



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

AIDAN'S AGAPE

MAY - JUNE 2009

EASTER - PENTECOST

From the Rector

Planning for the Future

Even in a time of great uncertainty like we live in today, there is always a need to make plans for the future. The reality of church in America is changing radically. If you want some idea about what is happening, I recommend *The Great Emergence* by Phyllis Tickle. You can also go on *Youtube.com* and see her short video clip about it. This may be one of the most important books written about the church. The vestry is reading *Changing the Conversation*. This is a series of 10 recommended conversations every church leadership body should read. All of this is helping guide some important decisions.

During the search process, the Search Committee attempted to rewrite the parish mission statement. They realized that the existing statement did not meet the reality of the parish today, but time did not provide the opportunity for the completion of a successful rewrite. A guiding Mission and Vision Statement that meets the needs of and describes accurately our parish are important to our future health and growth.

At the April Vestry meeting, The Rev. Bob Randall, rector of Old Donation came and spoke to the vestry about the planning process that they have just completed. We are due, and in fact, need to move into that process in the immediate future. In short, the planning process is a self-assessment done with the assistance of a trained facilitator. The process describes where we are now, where we want to be five years from now, and the best possible course for achieving success. This is where we describe our core values and our aspirational values. In other words, what are the values that are important to us now, and what are those growing edges that need our attention for our parish not only to continue to flourish but to grow to meet the changing needs of the community? From this work we will rewrite our Mission and Vision statements. Then the really important work begins. Imagine that we are in one side of a valley; this is where our core values place us. Where we want to be is the other side; these would be our aspirational values. Developing goals and objectives that are met by action plans we develop is the bridge that crosses the valley.

These plans in turn drive our budget, our programming and our mutual ministry reviews. In a parish our size it is very important that we set priorities and then make the plans to meet those priorities. We cannot spread ourselves too thin, and this type of planning helps guide us in our day-to-day decisions, and also makes sure that we keep our focus rather than running off in other directions.

Does this sound interesting to you? Well, the vestry is not going to do this all by themselves. We will need people from all the various ministries to get involved once we begin. Everybody in the parish will be asked for input and everybody will be kept informed as we move forward. This is, after all, about you as a member of our community. The exact shape of this committee will be developed with the help of the facilitator.

We are in the early stages of this process and the vestry has not taken any formal action as of yet. What are we waiting for? There are two things that need to happen for this process to begin. We need to find a facilitator to help us. This cannot be done without an outside person trained in this process. We have several names from the diocese and we know two of them. The second issue is the very mundane, but essential factor of money. The facilitator does not do this for free and we need between \$2000 to \$2500 over the next 18 months to make this happen. While it is not in the current budget, I do believe that God will provide.

NEW AND UPCOMING IN PARISH LIFE

BY DON RITTER

On the heels of May's thoroughly enjoyable Family Social , St. Aidan's fellowship at its best!

- We would like to have an old fashioned "pot luck dinner" in someone's home on a Friday or Saturday night in June. If you have an interest in hosting, either then or at another time, please contact Don Ritter at dritter@cox.net or 427-7575.
- Planned summer events include the Family Retreat at Chanco at the end of August, as well as our next "Progressive Pool Party." The latter was a hugely successful event two summers ago. If you are lucky enough to own a pool and would like to be one of the hosts, please let Don know. Dates for both events will be announced once they are set.
- Our tentative Fall calendar includes the next Progressive Dinner in September, our annual Fall Fair on October 17th, another fund-raising event in November, and a Christmas Home Mass in December.

The success of each and every event is directly related to the willingness of all of us to both participate and help organize. We need groups of parishioners to volunteer and take ownership, so please speak up. Thank you.

ECW—Virginia Beach Convocation to hold Welcome Tea for New Bishop's Wife

"Let's Get Connected!" In his address at council our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith IV, said, "We need re-connection in this diocese, parish to parish." In an effort to "get re-connected" with the other Episcopal Churches in Virginia Beach and connect with Mrs. Herman "Lizzie" Hollerith, our bishop's wife, the Episcopal Church Women in the Virginia Beach Convocation invite all to a Welcome Tea for Lizzie at 2:30 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2009. The Women of Galilee Episcopal Church will host the tea in Tucker Hall. Together we want to give our new Bishop's wife a warm welcome into our church family. Please mark your calendars now! If you have questions regarding the tea, please call "Mac" Edwards, Virginia Beach Convocation Chair, Episcopal Church Women, at 481-4255. If you are planning to attend, please call St. Aidan's church office or use the tear-off in the Sunday bulletin so we can know ho many are going.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED

Discovery Canyon is the name to this year's VBS program. We will run VBS from July 19-23 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The program is from the same people who did the Rainforest Adventure that was so popular last year. Please reserve that week and think about how you can help out. We have invited the children from the Mission of the Holy Spirit to join us again. I am looking for one or two people to volunteer to coordinate this incredibly important event. Please contact Mark if you are willing to help out.

ST. AIDAN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH 3201 Edinburgh Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23452		<u>The Vestry</u>	
Rt. Rev. Holly Hollerith <i>Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia</i> Rev. Mark D. Wilkinson <i>Rector</i> Nancy Newhams <i>Parish Secretary</i> Jamie Dougherty <i>Music Director</i> Kari Jacobs <i>Handbell Director</i> Dennis Farrell <i>Sexton</i> Sue Wells <i>Pastoral Care Coordinator</i> office: 757-340-6459 Fax: 757-463-5722 E-mail: aidanbva@verizon.net Web: aidanbva.net		Edie Barnett Susan Boze Bill Dempsey Becky McCallum Tom Metz Becky Rankin	Justin Rice Don Ritter Beth Simeone Susan Summerlin Sue Wells Mary Whittaker
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CAMP WAKONDA

JUNE 19-21, 2009 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Camp Wakonda is back! For those not familiar with Camp Wakonda, it is a camp for children and families affected by HIV and AIDS, sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia and based at Talbot Hall in Norfolk. This year, the camp will run from Friday, June 19 thru Sunday, June 21. We expect about one hundred campers and staff.

On Friday, the entire camp will travel by bus to Kiptopeke State Park on the Eastern Shore for a day of swimming and games. On Saturday, everyone goes to Chanco on the James for a little bit of camp life, more swimming, ropes course and zip line. Three meals will be served each day.

St. Aidan's has always been a big part of Wakonda, with several parishioners serving on the staff. We have also traditionally done the closing lunch cookout, grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and served them along with potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and all the fixins'. We will do that again this year on Sunday, June 21 at Talbot Hall. We need three gas grills (with cooks) and people to help serve the food. We usually leave St. Aidan's between 10:30 and 11:00 and serve lunch about 12:30 and are done by 2:00. Exact times will be provided later.

If you can help with this, or would like any more information about Camp Wakonda, please contact Tom or Susan Summerlin (431-9455, email tsummerlin1@cox.net) or use the tear off in the bulletin.



IT'S TIME FOR ST. AIDAN'S SOFTBALL!!!

The St. Aidan's Men's Softball Team begins their play this season on Monday night, May 4th. A quick look at the schedule is below... pay attention to the bulletin and e-news for more specifics throughout the season. But mark a date or two now and plan to come out and enjoy the beauty of a Virginia Beach spring evening and the fellowship of our softball team. (We're not getting any younger, you know!) All games are Monday nights. Early games start at 6:45, late games at 8:45. Directions to the fields are available from any player.

June 1	Early	Com. United Methodist	PA Green #3
June 8	Late	New Faith	Bayville #2
June 15	Bye		
June 22	Early	Kings Grant Baptist	Oceana Park
June 29	Early	Cornerstone Bible	PA Green #3
July 6	Late	VB Community Chapel	Bayville #1



MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/04 Taylor Rue	05/11 Patricia Turnbull	05/19 Colleen Patton	05/26 Dana Higginbotham
05/05 Gregory Alley	05/11 Robyn Whittaker	05/22 David Ritter	05/28 Alyse Dinapoli
05/07 Elisabeth Miller	05/12 Michael Schooley	05/23 Jean Madden	05/29 Jeffrey Rankin
05/08 Max Baer	05/13 Brittany Baer	05/23 Amanda Smith	05/30 John I. Rice
05/08 John Duke	05/15 Dana Diamond	05/25 Loren Heckelman	05/30 Wally Timmons
05/08 Bill Kay	05/16 Brad Dougherty	05/25 Lisa Knutsen	05/31 Andrew Poole
05/09 Ellen Walters	05/17 Jason Johns	05/26 Anne Agnew	
05/10 Bob Simeone	05/19 Alex Byng	05/26 Ian Brown	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/02 Charles Marks	06/09 Jerry Alley	06/18 Dick Bass	06/25 Fred Katz
06/02 Carl L. Master	06/10 Marty Reid	06/18 Cathy Miller	06/25 Clare Parkinson
06/02 Bert Poole	06/10 Nancy Timmons	06/18 Tom Summerlin	06/26 Carol Inman-Leach
06/03 Fred Olds	06/11 Heather Tace	06/19 Caitlin Dougherty	06/26 Patti Ritter
06/05 Robert Byng Jr.	06/14 Beth Callaway	06/19 Justin Rice	06/28 Lynne Jonas
06/06 Jean Higginbotham	06/17 David E. Bergren III	06/21 Catherine McCallum	06/28 Christopher Ritter
06/06 Riley Vaughn	06/17 Martha Platt King	06/24 Elizabeth Siteman	06/29 Susan Dempsey
06/08 Tom McGinn	06/17 Susan Summerlin	06/25 Kyle Christopher Baer	06/29 Ashley Miller

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Jan - Apr 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Fundraisers	0.00	4,300.00	0.0%
Interest Income	0.68	35.00	1.94%
Other	1,028.00	7,560.00	13.6%
Plate	1,129.30	2,331.00	48.45%
Diocese	4,000.00	4,000.00	100.0%
Prior Years Pledge	4,330.00	1,614.00	268.28%
Gifts	4,590.00	15,407.00	29.79%
Head Start	6,821.31	17,500.00	38.98%
Pledges	80,196.28	239,886.00	33.43%
Total Income	<u>102,095.57</u>	<u>292,633.00</u>	<u>34.89%</u>
Expense			
EDUCATION	114.59	2,200.00	5.21%
PARISH LIFE	471.22	2,400.00	19.63%
LITURGY	975.19	3,900.00	25.01%
ADMIN & PASTORAL	4,950.00	15,130.00	32.72%
OUTREACH	7,676.00	27,519.00	27.89%
PHYSICAL PLANT	26,396.63	60,181.00	43.86%
PAYROLL EXPENSES	57,939.56	177,303.00	32.68%
Total Expense	<u>98,524.01</u>	<u>288,633.00</u>	<u>34.14%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>3,571.56</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>89.29%</u>
Net Income - Repay Special Designated	<u>3,571.56</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>89.29%</u>



PLEDGE REPORT

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Amount Pledged	19,991	19,991	19,991	59,972
Amount Received	18,246	17,400	24,918	60,564
Difference	<u>(1,745)</u>	<u>(2,591)</u>	<u>4,927</u>	<u>693</u>