



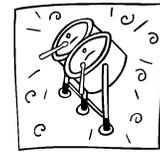
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St. Augustine's Episcopal Church ♦ 6 Old Post Road North, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520 ♦ 914-271-3501 (Office)

June 2006

2	Friday	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	June Fest Rummage Sale
3	Saturday	10 a.m.-3 p.m.	June Festival and Rummage Sale (10-1)
		5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
		5:30 p.m.	June Festival Dinner and Auction
4	<u>Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	June Festival continues
6	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class
10	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II
11	<u>The Second Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
13	Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	EFM Class
17	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II, The Rev. Kendra McIntosh preaching and celebrating
18	<u>The Third Sunday after Pentecost,</u>		The Rev. Kendra McIntosh preaching and celebrating
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II
24	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist II and Healing Service
25	<u>The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist I
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist II



Attention Sunday School Children: Those who were not able to attend the Sunday School awards ceremony can pick up their pin and certificate any Sunday in the sacristy, or in the parish office during regular weekly office hours.

**St. Augustine's House
June 2006**

Dear Friends,

Easter, as we all know, is a time of rebirth. A time of new life. A time of life renewed.

The resurrection gives us the most vivid example. But there are others, plenty of others, in our everyday lives.

We have all heard of tragedy reshaping lives. Of people taking stock and choosing a new course in the face of awful events, either natural or man made.

We can also be reborn by responding to a call, which is not to say that we go quietly or with confidence. Look at Moses. Even with all of the bells and whistles, even a direct message from God, Moses still balked. He still insisted he was the wrong man for the job. And he continued to insist until the day he died.

I first met Betsy Roadman about a year and a half ago. She was about to step into the Assistant Priest role here at St. A's. She talked about wanting to slow down a bit and spend time with her family and work out what was next for her. And so it went for 3 or 4 months. And then the call came on the occasion of David's moving on, and in the form of the then Senior Warden, Kim Westphal, on her knees begging her to become our Interim Rector.

Betsy accepted the call and she allowed the call to reshape her. In turn, she reshaped St. A's in many ways, some large, some small. But all important, and all because she said "yes."

Now, we face another kind of transition. Soon enough, Brad will be with us as our new Rector. We could face this saying, "Phew! Glad he's here. Now someone else will really be in charge." Or we could use Betsy's example and ask ourselves what is calling us. It could be some role or program already defined by our church. Or it could be something entirely new. I think that's the thing about a call. If it is nothing else, it is truly, absolutely itself and truly, absolutely insistent.

I invite all of us to spend this time until Brad arrives asking ourselves and each other what we find ourselves called to do and be. And to work with one other to get past the barriers we might have to accepting those calls.

If we were to live our private and communal lives this way, who knows what our world would look like. I look forward to discovering this new world together.

Peace,

Gerald



First Wednesday Barbecue Join us on Wednesday, June 7 for a barbecue outside on our lawn (or inside our hall if rain). We'll cherish the warm weather and each other's company. Bring a side dish to share and please RSVP to the parish office so we may plan accordingly: 271-3501. All are welcome!

Vestry Notes from the May meeting:

- Fundraising - Chair Terri Huntington talked about the preparations for June Fest. She said that so far, everything is in good order. The tents have been ordered, former Vestry member Cathie Elliot has arranged for the necessary dumpsters, the health permit has been filled out, Ty West has seen to the alcohol permit and orders, and the heads of various departments are moving ahead. She reported that this year St. A's will host some new musical attractions: Ari Messenger will play jazz violin, Wilma Messinger and Terri will sing, Libby Carlson and Tina Maxwell will have their students dance, Vestry member Duncan Cleary will play guitar, and various Croton teenage bands will be performing. We will also be hearing from the same steel drum band that played so successfully last year - they'll be joining us on Sunday.



- The Transition to Brad's Term as Rector - Various Vestry members reported on preparations for the Rev. Bradley C. Dyche to begin his time as Rector of St. A's. Buildings and Grounds co-chair Louise Levey told of various necessary repairs made to the Rectory. The arrangements for Brad's move have been made, and final preparations for his arrival were discussed.

- Outreach - Co-chair Penny Morgan reported that she and co-chair Ty West have heard from several members of the parish, volunteering to be on the committee to find new ways for St. A's to do outreach. The first new project is Pedals for Progress, a program hosted in Croton by Asbury Methodist Church, that takes donated bicycles (along with a \$10 donation for shipping) and sends them to people in third world countries. Penny said that it's not only an opportunity for St. A's parishioners to help people who use these bicycles as their primary means of transportation, but it's a wonderful way to work with another church here in town.

- Buildings and Grounds - Co-chair Louise Levey reported on the success of the spring clean-up day, and said that 12 windows of St. A's House were scraped and sanded, the gutters and downspouts were repaired, the House was cleaned, runners were put on the stairs, windows and curtains were washed, Parish Secretary Jenn Latham's office was rearranged, and many other repairs were made. Louise thanked everyone in the parish who contributed so much time and hard work to making the church look and work better.

~respectfully submitted,

Chris Moore, Clerk of the Vestry

Treasurer's Report-

April Financial Operations : The Church's financial operations continue to be strong, with total revenues exceeding total expenses for the year to date. Our expense position is excellent, with most categories coming in where expected or lower than expected. Revenues are stable, but two categories are down significantly from the amount budgeted: fundraising and pledges. Fundraising is less than 25% of where it should be, due to a drop in the sale of shopping certificates and a decline in sales in the thrift shop. Current year pledges are behind expectations by over \$3,200. To a small extent this is mitigated by an increase in last year pledges paid in 2006 -- \$1,300 more than expected. The report of the Church's total financial assets shows a slight improvement since year end.

~submitted by Holly Anzani, Treasurer

During our search for a new Rector, we found that one of the areas to which many felt called was Outreach. What specific areas do you feel that Outreach should be looking at this year and why? Please contact either Ty West (WestT@thirteen.org) or Penny Morgan (penelopemrgn@yahoo.com) with ideas.

Pastoral Care Coverage During the Transition: If there is a pastoral care need before Brad Dyche begins his ministry with us in July, please contact one of the wardens: Gerald Ardito (827 -9755) or Ty West (271 -3841). They will contact area clergy who have agreed to help out during the interim. Parishioners Penny Morgan and Jennifer Brehl are licensed eucharistic visitors who will bring communion to those who are unable to attend worship. Please contact the parish office (271 -3501) to make arrangements.

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The Rev. Betsy Johns Roadman

Interim Pastor:

June Fest 2006

June Fest Weekend:

Friday, June 2, 9:30am – 12:30pm:

Special Rummage Sale! (books, toys, bric-a-brac, household items, furniture, etc.), Baked Goods

Saturday, June 3, 10am-3pm: *Rummage (10 – 1), grill, baked goods, gourmet foods, plants, children's games,*

Also Saturday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.: *Dinner and Auction*

Sunday, June 4, 1pm-5pm: *We join with Croton's Sumerfest continuing Saturday's activities with the new addition of a steel drum band. As always, the money tree raffle drawing will be at 4pm and from 3pm-5pm rummage sale is \$4.00 per bag*

Come Join the Fun!

Rector Emeritus:

The Rev. David B. Wayne

2006 VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden:

Gerald Ardito

Junior Warden:

Ty West

Treasurer:

Holly Anzani

Clerk:

Chris Moore

Class of 2006

Dana Garrett

Class of 2007

Ellen Irvine

Class of 2008

Duncan Cleary

Terri Huntington

Louise Levey

Laura Seitz

Penny Morgan

Chris Moore

Loren Zack

Meeting Schedule: Vestry, 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

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