

The Call

*St. Andrew's & St. Swithin's Episcopal Churches
September, 2008*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Autumn is, to me, a special season. A time when the colors are warmest and there is a wonderful mixture of celebration, hope for the future, and enjoyment of all that has been achieved. There is gentleness, yet, at the same time, a challenge for what lies ahead. Soon the harvest will be complete and we shall celebrate that. The point of harvest, though, is to be ready for winter---the challenge ahead. A time when we need the resources we have accumulated to nourish us for the renewed growth of spring.

So it is with us now, as a congregation. We, you, us, are about to choose a new rector. An expression of growth, hope, and challenge for the future. A time of joy. A time for all of us to be together. As often and as much as possible. A time to be together, not apart. To worship together in this place, this church, this community. Not elsewhere. There is a time and a place for many things. Now is the time to be here in our church, to unite in our quest, bringing all we are to prepare for the future. Visiting elsewhere is good, but not now. Summer is over and we have so much to do at St. Andrew's and St. Swithin's.

Be here, be present, and love God as part of this community.

Never been Confirmed? This is your opportunity if you're twelve or older! Join Deborah Morgan-Ellis and Ken Finger for a series of classes that will get you ready to be Confirmed when Bishop Nedi visits on October 26th. Meet in the library each Sunday at 9:00 A.M., beginning on September 3rd and running through October 19th. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday, October 25th. Contact Deborah at 477-8827 for more information or to sign up.

There will be a single service at 10am and no pot luck on September 28. This Sunday is Homecoming Sunday. The choir returns from their summer break and Rev. Maggie will be commissioning our Ministries.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven:...a time to build up...a time to laugh... a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace..., a time to seek., a time to keep..... I have seen the business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. Ecclesiastes 3:1-10.

When I think about seasons I don't usually think of Fall as being a time of renewal, but rather of gathering and winding down from the growing season. I often wonder, do we have it backwards in the church when we designate a Sunday in September as Kick Off, or Home Coming or Renewal? The rest of the world is preparing to settle in for the long, quiet winter ahead and the church is coming back from the long quiet summer into a season of activity and vigor.

Having said all that we at St. Andrews are in fact coming up to a renewal in a very real way. Our Home Coming day is to be Sunday September 28. I looked about in the Bible for messages of renewal. I read in Isaiah 41: 1...*let the people renew their strength.* So that is what we are doing, renewing our strength as a congregation! How beautifully the mental image conjured by that verse fits the activities planned for the day. The Choir returns, our singing strength will be renewed. Our committees will be commissioned by Rev. Maggie, and thus gather strength for the work ahead. Laura has been taking pictures and is planning to unveil a renewed picture board in the Narthex that day. Bibles will be dedicated and placed in the Sanctuary, spiritual strength. While the Call Committee is likely not ready to make a specific announcement we know they are making remarkable and strong progress in the search for a Rector. The new vision about Stewardship, inspired by scripture and designed in concert with the Diocese will be announced. Our positive response will certainly strengthen us as a congregation. Children and youth are back from vacation and are being nurtured and strengthened in faith as they participate in Sunday school and youth programs. To top it off, St. Agnes Guild is doing coffee hour that morning, providing food to "strengthen us for Thy service, Lord".

Do plan to be here at St. Andrew's that morning at 10, let us renew our strength together, and REJOICE.


We are blessed.

Betty Marshall

St. Andrew's by the Numbers for August

These numbers were compiled using the dates of the 16th of July to the 15th of August.

4	Average # of children in Sunday School each Sunday
0	Projects relating to Special Building and Ground work projects.
8	Fellowship events were held, including coffee hours.
7	Average# of adults attending the Forum each Sunday
18	Average # of adults attending the Monday night discussion
17	Average # of adults attending the service of Compline on Monday night.
49	People received Holy Eucharist at Crestwood and St. Andrew's Place
70	# of Food items taken to Port Angeles food bank.
\$325	Amount sent to MANNA.
\$505.00	Amount donated to the building fund.
\$6,585	Pledge payments and loose offering
\$12,132	Expenses paid
11	Visits to Park View and individual homes



ATTENDANCE

	8:00 am	10:00 am
July 20	4	41
July 27	13	47
August 3	22	42
August 10	13	59

This Month in Christian Ed.

Monday Discussion Schedule for September 2008

This is the schedule for the Monday night discussion group meetings in September 2008. Meetings start with coffee at 6:30, discussion at 7 and close with Compline starting about 8:15. After a holiday break on September 1, we will begin a 12 week series, **American Religious History** taught by Patrick N. Allitt, Emory University Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley. Join historian Patrick N. Allitt in exploring the story of religious life in America from the first European contacts to the American Civil War in this Teaching Company series. If we decide to use them, the second series of 12 lectures takes us from the Civil War to the late 20th century in American Religious History. We will listen to a 30 minute lecture on CD and have another thirty minutes for discussion. Drop in for any of the programs, discussions, or Compline.

September 1: Labor Day Holiday, no discussion or Compline service

September 8: Major Features of American Religious History

September 15: The European Background

Wednesday Eucharist in September 2008

Join us in worship each Wednesday at 11AM. This Rite 1 service includes a homily, often lay led, with Reverend Maggie providing additional insights, to acquaint us with the life and legacy of the martyrs, saints, and faithful Christians commemorated in the Episcopal Church Calendar of Saints. If you have an interest in knowing more about the lives of saints or in providing information about one of the saints listed, please join us in this worship service. Contact Reverend Maggie for more information.

September 3: PAUL JONES BISHOP (4 SEP 1941)

September 10: JOHN HENRY HOBART BISHOP OF NEW YORK (12 SEPT 1830)

September 17: THEODORE OF TARSUS ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (19 SEP 690)

The Adult Forum in September

The adult forum meets Sunday from 9-10 AM in the Church library for coffee, fellowship, and study. We hope you will join us then.

We continue our series from the Teaching Company **Great Figures of the New Testament**. These 30-minute lectures allow time for discussion and reflection.

Harold McFarland, Regional Editor at *Midwest Book Review* wrote the following about this course: "In **Great Figures of the New Testament** Professor Amy-Jill Levine of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School does an excellent job of bringing several individuals to life. Not only does she discuss well-known individuals such as Pontius Pilate, James, and Philip but also important groups and individuals who are not specified by name such as the Centurions, the woman at the well, the shepherds, and others. Professor Levine deftly discusses details of the person from the perspectives of the Biblical stories, culture, literary criticism, how the church has viewed the person through history, and how artists and worshippers have viewed them. Probably one of the most fascinating aspects of the course is how she brings their personalities to life based on how they spoke, acted, or reacted within the confines of their culture."

September 7: Lectionary Gospel Review of the lessons for September

September 15: Doubting Thomas

September 22: The Gentile Mother

Mark your calendars now for **Friday, October 3**, for the first-ever Bishops' Benefit Bash which will be held at the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field, starting at 6 p.m. Cocktails, social time, silent auction bidding (in stages) will precede a Cajun style dinner under the wings of the exhibits in the Great Hall at the Museum. A short program of stories and pictures about the transformational work of our One for One Malaria Nets Campaign and our We Will Stand With You Campaign will feature individuals who've been involved in Africa and in New Orleans, followed by a live auction with a professional auctioneer.

Proceeds will be split evenly between these two diocesan campaigns with a goal of raising \$200,000. Working co-chairs of the planning committee are Peggy Habegger and Dorothy Gibson, and Honorary Chairs for the event are Marti Rickel and Rev. Bob Moore, spouses of our two Bishops.

Tickets are \$125 each and tables of ten can be reserved for \$1250. Auction items for the silent and live auction are welcome. A procurement form can be downloaded at this link. Auction items are welcome by September 1. To reserve tickets, offer an auction item or request more information

§ complete the Tickets/Reservation Form and mail it to: Bishops' Bash, PO Box 12126, Seattle, WA 98102

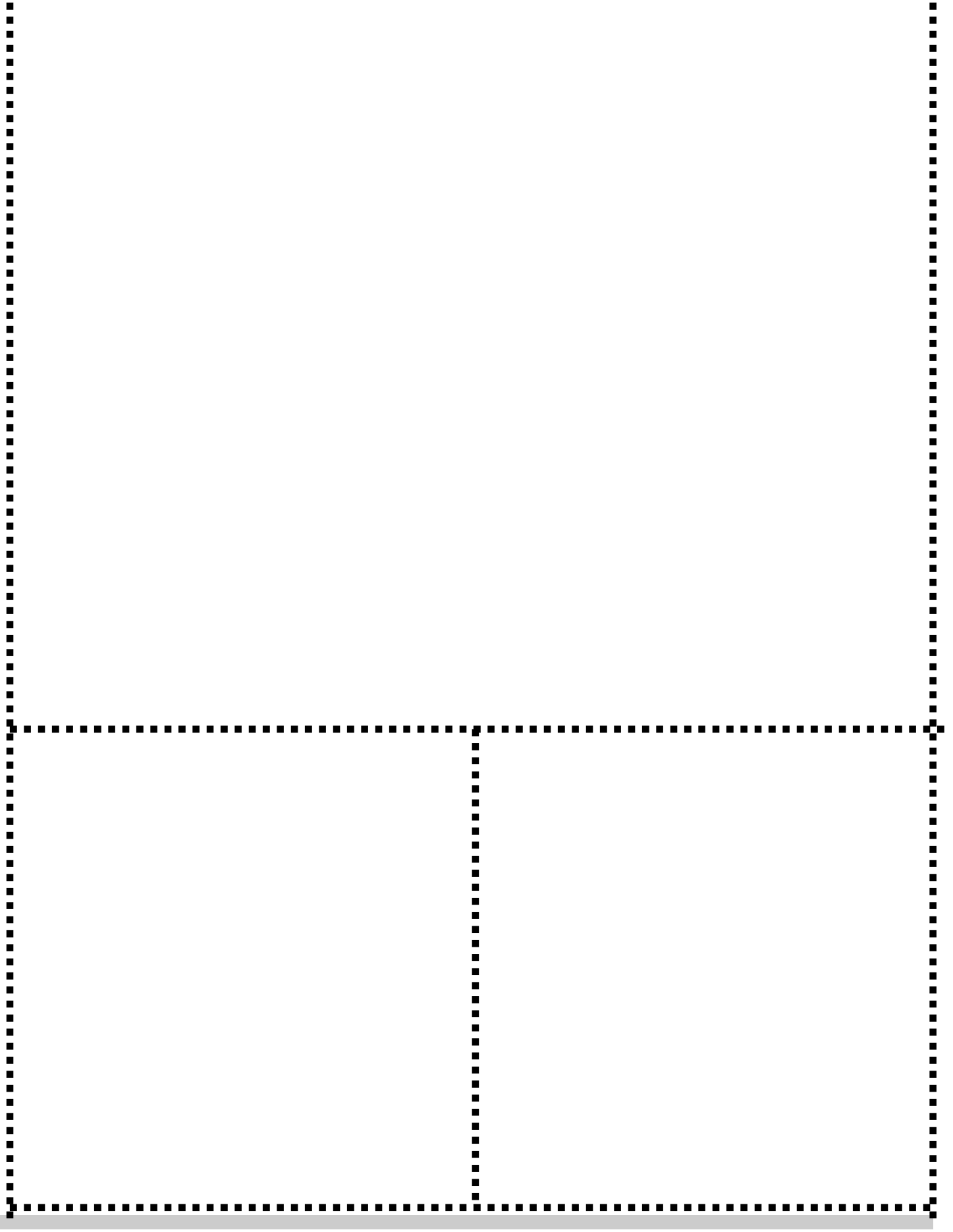
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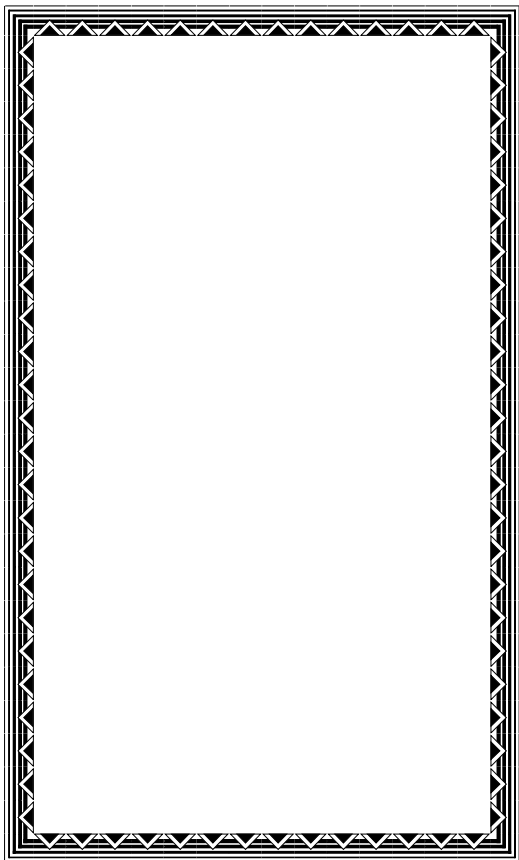
§ or call 1-800-488-4878, ext. 2016

§ or purchase tickets online here

The Sea-Tac Hilton is offering a package for attendees that includes lodging Friday, transportation to the museum and return to the hotel following the Bash, accommodations for two, parking and a breakfast brunch for two for \$213 or without brunch or transportation for \$144.

Contact the Hilton directly and ask for the Bishops' Bash Package, 1-206-244-4800





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