



THE TIDINGS

In Faith

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Various and sundry topics.....

New Administrative Assistant Hired. After receiving more than thirty (30) inquiries and resumes, the Personnel Committee, led by Chair Sue Heath, held interviews on October 23 and 27. The first round consisted of Sue, Kay Bodinger and Adele Roblee interviewing five of the strongest candidates. They recommended two to Ken Busby, Greg Mulkey and me. The one who emerged as number 1 was Christine Jugueta. After a further phone discussion and checking references, the position was offered and accepted on Oct. 29 and her first day was Monday, November 2. Greg M. will continue to tutor Christine through the month and she will establish new office hours beginning December 1. Please see her information in another part of The TIDINGS.

Stewardship Packets to be disseminated on Sunday, November 8. Pick yours up following the 9:30 a.m. service or expect a brief visit later that day from one of the leaders of your parish. They do not expect to be invited in, just to be greeted at your door to hand-over the packet and to thank you for your participation at St. Andrew's. If you will not be home, please give the office (858.273.3022) or Adele Roblee (858.274.3815) a call and a future time may be arranged.

Two more projects about to be started. Ken Busby is busy with securing two vendors to replace the middle doors at the entrance to the Worship Space. Many hours were spent trying to figure out a way to fix them, but professional personnel indicate they are too far gone. A wood contractor who repaired the flood damage and a glazier are beginning their work in the next few weeks, so the new doors will be in for Christmas! A second project, that of erecting a 4' wrought iron style fence in front of the classrooms immediately adjacent to the right of the Office, is in process. We are still researching which estimate to take and where to find the \$\$\$ to pay for it.

The Twenties and Thirties Group (TNT) continues to meet on alternate Tuesdays. Next meetings are **November 10 and 24**. They usually meet in the Rector's Office, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and have dinner, spend 20+ minutes in a relational Bible study and share about various topics. All are invited, no reservation necessary, typical attendance is right at one dozen.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service is on Wednesday, **November 25** at 7:00 p.m. This year the service will be held at the Pacific Beach Christian Church, 1074 Loring Street. Music will be offered by a Festival of Choirs and all are invited to attend.

Carlene Befort, our Minister of Music, is **calling all vocal musicians to gather on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to rehearse** for three evening musical events in the next seven weeks. The aforementioned will be **for the Thanksgiving Eve service** (Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.), **the St. Andrew's Day Eve Evensong** (Sunday, November 29 at 5:00 p.m.), and **the Christmas Eve service** (December 24 at 7:00 p.m.). Duets, trios, quartets, etc. will be sought to help with the music on these three special occasions. Help if you can!

In Faith,

Fr. Leland

Welcome Christine Jugueta, our new Administrative Assistant!

Greetings everyone! I feel great warmth in joining you here at the office at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea. It has been wonderful to learn more about your stories, hopes and way of life in the parish. Thank you for your bright welcome!

I'd like to extend a special thanks to the beloved Greg Mulkey, who is guiding me through November. His generosity and his depth and breadth of Spirit have been inspiring to witness and it is an honor to be learning from him. While my role will not encompass the full range of ministry that Greg has offered to the parish and community, I will do my best to follow in his footsteps of immense dedication and in keeping operations running smoothly.

It seems like a very exciting time to join the St. Andrew's family. The passion and heart for service is clear and strong, and I look forward to assisting and cheering you in your efforts.

Please feel free to stop by the office, if you'd like a cup of coffee or would like to see what we're up to. Our doors will normally be open from: M-Th, 9am-12pm and 1pm-3pm. Please call 858.273.3022 if the door is closed during those times. I am also available to assist you by phone/email (secretary@standrewsbythesea.org) during my regular office hours: M-F, 8:30am-5:30pm.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to serve in this terrific community.

Peace and Light,

Christine

Christian Education Corner—Claire Benton Program Coordinator

Celebrate the Christmas Season with St. Andrew's Playgoers! Reserve your ticket to attend Lamb's Players *Festival of Christmas* in Coronado on **December 10th**, 2009. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the church entrance. The deadline is this Tuesday, **November 10th**.

Questions: See Claire. 858 273-3022. claire@standrewsbythesea.org

There are many special events coming up for families. **November 29th** is the first Sunday in Advent. In the morning, following the service, we will be making Advent Wreaths with fresh greenery, ribbons and candles. The cost for making the wreaths is \$20.00. A sign-up sheet is in the entrance to the church.

On **December 6th**, we will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day! All children will leave one shoe by the door to the church. During the service, a surprise treat will be placed in each shoe! There will be photo opportunities following the service with Saint Nicholas and special treats during the hospitality time.

The P. B. Holiday Parade on December 13 has been cancelled this year.

Junior (Peoples) Warden—Adele Roblee

Pastoral Care

St. Andrew's has a small group of people who try to keep up with the needs of our parishioners. One of our members recently called a couple who are not able to attend church to find out how they were doing. During the conversation she learned that they could use someone to go to the grocery store and, perhaps, cook dinner for them a few nights a week. We knew of a young woman in the congregation who truly loves to be of service and we were able to put them together to form a new relationship! The story of St. Andrew's by-the-Sea is made of many, many such happy stories. We get so used to hearing of the sad tales; how wonderful it is when we can hear of a happy outcome!

The Pastoral Care ministry is there to help or to be helped. Cards are sent, rides are given, meals are delivered, phone calls are made. If you think this ministry might speak to you, either as a giver or a receiver, please either call the church office (858-273-3022) or Adele (858-274-3815). You can also truly help by letting us know if you miss seeing someone in church for a few weeks; even better might be if you made that call! Remember, we are a family!

Blessings,

Adele

Calling Committee Update—Dan Uebersetzig

The calling committee has been VERY busy since the last update in the TIDINGS.

As I stated in my Stewardship talk a few Sunday's ago, we have been inundated with candidates from coast to coast. We have received over 30 packages to review since our posting this summer. We are and have been totally IMPRESSED with the caliber of people who are applying – which is not making our task any easier. Because we have been so overwhelmed with responses, we had to ask Bishop Mathes to change our CDO Profile to read “No Longer Receiving Candidates” which happened in early October. We have been focusing our efforts on the review of candidate's packages, and we have been able to narrow that big number of 30 down to approximately 11 candidates. Of those 11, we have conducted phone interviews or chats with 7. From these interviews we will continue our discernment process by contacting references, and other research activities. Our intention is to narrow our list down to a value less than 5 and actually begin the next phase which will involve visiting candidates in their home parish. So again, the process is moving along, and we have some very tough decisions to make, so please pray for us.

There are some obstacles in front of us yet, and in all honesty, much hinges on the outcome of our Stewardship/Pledge campaign. This is an area that we all need to be involved in and pay attention to. Reasonable budgets are being planned to include a full time rector; however it is my belief that if we don't have a successful pledge campaign it is entirely possible that the hard work of this committee could go to waste. So I'm challenging you to not let that happen.

The Calling Committee's charter at the start of the process was a coast to coast search to find the best rector for St. Andrew's. That is what we have done and are doing, so we as a parish need to be prepared for an outcome that may involve moving a rector and family to San Diego This is, again, why this year's campaign is important.

Please don't forget that our promise to you is and has been that we will find and choose a faithful rector. One who will help us in our ministries and who will care for his people, not only in this church but also that of the surrounding community – because that is what this parish does. We are a caring group, and that makes us special. Will we be ready? I'm counting on it... and we are counting on everyone to do the best we can.

If you have any comments, concerns or just want to chat about the work that we are doing – just search us out – our members are easily identifiable by the TARGETs we wear on our name badges.

Please remember to return your pledge cards by Sunday, November 15—if at all possible—so that we may know if we can continue forward in our quest for a full-time Rector in 2010.

To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#).

Questions or comments?

E-mail us at: secretary@standrewsbythesea.org

Call us at: Church : 858.273.3022, Preschool: 858.273.3023