Church School 2018-2019 Begins Again on September 9th with Breakfast after the 10 am Service

Join us in celebration and gratitude as we begin another “school year” for our awesome kids and their equally awesome teachers!

Sunday, August 12: PICNIC!
11:00 am at Airport Park

Service times:
8:00 am at the church building
10:00 am abbreviated service at church bldg.
11:00 am at the park
11:45 am: Picnic begins!

If it rains we’ll move it to Kerr Hall.
Call or email to let us know you’re coming if you didn’t sign up in time.

** A new email system will be unveiled in the coming weeks. In the meantime, and for some good time afterwards, this address will still be useable. Stay tuned!!
A Message from Bob+

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month at St. Andrew's. I have heard from many of you that I “fit” the community well, which is easy because you are such a loving bunch. I appreciate your kind words and thank you for your many ministries. What a wonderful place this is and I feel truly blessed to serve Christ with you.

So far, I have been learning what is common practice at St. Andrew's, that together we might try some strategic changes. I have met with leadership in many areas – outreach, pastoral care/healing ministry, the vestry, and wardens – and I have planned meetings with other areas. Getting to know where you are is the best way to implement some new practices that will streamline the great work St. Andrew's is already doing.

Behind the scenes, your administrative leadership is working to make some updates. Some of these include a new parish email address, a new format for the newsletter, and more integrated calendars and contact lists. I had hoped these might be ready for this newsletter, but we'll have to wait until next time.

All that being said, it is amazing just how quickly my twenty to twenty-four hours a week flies by. Some have asked when my “office hours” will be. At the rate at which my hours are spent on meetings, administration, and worship, I do not know that I will be keeping regular office hours. I must leave room for pastoral calls and I do prefer seeing people at their homes, places of work, or out in the community. Other places I have served part-time, I have kept hours by appointment, occupied space virtually, or even had dedicated time in a Salvadorean restaurant.

I know the things I mentioned represent change – a scary word for many of us Episcopalians. As I help the community of St. Andrew's discern whether or not their next rector will be full-time or part-time, as well as what kind of clergy leadership the parish community seeks, it is my job as interim to lovingly show St. Andrew's many ways of doing things, especially ways the parish community has not seen before or in quite some time. Thanks for your willingness to come along on this wondrous, Spirit-led journey. I know God has great things in store for us all.

Yours humbly in Christ,

Bob+

Bob
UPDATE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Members of St. Andrews,

We did it! We have an Interim Priest for the next 18 months and we are just settling in to a new routine and some exciting changes that accompany new leadership. It is a delight to work with Bob, and your Vestry is looking forward to that which we are going to be called to work on together.

In the past month or so, we have mostly been taking care of building and budget. The church will be painted any week now (I am sure the painter is out straight right now), and get some much needed repairs to some rotting woodworking. We have had to figure out a few things that seemingly only Lisette knew, such as how the sprinkler system works and what the arrangements were for trash pick-up. (Please note the new location for the trash barrels next to the shed.) There are a few people who know how things run now, and we will work toward getting all things on paper for future reference.

We also have a new air conditioner in the office area, which has been critical in keeping Maria from passing out during this siege of unusual heat and humidity. I am not sure how they managed in the past, but the office area is now tolerable when the temperatures rise.

As we confirmed Bob’s contract and salary, we assured that our finances were in order and we remain good stewards. There is a copy of the budget at the back of the church, should you want to peruse it at any time.

The pastoral committee and prayer team have been carrying the cross, so to speak, in assuring that the needs of the church members have been met in the absence of a rector. We are most appreciative of their efforts and I am sure, at this time, they welcome support from Bob. It is easy to ‘lose’ people during transition times, and particularly if there is a sense that needs are not being met. I hope that people are feeling that they are being cared for by our community, and many thanks to those involved in this ministry.

We are beginning to gear up for Church school. Letters have gone out to families with children. Please return them for our planning purposes. We have a very dedicated team of Sunday School teachers who put in a great deal of work to plan and prepare for sharing the word of God with our children. With your help, we hope to keep this ministry vital!

Though behind the scenes, Maria, our administrative assistant, has been keeping the schedule on track. I could not have managed the last 5 months without her assistance and I have enjoyed getting to know her as we worked collaboratively to assure operations went on as close to normal as possible. I am very thankful for her and her organizational skills.

The church picnic!!! It is in just a little over a week - we hope to see you there. It is always such a great time of fellowship, joining the early and late service folks.

As always, if you have any thoughts or concerns that we are not addressing, please do not hesitate to contact any member of your Vestry. We are here to listen to you, learn from each other and serve God together.

In God’s peace,

Susyn Dees, Senior Warden

What city was home to Mary, Martha & Lazarus? (John 11)
A. Jericho  B. Cana
C. Bethany  D. Corinth
(Answer on page 6)
ST. ANDREW’S MISSION STATEMENT
WE ARE A COMMUNITY GROWING IN THE
LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE OF
JESUS CHRIST.

STEWARDSHIP MATTERS

REMININDER:
Healing Sundays take place the
second Sunday of each month.
And Healing Prayer is offered every Sunday
down by the piano after each service.

The Stewardship Committee meets this coming Wednes-
day, August 8 at 5:00 pm here at St. Andrew’s. All are
welcomed to attend to learn more and/or join the com-
mittee to help plan for the year ahead.

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8:00 am—Mark Burney
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Sunday
Holy Eucharist: 8 am & 10 am
Church School begins 9:45 am in Kerr Hall
1st Sundays 8 am — Rite One
Wednesday
11:30-12:30 pm Bible class
12:30 pm Holy Communion
Saturday
9:30 - 10:30 am Bible study (Resumes Sept.)
Register Now for Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament, September 9, 2017

Alleluiafund Benefit Features Competitions, Awards & celebratory BBQ

The Right Reverend Thomas C. Ely cordially invites members and friends of the Episcopal Church in Vermont to participate in the Sixth Annual Alleluia! Open Golf Tournament. The event, which benefits the Alleluiafund, includes competitions, awards and a celebratory BBQ.

Online registration is now open at this link: http://www.jotformpro.com/71654955609973.

Those who would rather not register online, may register by phone by calling Michelle Sandul at (802) 863-3431.
Registration Now Open for

‘Intimacy in Prayer:
A Women’s Retreat’ at Rock Point

October 19 & 20, 2018, Bishop Booth Conference Center, Rock Point, Burlington, VT

As we draw from Scripture and our own personal experiences in prayer; also, we will seek, together, to grow more and more fully in our intimate relationship with the Father through our life of prayer and communication with Him through Jesus.

“The prayer of a righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

Pat Hobbs will lead us in teaching, sharing, and discussion.

WHEN: 4:00 PM, Friday, October 19 – 5:00 PM, Saturday, October 20

COST: Includes lodging (except for commuters) and meals, as available

Reservations made by AUGUST 31 (Early Bird Special): Single - $150 Double - $125 Triple - $115 Commuter - $65 (without lodging)

Reservations made September 1 - October 15: Single - $170 Double - $140 Triple - $125 Commuter - $75 (without lodging)

Please note: There will be a $100 cancellation fee after September 30, 2018.

If you have any questions please contact Darcy Jewett at 802-985-2067 or darcyjewett@aol.com

Gratitude and a Request from Rock Point School

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for your gift this year. As we approach the end of our fiscal year, we are asking for you to consider making an additional gift. We met our financial goal, we graduated 14 seniors who have grown tremendously in their years here, and we now have a wonderful opportunity to raise scholarship funds that will allow more, current, strong applicants to enroll. Successful fundraising now of $140,000 will allow us to accept several strong candidates currently and this summer for whose families paying full tuition is not an option...

Your help has been a very important part of our success. Thank you very much for considering an additional contribution this year. Your support allows Rock Point School to thrive and teenagers to become their best selves and move forward in their lives, families and communities in happier, more productive and more generous ways...

Thanks, again, for your previous support and for considering a donation again this year.

Sincerely,

C. J. Spirito, Head of School

Next Newsletter Deadline:

September 16
By the time we finished meeting at Holy Cross and went on to our rec room, we had gathered a few other folks. I’m going to list a few of them because they should be remembered and most of them have either moved away or passed away. There was Barbara Fersing, Phoebe Newcombe, Joyce Sharrow, Tony and Jane Williams, Vic and Phyllis Andersen, EK and Betty Malone and Bruce and Judy LaPointe.

I think it was 1977 when the Bishop decided we needed dedicated clergy in order to grow, regardless of where we were meeting. He appointed a young priest named Bill Williams who was to have services in both Colchester and Milton. Bill found an apartment in Colchester on Belwood and we began to have church on Sunday evenings so he could be in Milton on Sunday morning. This arrangement lasted less than a year when I got a call from the Bishop; he had found a place we could use each Sunday morning for free!

The Bishop told me that Bill Hazelett Sr. was an Episcopalian and he had prevailed on him for any unused space he might have available on Sunday mornings for us to use. I never knew that Mr. Hazelett was an Episcopalian, nor had I ever seen him at a church service, but a room was made available to us and we spent over a year there. Bill Williams moved on shortly after we started using Hazelett’s, so during that time we held morning prayer most Sundays. Our supply clergy came at least once a month – Rev. Mel Richardson (who would eventually go on the Calvary, Underhill) and Rev. Janet Brown.

I’m pretty sure that during this time we were joined by Jim and Bette Lehneman and their younger children, Jack and Jenny as well as Adrian and Emily Coache and their daughter, Carol Hood. Since we had only one room at Hazelett’s, I brought in sleeping bags and we had Sunday School for my kids and the Lehneman kids under the stairs in the entryway. We would read stories and learn prayers and then join the adults for the remainder of the service.

Before our time ended at Hazelett’s, we acquired the altar we still use and the lectern which is now at the back of the church. Both came from what was the original Rock Point Institute building on Rock Point. The Bishop had asked the custodians to clean out ‘stuff’ that had been stored and not used for years. Bob went out in his truck and loaded up the altar. It was water marked and filthy and he spent hours in the garage cleaning it up and giving it a nice soft finish. Of course when we got it over to our room, Janet put a white linen cloth across the top for Eucharist. I remember Bob saying to me, ‘I put in all that work and she covered it up!’ I also remember that the person most pleased with that altar was Emily Coache. She was one of our first members of the altar guild along with Bette Lehneman.

To be continued in next newsletter...
A Message from Bishop Thomas C. Ely
About the Partnership Campaign for Rock Point

"Greetings from Rock Point. It is with great joy that I share with you today the wonderful news that we have surpassed our 1.7-million-dollar goal for the Partnership Campaign for Rock Point: Building a Sustainable Future Together..."

The link to view the full message from Bishop Ely: https://vimeo.com/279392660

Thanks from COTS
On behalf of the families and individuals we serve, please accept our sincerest thanks for your gift of $100 dated 5/12/2018 in honor of Karen Tompkins' participation in this year's COTS Walk.

COT’s services are made possible by the incredible investment of our caring community, and gifts like yours. Your generous support enable COTS to provide shelter, services, transitional and permanent housing, and prevention outreach to more than 2,400 people annually. We are grateful.

Thank you again for your wonderful contribution.

All our best,
Volunteers and staff of COTS

A New Thank You Note from ANEW Place

Dear Jane and Committee Members,

Thank you for your generous gift of $300 given on January 21, 2018. Although we always strive to create an environment of security and stability for our guests, we don’t want ANEW Place to become a long-term landing spot. We get very excited about seeing guests move out of survival mode and begin using this opportunity as a launching pad to chart a path forward. So far in 2018, we’ve seen four guests move into their own places and six find new jobs after a season of unemployment. Your support makes stories and statistics like this possible: real people are escaping the cycle of homelessness!

With gratitude,

Kevin Pounds, Executive Director