

# St. Philip's Episcopal Church Newsletter



Wrangell, Alaska

June 2011

Southeast Deanery May 5-8, 2011

Report by Wrangell Delegates Marlene Clarke and Alice Rooney

Dean Gordon Blue welcomed everyone to Holy Trinity, Juneau

Our bishop, the Right Rev. Mark Lattime, conducted an opening Eucharist. The church sanctuary has been finished after the fire that destroyed the entire complex five years ago; it is very beautiful. Retiring to the lower level, the almost-completed McPhetres Hall, Father Gordon opened the business meeting on May 5, 2011. Roll call determined all but 2 southeast Episcopal churches had delegates and clergy in attendance.

Missing were Skagway and Petersburg. At roll call it was determined a quorum was present, and the Convocation was called to order 7:39 PM. The meeting was then turned over to Bp Mark Lattime.

Bp Mark introduced and requested seat and voice for visiting bishop, The Right Rev. Jim Waggoner of the Diocese of Spokane, and Susanne Krull of the Diocesan staff. The Ven. Mark Boesser was added to the list and all were granted by voice vote.

Dean Blue asked for a point of personal privilege and noted that today was the birthday of Nancy Jo Bleier and a song was sung.

The Rev. Dn. Georgia Giacobbe announced that she would be moving from Haines to reside in the Dalles, OR.

Dean Blue turned the floor over to Bp. Mark for his opening remarks to the delegates. Bp Mark emphasized "Feed my lambs.....Tend my sheep..... Feed my sheep." He also asked the St. Simeon and St. Anna society to pray for addictions, prevention of suicide and the prevention of violence.

Bp. Mark introduced his friend, Bp. Jim Waggoner, who spoke about

his mentoring relationship to Bp. Mark as a coach in the program, "Living Into Our Vows" for new bishops. Bp Mark invited Bp Waggoner to speak about his recent work in the Diocese of Spokane with the program "Organizing for Mission."

The session closed with Bp Mark's tale of catching his first king salmon. The fish weighed from 20 + lbs to 62 lbs in the telling. He was quite excited about it.

The next day we got down to business after Morning Prayer led by delegates from St. Peter's in Sitka. New elected Dean is Mim McConnell and Asst. Dean is Fr. Valentine.

Fr. Ron Kotrc was reappointed to a 5 year term on the Ecclesiastical Court. Camp Committe, Tiffany Smith, chair and Gordon Blue, By-law Committee, Fr. W. Valentine, Chair and Mike McDonough.`

The Dean reminds all delegates that parishes should submit written reports for each deanery. Any spoken reports will not be put into the deanery records.

Noonday Prayer was led by St. Philips.

After lunch the 1st Program Session: Scott Ciambor, Juneau Homeless Coalition

2nd Program Session: Juneau Providers Panel, First Street Clinic, Glory Hole, St. Vincent DePaul, & Juneau Youth Services.

3rd Program Session: Kate Burkhart, Suicide Prevention.

It was noted that the Juneau Faith community helps with feeding and clothing the poor.

Sat. Morning Prayer with St. Johns leading

St. Philips, Wrangell was approved to hold convocation in 2012, the 3rd weekend after Easter, April 19 thru 22. The clergy would like a retreat on April 16, 17, & 18. Retreat Committee is George Silides, chair. Program Committee, Alice Rooney, chair, Nancy Jo Bleier, Sitka, and Debra Hayden, Ktn. Convocation Committee, Marlene Clarke, chair, & Glenda Rice, Sitka.

Assuming office at the close of the deanery convocation are Mim McConnell of Sitka, Dean, and Ftr. Wilson Valentine, Assistant Dean.

Noonday prayer, St. Michael and all Angels, Haines, leading.

The closing program pane was moderated by Bp. Mark, discussing ways to reach out in ministry to "Feed my lambs.....Tend my sheep..... Feed my sheep."

The Saturday afternoon Eucharist brought forward several

confirmations from St. Brendan's.

After an evening meal, the delegates were entertained by the Alaska String Band at McPhetres Hall. The Hall is set up for use by a variety of performing groups.

Sunday morning there was a potluck breakfast with delegates joining the congregation of Holy Trinity, followed by a closing Eucharist.

### **Vestry News**

A one-year agreement has been signed with the Rev. Wilson Valentine, effective June 1, to pay him 16% of full time salary to serve St. Philip's as priest-in-charge. A copy is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. He is accessible to us as needed through his cell phone, 907-723-4514, and by email, [awv924@gci.net](mailto:awv924@gci.net). His next visit is set tentatively for August 13-14.

#### **Father Wilson's Responsibilities:**

Responsibilities:

Pastoral visits and counseling that may arise

11 visits to Wrangell for 1-3 day visits

Educational services

Educational opportunities

Meet with the vestry

Ministerial Association participation, as able

#### **Congregation Responsibilities**

Keep Father Wilson aware of pastoral needs

Offer housing & meals during visits

Identify educational needs & participate in them

### **Community Outreach Donations**

The vestry authorizes monthly community outreach donations of \$50-\$100 to groups such as the Food Bank, Little League, and the Senior Center. Ideas for donations may be submitted to any vestry member.

Since we are hosting Deanery in April 2012, we need committees! Call Marlene at 3863 if you can help. There will be housing needs and food needs and someone must be in charge of the kitchen and someone in charge of housing. Be thinking how you can help. You know you want to do your part!!

### **Stained Glass Window Project**

Subject: Windows are IN!  
A note between Cean & Alice:

Hi Cean,

We gathered at 5 pm this evening to open the crates and see if the windows could be easily installed. Amazing!!! They went in easily and I was home again by 6. You and Walter Moorhead did an awesome job coordinating the measurements.

The Raven/Eagle window is a beautiful design and shows up dramatically from the street and from inside. The Peoples Church window is lovely as well. Both windows match our existing style very well!

Reply:

Oh Alice, thank you soooo much for the update and the pictures. I hadn't heard anything and I was getting worried. I'm so glad everything went as planned and that everyone loves the windows.

Cean Stevens

Note: Cean Stevens of Sanctuary Stained Glass in Anchorage worked with us over the past several years to create these two windows.

### **Beyond Stained Glass Windows**

Plaques with the names of those in whose memory funds were donated are in process. Once they are paid for, the window fund is expected to have some funds remaining. What next? Your ideas for an appropriate memorial gift are welcome!

See next page for ideas.

Here are a few initial suggestions:

- \*re-carpet the altar area
- \*re-configure the area inside the altar rail to make it one level, reducing the tripping hazard
- \*a display on which names of those whose cremains are buried in the church yard can be listed
- \*re-carpet the entire church

### **New Altar Hangings**

St. Philip's is going green.....for the 29 Sundays of Pentecost that start this week, we celebrate new green altar hangings created by Marge Byrd and friends! Hundreds of white buttons ornament the hangings. We thank her and her team wholeheartedly! They are beautiful and show a lot of work.

### **Our VIPS**

Kudos to Don McConachie and Bonnie Demerjian. Don is being feted for his retirement from GCI, and Bonnie is busy signing copies of her newest book, Wrangell.

### **Reception for Kay Stella**

A Reception to Remember Kay Stella will be held at the parish hall of St. Philip's on Friday, July 1, from 3-5. The community is invited. Madelyn Stella, daughters Leah and Cerrina, and granddaughter Anath, will be in Wrangell June 29-July 6. Friends wishing to help may donate cookies or finger sandwiches for the reception.

### **Around the Parish**

Marlene's daughter, Dianne, has had her summer visit already this season. She was here for a fun filled three weeks of fishing, visiting and preserving her catches for her winter, including a kayak trip to Mill Creek/Virginia Lake with a high school friend. Marlene traveled to Corvallis for her birthday celebration with her daughter Dianne where they took in a Chris Botti concert. Then she flew to Calif. for her a visit with her sister, Diane.

Marlene's son, Greg Liefer, has completed a new book, Aviation Mystery's of the North, which will be available at the gift shop of the museum in June. Trudy's grandson, Davis, loves wearing his grown-up dress suits to church on Sundays. He still wants to be a fireman for all his 4 1/2 years now. Mom, Angie, has been teaching 13 years now and dad, Chris, travels a lot with his job, but the family will be here for the fourth! Kathy & Leonard are headed to Redmond, Oregon, to join Steve & grandson Kyle. They took Sean Michael Rooney with them for the vacation at a resort. Sean was mighty excited for there was plenty of activities for them; water activities and pools and slides as well as basketball courts to mention a few. Sarah will be home for the holiday with husband Andrew and they have been discussing the possibility of moving to Wrangell. We like that. Hubby Andrew just graduated from U of Victoria in US History, so brush up before visiting with him this summer. Brother Andrew was here two weeks between jobs. His new job in Seattle is working for a software company, Tableau, a data optimization software. (tableausoftware.com) The location is on 34<sup>th</sup> and looks to be in the vicinity of Fred Meyers in Ballard, as a reference point. Andrew very much enjoyed his week visiting in Wrangell. Rebecca hopes to go to Athens, Greece, next year for school. William grew a foot this year! He is a tall 6'4" and taller than dad and uncle! William is life guarding and teaching swim lessons as well as being the projectionist at the theater. Hunter and Mia both got awards at the Fishing Derby; Rowen fished but did not get one big enough to enter. All three are in the summer Reading Program at the Library. All three are in swimming lessons at the pool. Hunter and Rowen are in Little League baseball. It's a busy summer. Morgan, Spencer, & Presley Petticrew are all enjoying summer time and Spencer is in the library reading program. Olga's daughter, Terry, is coming from Aberdeen, Washington on June 30 for a week visit and daughter Vicki Arndt will be here in September for a two week visit from Indiana. Hanky is here visiting Marge and it is good to see her. Dawn Steven's 3 month check up is in July and she is looking very healthy and good. She is enjoying her new green house in which she is growing broccoli, spinach, and growing her strawberries in hanging baskets. Her green house is smack dab in her front yard getting full sun. Angerman cousin's are coming from Austria to visit July 24. They are Siegrunt and Fritz, a husband and wife, he is mother Helen's sister's grandchild! Della will be here with her two children Hollis and Rya over the holiday. Ronan will be home as well. Judy's sister, Jan, visits at the end of July. Don McConache retires June 24! Congratulations!

St. Philip's has a FACEBOOK page!!!

Won't you be a friend? Find us under 'St Philips Wrangell'. Alice has set up the page and will be adding photos and posting information. This will provide another way to share information both within our parish family and with others.

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