

CE News @

St. Andrew

For as the rain and snow come down from the sky and do not return before having watered the earth, fertilizing it and making it germinate to provide seed for the sower and food to eat, so it is with the word that goes from my mouth; it will not return to me unfulfilled or before having carried out my good pleasure and having achieved what it was sent to do. *Isaiah 55:10-11*

17 March 2005

CALENDAR BRIEF

March

- 3/20 Palm Sunday
- 3/24 Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.
- 3/25 Good Friday
- 3/27 Resurrection of the Lord (Easter)

Groups listed in parentheses are hosts of events other than CE. Events are not exclusive to these groups.

April

- 4/3 Sunday School Teacher's Mtg., 12:30-2 pm, FH
- 4/8-11 Cool Beans Mission Trip
- 4/13 Potluck Dinner, 6:30 pm, FH (Deacons)
- 4/17 Andy's Animals hike to Bear's Den and place stepping stones
- 4/30 Christmas in April (Mission)

May

- 5/7 Church Spring Workday (Trustees)
- 5/15 Christian Education Worship Service
- 5/20 Youth Car Wash & 21 Church Yard Sale
- 5/22 Last day of Sunday School
- 5/24 Annual Calendar Planning Mtg., 7 pm, TH

Church Picnic: Sun., June 5

Seniors Ministry Planning

We need your input! Be watching for a survey coming to your home about dates and times best for your schedule, activities you wish to see for our program, and issues of concern to you. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Carrie Crossfield (668-7091).

Special Easter Sunday School & Worship Schedule – March 27

Worship Services: Sunrise at Sheepy Wallow – around 6:00 a.m. and in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. *Regular Sunday School will not be held.* Pancake Breakfast at 9:40 a.m. and Lenten reflection walk in Fellowship Hall.

Cool Beans Mission Trip, April 8 through April 11

The Cool Beans Youth Group will be commissioned on April 3rd for their mission trip to Clairvaux Farm, a home for families in transition, in April. The Beans and their adult leadership did an outstanding job raising the funds for their trip through childcare before Christmas and for the Mystery Dinner and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. At the Farm they will be doing repairs and maintenance to the home and grounds and learning about the ministry of Clairvaux and the families who use the ministry to become independent again.

Adult Faith Formation – Sunday Classes

Soul Food Café (meeting in the glass-walled room off of the Narthex) will continue their study of moral development using the 1966 film “A Man For All Seasons.” Drop-ins are welcome. (Leader: Meredith Moore)

Discovering the Bible Kerygma curricula (Meeting in the Conference Room in the upper level of Trinity House.) has just started their study of the New Testament which will continue through May. Drop-ins are welcome. (Leader: Rev. Stephany Crosby)

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Adult Faith Formation cont.

Is God calling you to spend time in the preparation and study of the Bible and its application to our lives with others? When partnering with another facilitator, this ministry can be manageable and wondrously fulfilling for the individual and great service to God. We are blessed to have educational resources, great pastoral staff support and some financial resources to help our adult facilitators. If you wish to discern your call in this area, talk to Revs. Lyon or Crosby or Meredith Moore.

DayTrips

Summer is a great time for day trips! If you are interested in this ministry, contact Carrie Crossfield. Some places already known to be of interest include:

- ❖ Native American Museum
- ❖ State Arboretum
- ❖ Balch Library
- ❖ Ebenezer Church
- ❖ The National Cathedral

Youth Group News

Andy's Animals Watch for the new stepping stones made by the Animals to be installed on April 17!

Cool Beans – see page 1.

4/3 Commissioning of mission participants at 11:00, Parent/ Youth Meeting 3:00 at Trinity House for all families of youth participating in the mission trip

4/8-4/11 Mission Trip to Clairvaux Farm

4/24 Regular Meeting at Trinity House

High School Youth – In April we will go bowling with Lewinsville PC youth, ice skating in Ashburn, have movie night and prepare for carwash in May.

Serengeti Trek

Kids Are Wild About God

Go on *safari* this summer at our VBS, **June 26-30!** The VBS Planning Team chose the “Serengeti Trek” curricula based on its accessible theology, quality music, and fun theme. If you wish to be a leader or help in any way either during VBS or in preparation for VBS, talk to any of our planning team: Laurie Barbagallo, Becky Kittka, Susan Davis, Kristin Sullivan, and Lucia Pull.

We will need:

- ❑ **Craft Planners, Preparation, and Leaders;**
- ❑ **Group Leaders;**
- ❑ **Music Leaders;**
- ❑ **Recreation Leaders;**
- ❑ **Snack Helpers; and**
- ❑ **Program Coordinators.**

Confirmation Class Continues

Eighth Grade and High School youth continue their confirmation studies each Sunday morning. Their studies included a field trip to see other Presbyterian churches in the area. Comments ranged from “All the churches were really different” to “It was really interesting to see the history and changes some churches have made through the years.” Many of the adults in attendance found the architectural history of our denomination’s churches fascinating. Pray for these youth as they come to have a deeper understanding of the uniqueness of God’s grace, sacrifice and love for us all.