



*St. Andrew's Tidings*

*For the Week of July 3*

**THE FOURTH OF JULY**

**AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**BEGINNING AT 6 P.M.**

**HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS FURNISHED**

**Bring Side Dishes to Share**

**FEATURING THE MUSIC OF**

***AMANDA MATTHEWS***



**FIREWORKS AT 9**

**BYOB AND CHAIRS**

## FOURTH OF JULY : THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP

Teri Floore

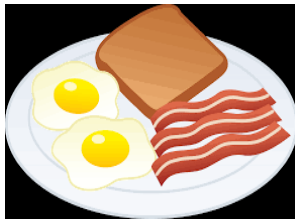
Set up: Dozar's

Decorate:

Cook: Mike Kennedy

Take Down: Ann Bruce, Dee Bonebright, Beverly Temple

Clean Up:



***SUMMER BREAKFAST !!***

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, REUNION GROUP, ETC. AND SIGN UP FOR SUMMER BREAKFAST WHICH GOES THROUGH AUGUST 28 !! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30

***PUB THEOLOGY RESUMES JULY 11***

## [ABCD method offers transformation to communities, lives](#)

A new tool being used by a growing number of Episcopal Church congregations invites Episcopalians to shift their approach to mission work: Don't rush in to assess needs in order to devise programs to meet those needs; instead listen, build relationships, find each other's gifts and discern how to use those gifts to build up the community together.

"ABCD is an approach that asks us to look at and approach the world differently," the Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson told a recent Called to Transformation Asset-Based Community Development workshop in the Seattle area.

"It's not our job to get from scarcity to abundance; that's God's job. God's given us what we need in every circumstance, in every place," said Stevenson, director of Episcopal Migration Ministries. "God has given us enough and if we offer that gift to God, God makes it into abundance."

This is not naiveté or a Pollyannaish attitude about the problems facing people and communities, he said: ABCD is "not simply about feeding the hungry or housing the homeless; it's developing the capacity of the community to provide the environment for opportunity for all."

The work is about cultivating a space where everyone knows that they are loved and respected because they are children of God and have "the ability not to be served but to give away their gifts in service" to their communities, he said. ABCD turns away from the quick fix towards long-term transformation.

Stevenson said ABCD work is more like pilgrimage than it is tourism – that is, those who would "do outreach" with a community need to arrive as pilgrims willing to be vulnerable and willing to be taught by the members of the community to which they have come.

It is easy to get pulled into the belief that only certain people with their access to specific assets such as money can do something about the world's problems, Sean McConnell, senior director for engagement at [Episcopal Relief & Development](#), which co-sponsors the workshops with the Episcopal Church, told the Seattle workshop participants.

McConnell said that Episcopal Relief & Development staffers view communities they work with around the world as being filled with people who are hopeful that their communities can be better despite some obvious deficits. "The key to it is hope," he said.



The Rev. Bill Osborne, Diocese of Spokane, lower left; Suzy Ward, Diocese of San Joaquin, upper left; Allan Miles, Diocese of Oregon, upper right; and Candice Corrigan, Diocese of Olympia, lower right, build an asset map of the Dumas Bay Centre in Federal Way, Washington, the meeting place of the June Called to Transformation facilitator formation workshop for Asset-Based Community Development. Asset mapping is an ABCD technique to discover a community's resources. Photo: Mary Frances Schjonberg/Episcopal News Service

One initial step in the ABCD process involves mapping the assets of a community and the people in it – ranging from people to land, buildings to faith, money to relationships and political influence to passions – rather than tracking their needs and deficits, he said.

Mapping only the needs of a community, McConnell warned, results in categorical funding that forces people to compete for money in a way that gets in the way of building relationships and instead fosters cycles of dependency and hopelessness. An asset map provides a path towards creatively envisioning how to use abundance to achieve goals and imagine new forms of ministry.

One example of ABCD in action that workshop participants learn from is the [32nd Avenue Jubilee Center](#) in northwest Denver, Colorado. The center grew out of the mission and ministry of [Our Merciful Savior Episcopal Church](#) and in 2013 found itself serving fewer people while struggling with finances. Lelanda Lee, vice chair of the center's board and a former member of the Episcopal Church [Executive Council](#) who had helped other parts of the church use ABCD, suggested using its methods to engage people in the neighborhood to envision the center's future.

The initial process took a year and, as Lee told the Seattle workshop participants via a video, showed the participants that the work of ABCD is an ongoing process of ongoing community engagement, conversation, reflection, and reengagement. The very act of asking questions about people's hopes for their community and the gifts that they could bring to realizing those dreams began to change both the people and the community, participants said. The center learned that it was an acknowledged neutral party and leader in the community that could continue to be a convener of conversations to foster relationships between the many voices in the neighborhood.

Your vestry is looking into ways St. Andrew's can have conversations with our neighborhood. Stay tuned.

## St. Andrew's Foundation

St. Andrew's Foundation will hold its quarterly meeting after the service on July 17<sup>th</sup>, in the church library. The Foundation exists to encourage, receive and administer gifts to enable the church to develop its ministries, outreach and facilities beyond what is possible through operating funds. Distributions made by the Foundation are intended to be enhancements to what should be provided by the normal church operating budget. They are limited to new capital needs of the parish, to outreach ministries and grants and to provide seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects.

Please submit your requests to any Foundation Board member by July 11<sup>th</sup> along with details such as costs, sources and personnel required to help the Foundation evaluate, and if funded, implement your request. Requests can be emailed to Diane Tate at [detate42@gmail.com](mailto:detate42@gmail.com) or Tom Gladstone at [tghomes@comcast.net](mailto:tghomes@comcast.net).

*(Names are left on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless specified for a longer time)*

*Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Mike, Warren, Ed, Nell, Sandra, Vincent, Margaret & Bill, Dr. Benton, Lindsey, Bill & Janice, Christian, Sandi, Reagan, Sean, Roy, Lori, Larry, Katie, Rick, Jarrod, Alex, Dustin, Christian, Bill, Janice, Carol, Scott, Kim, Tim, Elizabeth, Brad, Jason & Beverly, Cadence, Becky, Luke, Melinda, Roy, Christian, Bobbie, Emile, Leroy, Peggy, Norma, Cynthia, Daniel*

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