



The Tidings

In Faith

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Things are poppin' at St. Andrew's.....

-Adele Roblee, Stewardship Chair is working on a year-round model for education. Jamin Stortz, who has taken on Evangelism, and I met to see about recruiting others to participate in this important aspect of St. Andrew's growth.

I am attempting to meet individually with each of our Vestry members to help them with establishing their committees. Service Committee is up and running under Helen Perry, Worship (new to us) is about to begin with Clarence Woods as Chair. Have you see what the Buildings and Grounds group led by Ken Busby has accomplished, using a modest portion of our "deferred maintenance" funds? Finance, with Andrew Poynot chairing, has been meeting to put together a "package" for Rector remuneration in 2010 and now will be reworking the budget to reflect differentiation between Church and Pre-school funds.

Things are generally good at St. A's. Holy Week services were well attended and moving. Good crowd on Easter. We had a Fun/Day Sunday (idea from Dan Uebersetzig & Calling Committee and carried out by the Fellowship Committee) on Easter II, with good attendance and lots of pix taken for our parish album to share with Rector candidates. The night before that, we had a concert with Little Windows, the North Carolina couple who did music for Celtic Christianity weekend in Feb. '08 at St. Paul's Cathedral. We lost about \$150. on the endeavor, but had about 60 people, half non-members of St. A's. All of these were well publicized by our Communications Committee under Rusty Thompson backed by Andrea Mau.

Laura Morkan heads up the Nominating Committee and the Advocacy Group, neither of which has current projects. Sue Heath is having the Personnel Committee look at all current Job Descriptions, Evaluation process and some material to be used by St. A's/ Pre-school Advisory Group with Raul Cadena leading, which is beginning its work.

We just had our Pre-school Mother's Day Tea and our joint rummage sale. We'll have an outdoor Ascension service, as well as a community ecumenical concert on Pentecost afternoon. I'm contacting Lee Teed this week re. meeting next week to talk about her possible ongoing participation (we spoke briefly at Convention and again on the phone last week).

Our homeless couple, Edward and Natasha, were married on Sunday at the regular service two weeks ago with a very nice coffee hour reception (by Fellowship Committee, led by Beryl Westwood) and since then Edward's health took a scary turn (heart attack). We are working toward a long-term solution, hoping to utilize the new Pastoral Committee under Adele. For now we have housed them in one of the upper rooms short-term. Greg ran a background check on them in March (we hired them for some painting work at Church) and checked with our insurance carrier for an ok. Judy Spate checked with "licensing" to make sure their proximity to the preschool (in the upper room) wasn't a violation of some sort. This situation will be another test of how we conduct ourselves at St. Andrew's and what we can/will learn about doing that more appropriately.

We have a baptism on May 24, one of our Pre-school families, and Claire has come up with some fun ideas for youth participation that day. Claire is also trying to drum up interest in a church outing to Godspell on July 2 (Lamb's Players in downtown S.D.) as well as the Episcopal Night at the Padres (Pobres?) for July 31. We've got our Pre-school "graduation" ceremony in June, as well as our own "bridging" ceremony for our Sunday school and Godly Play which are ably run by the Christian Education Committee with Clair as resource. The Pre-school/St. A's Luau is in June.

None of the above groups, committees or ministries are fully self-sufficient and all could use additional talents and help from the rest of us. Pray about where God could use your gifts at St. Andrew's to maximize the ministry we do and that which we could be doing.

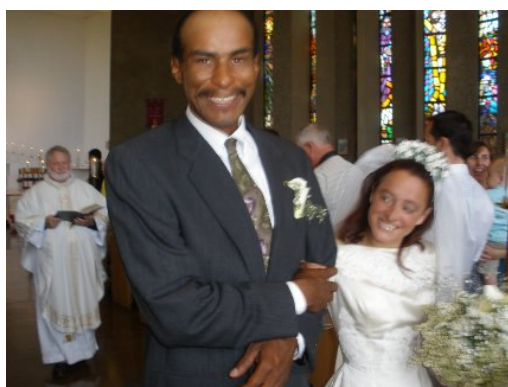
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Edward and Natasha's Wedding

Talk about a Blessing! Natasha and I came to San Diego where we had no friends, family or place to worship, yet we were blessed. We were blessed with St. Andrews, blessed with an incredible pastor with whom we could confide, blessed with ready friends, blessed with true concern, love and then....**OUR WEDDING!**

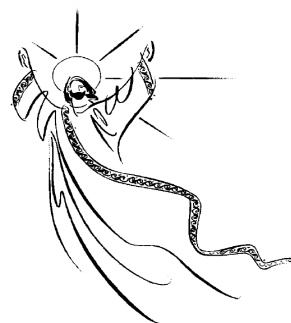
Everyone helped make our union incredibly beautiful. We appreciate all the blessings given to us by everyone. As we look forward to times ahead we are blessed to do so with our family at St. Andrews by-the-Sea.... Talk about blessings!



Ascension Day Service and Bar B Q

Ascension Day Service and Barbeque! May 21st at 6:00pm:

Celebrating the Ascension of Jesus. Join us for a short outdoor service followed by a barbeque on our patio. Bring kites and let them ascend into heaven and/or blow bubbles and watch them float heavenward! If you think you'd like to attend please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of the church.



Notes from the Loft—Carlene Befort, Director of Music

"PENTECOST CHORAL FESTIVAL" May 31 at 4:00 p.m., here at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea at 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the San Diego Chapter, American Guild of Organists and the local churches of Pacific Beach and also in the greater San Diego area. Individual and the combined choirs will be singing anthems and other music from around the world as we celebrate the birth of the Church. *The San Diego Harmony Handbell Ringers* will perform as well as several organists. This is to be an ecumenical event with several of the clergy involved from the local churches. An offering will be taken to support the CCSA (Community Christian Service Agency). A reception will follow. Please make plans to attend this wonderful event.

Books for our troops — Andrea Mau



Thanks for all the books for our troops. Hopefully we will be able to check through the stash and get them to the proper persons for transmittal by June.

It's not too late to drop some off.

Paperbacks are best...

Does the song "Day by Day" bring back fond memories?

Relive those memories or make new ones by joining St. Andrew's by-the-Sea at ***the Lamb's Player's production of Godspell!***

When: Opening Night, **July 2, 2009, at 7:30 pm.**

Where: Horton Grand Theatre, 444 4th Ave. downtown San Diego.

Cost: \$28 through a group discount.

See Claire Benton for information, 858 273-3022



*The Bridging Ceremony (graduation) will be on Sunday, June 21, 2009.
The Summer VBS Storytelling Week will be July 13-16, 2009.*

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