



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Tidings

Week of July 2, 2017

*Welcome to our new Vicar,
The Rev. Deacon Molly Payne-Hardin and
Michael Hardin*



Her First Sunday With Us is This Sunday,

July 2nd.

*A reception in honor of Molly and Michael
will follow the service in Byrne Hall*

Summer Concert Series

This Tuesday, July 4th:

Concert on the Lawn

Beginning at 6 p.m.

Featuring Amanda Matthews and
Friends



Sunday, July 30th: Ensemble of Excellence

“An International Tour”

Two Flutes, ‘Cello, and Viola

Sunday, August 20th: An Evening of Jazz

Musicians: Amanda Matthews, Leeza Beholz Jett,
Steve Gilmore

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Early next week, the United States will celebrate its Independence Day. The day is more than the sales that will probably keep malls and stores busy this weekend. The day is more than a few fireworks. Independence Day is a day to give thanks for the blessings of this nation and to recommit to treasuring and building up the ideals of our country.



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As Episcopalians will know, this day is a red letter day in the Book of Common Prayer. It's a Major Feast day, and churches are meant to have celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on this day. Our prayer book provides a couple of prayers and a set of readings for the occasion. There's another prayer I quite like, a prayer that we might all say on or near Independence Day. It's not specific to the United States, so readers from other nations might use it also.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, page 820)

This prayer reminds us - both as citizens and as people of faith - that we must remember both our rights and blessings *and* our duties and obligations. In particular, we have a sacred duty to look out for the lost, the least, and the last. As Emma Lazarus wrote for the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" Scott Dunn

SUMMER BREAKFAST

Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

WE NEED GROUPS TO SIGN UP FOR FUTURE DATES! The Sign-up list is on the bulletin board.



The Columbarium

One of the wonderful new features of our chapel is the installation of the columbarium, beautiful and sacred repository of ashes. We have 12 more niches which will complete the installation of the Columbarium. If you are interested in purchasing a niche for yourself, as each of us should have final plans on file, or for a loved one, they are \$1500 each, which in today's funeral costs, is very reasonable. If you are interested, please call the church office.



MOVIE LOVERS NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH 6 P.M.

Dinner: pot-luck ; Dan Finley will supply red and white wine, beer, ginger ale and chilled water.

Trivia contest following the movie.

100% of donations will go to Living Stones Building Fund.

Please be generous!

The movie stars Michael Douglas, Melanie Griffith, Liam Neeson and John Gielgud. Rating: R (2-hour 12-minutes). In 1940, Linda Voss is a woman of Irish, Jewish-German parentage who loves the movies, especially films about war and spies. She gets a job at a New York law firm, after it's revealed she can speak German, fluently. As secretary and translator to Ed Leland, she begins to suspect that her boss is involved in espionage work. The two become lovers, and when America officially joins the Allies in fighting Hitler, Linda volunteers to go undercover behind enemy lines.

From the Rector

Joyfully this is the Sunday that Molly Payne-Hardin joins us in the liturgy as our Deacon. She will be ordained priest by Bishop Kendrick on Saturday, August 19th at 11 a.m. Thankfully this occurs in the morning, and not at night, so hopefully every single one of you will be here. Ordination to the priesthood is a marvelous and exciting service. There will be clergy from inside and outside the diocese. The preacher will be someone of Molly's choosing-someone who has been a part of her formation. It will be a great day for the diocese and for St. Andrew's as well.

This service gives me a chance to mention several things about worship in our space. Episcopal churches have the tradition of coming into the worship space and sitting down quietly and offering a prayer in preparation for the Eucharist. So I would ask you that as you greet one another, you do it quietly so that those praying are not disturbed. The prelude, then, signals the beginning of the service. You may have noticed that we are praying the opening collect together and that there is a time for meditation following the sermon. The Prayers of the People often change. This has to do with, not only our three year cycle, but often the Bishop requests certain prayers having to do with what is going on in the country or the world, or they change, as well, when we have special days such as Trinity Sunday or Pentecost. It's sort of like wearing the right color jacket with a certain outfit!

Following the Prayers of the People, the Deacon announces the call to confession. The Deacon also carries the Gospel Book, reads the Gospel, and pronounces the Dismissal. The Deacon sets and clears the altar. When Molly is ordained priest, we will share these roles.

THE GREAT AMEN: you may have noticed that the only word capitalized in all of the Book of Common Prayer is the AMEN at the end of the Eucharistic prayer. That Amen is meant to be an emphatic Amen. This is a reminder for us to "truly agree" or say "Yes!", "So be it!"-stating that we agree wholeheartedly with the truth of the mystery of what had just taken place.

And just a reminder that at the end of the Dismissal we say "Alleluia" only during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. After Pentecost, we do not say "Alleluia" following the Dismissal.

You are also invited, if you wish, to remain for the Postlude.

Molly and I will alternate preaching and celebrating the Eucharist once she is ordained. However, we will alternate preaching on Sundays beginning in July. She will be taking over Adult Formation in the fall as well as Pub Theology and Education for Ministry. Michael is a certified Verger and has many talents as well. We look forward to their being in our midst. Keep Molly and Michael in your prayers as they begin this significant ministry, and a new phase in their lives.



MEMORIAL GARDEN COMPLETION

We are so grateful to Joanne Beckham who has completely renovated the memorial garden in memory of her mother, Anna Beckham, long time member of St. Andrew's. Soon the pots in the garden will be filled with beautiful seasonal plantings by a landscape person, who will maintain the pots and garden, as well as the Pet Garden. The dedication of the garden in Anna's memory will be Sunday, July 23, following the service.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Warren, Ed, Nell, Colleen, Helen, Louise, John, Nell, Octavia, William, Dwayne, Oscar, Barbara, Doris, Maxwell, Wanda, Hank, Elizabeth, Rick, Mason, Jeremy, Clair, Donna Smith & family, Katherine, Joanna, Linda, Mary, Willa, Shirley, Glenda, Margaret, Norma, Del, Elizabeth, Debra, Josh, Carol, Charlie. Don, Margaret, Adam, Kelly, Joanna, Katherine, Tanja, Grace, Harold, Allen, Marcella, Louise, Elizabeth, Rich, Gail, Bobbi, Rick, John, Matthew, Dorothy, Robin, Kerry, Sarah, Tom, Arthur, Charmian, Elizabeth, Marcella, Rick, Judy, Mary Lou

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad: David, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Jordan, Jeremiah, Richard, James

