 and 10:30 am: **The Feast of the Resurrection**

# Jazz Vespers

*Celebrating a Renewed Life*



**Sunday March 21st, 5:00 p.m.**  
**The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew**  
719 North Shipley Street Wilmington, DE  
[www.ssam.org](http://www.ssam.org)

 Roy Richardson Saxophones & Vocals	 Jeff Knoethner Piano	 Harry 'Butch' Reed Drums	 Micah Jones Bass
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## A Prayer in Spring

by Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.  
Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.  
And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.  
For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

## Birthdays

### March

4 Anne McMahon  
5 Christa Heyward  
Thomas Roberts, Sr.  
6 Montana Chronister  
8 Sylvia Banks  
10 Paul Ellison  
14 Harvey Jones, Carl Webster  
16 Felicia Walker  
18 Kyron Bailey, Audrey Butler  
20 Rachel Gaskell  
23 Myrdis Dyton  
24 Vern Bethea  
25 Steven Hengel  
27 Jordan Thayer  
28 Onalenna Babatunde  
Alice Sawyer  
Gwenita Walker  
29 Shawn Dorsey, Sara Hengel  
31 Carson Bethea

### April

1 James Linderman  
4 Mia Thayer  
5 Linda Julius  
6 Lionel Hampton  
7 Leslie Roberts  
13 Erwin Polk  
14 DeVere Patton  
Paulyne Webster  
15 Madeline Johnson  
17 Rod Welles  
18 Retha Fisher  
Cecil Gordon  
19 Herbert Harvey  
20 Mary Anne Edwards  
Louise Spaulding  
Nancy Ware  
21 Savion Thompson  
22 Willio Mentor  
25 Michael Faulk  
26 Marion Gibbs



*Top right: Members of the Wilmington Peacekeepers pose with Rod Welles after the January 31st service.*

*Bottom right: Over 25 members of SsAM attended Diane Clarke Streett's swearing in as Judge in the Superior Court of the State of Delaware. Canon Casson gave the invocation, which can be found on the SsAM website. Additionally, an article by Danny Schweers will appear in the April edition of the newspaper of the Diocese of Delaware Communion. Photo by Lou Angeli.*



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