

St. John's Episcopal Church
431 Lake Street, P.O. Box 28
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St. John's Episcopal Church



"Our Doors Are Always Open"

Hope, Healing & Hospitality

September & October 2015

Sunday 9 a.m. - Holy Communion with Hymns
Thursday 10 a.m. Bible Study
11 a.m. Holy Communion



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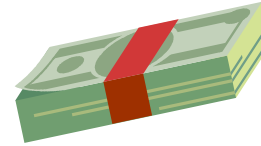
Jennifer Farwell-Puskas

Denis Desso

Vicki Jancef

Marcia Sabey

Denise Failla



Treasurer's Report

	July 2015	YTD 2015
Income:	\$ 2,977.02	\$ 22,872.69
Expense:	- <u>4,114.57</u>	- <u>27,938.20</u>
Total:	- \$ 1,137.55	- \$ 5,065.51
Add Dividends:		\$ <u>1,270.43</u>
Total:		- \$ 3,795.08

Don't Forget....

Anyone can place flowers on the altar at any time. What a great way to remember a special event or that special someone. Sign-up in the Parish Hall.



We are in need of Coffee Hour Hosts
Please sign-up in the Parish Hall !!

BIRTHDAYS will be celebrated
on the first Sunday of each month!

St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Highlights
August, 2015

Resolved:

- Authorized Scott Anderson to complete the floor and trim for the kitchen. Linda Miller has volunteered to paint the kitchen to complete the renovation.
- To get estimates for the cost of air conditioning the sanctuary, to be discussed at the September meeting:
 - * Lois Carter will get an estimate from Northeast Mechanical, Inc. for a system similar to the one at St. Andrew's.
 - * Jim Alessi will draw up an estimate for the duct work needed to complete the plan for individual air conditioners.
 - * Vicki Jancef will get an estimate for portable de-humidifier/cooling units.
- Authorized use of the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 19 for a benefit for Brandi's Boobi Brigade Breast Cancer Walk.
- Authorized Lois Carter to purchase and arrange engraving for those whose remains are buried in our Memorial Garden.
- Authorized Kyle Doty to clear the sidewalks and driveway of snow during the winter months. Kyle is offering his labor as a volunteer.
- Authorized Jennifer Farwell-Puskas to pay the fees necessary to keep St. John's P. O. Box because mail is more secure there than in the street side mailbox.
- Authorized a Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner to be held on Friday, January 15. Lois Carter will organize this fundraiser.
- Jim Alessi, Wendy Brown, and Jennifer Farwell-Puskas will prepare a prioritized list of what will be needed for our Disaster Preparedness Plan. After their presentation at the September meeting, we will share the report with St. Andrew's Vestry at the joint meeting with the Covenant Team on September 28th.

Discussion:

- Reviewed the 2015-2016 calendar
- What's working?
 - ⇒ Nick's Garden has been a wonderful project that has drawn neighbors and community people to the church grounds, and has provided fresh produce for the Wilson Community Food Pantry.
 - ⇒ Island Eucharist – was a great success. Thanks to the hospitality of Nancy Thompson and Linda Miller, we anticipate that this will become an annual tradition.
- What could we do better? We need a stand/hanger for Kyle's cross so that it can be more visible in the church.
- We will participate in the 4th season of the Sunday Cabaret at Community Missions. St. John's program will be on Sunday April 27th.

Your Priest's Perspective

Here I am, Lord. Send me. [Isaiah 6.8]

As I prepare for the final two months of my ministry with you, I rely upon the words of this poem by Anna Kamienska, which I read as part of my sermon on August 16th. There will be more to say as we travel through this transition together, but at this time, I can express only my gratitude for all the living and giving we have shared for almost 9 years:

Gratitude

A tempest threw a rainbow in my face
so that I wanted to fall under the rain
to kiss the hands of an old woman to whom I gave my seat
to thank everyone for the fact that they exist
and at times even feel like smiling.
I was grateful to young leaves that they were willing
to open up to the sun
to babies that they still
felt like coming into this world
to the old that they heroically
endure until the end
I was full of thanks
like a Sunday alms-box
I would have embraced death
if she'd stopped nearby

Gratitude is a scattered
homeless love.



Upcoming Community Events



The following is a listing of upcoming community events in the Village of Wilson for **September & October, 2015**:

Sept. 1	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Sept. 5	8 a.m.—Noon	Electronic Recycling Town Highway Garage
Sept. 8	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Sept. 15	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Sept. 22	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Sept. 29	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Oct. 3	8 a.m.—Noon	Electronic Recycling Town Highway Garage
Oct. 6	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Oct. 13	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Oct. 20	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake
Oct. 27	2 p.m.—8 p.m.	Wilson Food Pantry St. Brendan's On The Lake

September 13th—Rally Sunday

Backpack Blessings, Prayers for students & teachers
Milk shakes for coffee hour, courtesy of the Rhodes and Pyskaty families.

We will begin our program year with a festive service on September 13th. Our young people will lead the service, and we will have special prayers for them and for their teachers as they settle in to the new school year. The Rhodes and Pyskaty families will prepare their delicious milk shakes for coffee hour - so please plan to stay after the service.

On this day, we will also have a special collection for St. John's contribution to the Nicholas Failla Memorial Scholarship at SUNY Cobleskill. We have not yet made a formal donation to this fund, and it is appropriate that we do so on this day when we celebrate and encourage our students. The citation for the scholarship reads as follows:

Throughout his four years at SUNY Cobleskill, Nicholas Failla was an active member of the Society of Agricultural Engineers Club. Embracing the mission of the club, Nick worked hard to support its objectives - doing so with enthusiasm, kindness and respect. In turn, he earned the respect of those around him.

In honor of his memory, student members of the SUNY Cobleskill Woodsman Team and the SUNY Cobleskill Society of Agricultural Engineering have collaborated to raise an impressive \$1,500 towards the Nicholas Failla Memorial Scholarship.

Nick knew St. John's was his spiritual home; here he always knew he would find encouragement, validation, and a sense of purpose, no matter what struggles he might be facing. This scholarship ensures that another young person will receive what Nick found here. Please consider giving generously.

Dates to Remember

September

- Sept. 4-6 Diocesan Family Camp
 Tuesdays beginning September 8th: 7 p.m. – Yoga Classes, Inner Peace Yoga
 Sept. 10 6:00 p.m. Vestry meeting
 Sept. 13 Homecoming Sunday:
 Backpack blessings; Special Offering (Nick Failla Memorial Scholarship at Cobleskill); Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers
- Wednesdays beginning September 14th 7 p.m. Hatha Yoga classes,
 Sept. 14-16 Judith+ will be on vacation
 Sept. 19 12-4 p.m. Benefit for Brandi's Boobi Brigade Breast Cancer Walk
 Sept. 26 1 p.m. Our Little Roses Tea—Diocesan Ministry Center
 Cheryl Chapman, of Our Little Roses, will be guest preacher
- Sept. 27 10 a.m. Parish Town Meeting after the service
 6 p.m. Sunday Cabaret: The Gospel Groove Band
 Sept. 28 7 pm. Covenant Team & Joint Vestry Meeting at St. Andrew's

October

- Oct. 2-3 Rummage Sale at St. John's
 Oct. 4 Prayers of Blessing and Thanksgiving for our pets
 Oct. 8-11 Fall Retreat at Collins Correctional Facility
 Oct. 10 7 p.m. Evening Prayer at the Fence: Collins Correctional Facility
 Oct. 15 6 p.m. Vestry Meeting
 Oct. 18 11-3:30 p.m. Applefest
 Oct. 25 Pastor Judith's Farewell Liturgy
 6 p.m. Sunday Cabaret: St. John's—Youngstown
 Oct. 30-31 Diocesan Convention

November

- Nov. 1 All Saints Sunday
 Nov. 3 4 p.m. Election Night Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
 Nov. 12 6 p.m. Vestry Meeting
 Nov. 14 St. Andrew's Bazaar

Happy Birthday To....

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| Kevin Brown | September 15 |
| Aric Freischlag | September 21 |
| Mary Gamble | September 29 |
| Sharon Rhodes | October 2 |
| Marcia Sabey | October 5 |
| Eric Freischlag | October 21 |
| Linda Miller | October 24 |

Happy Anniversary To....

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| Eric & Helen Freischlag | September 2 |
| Keith & Sharon Rhodes | September 21 |
| Bob & Denise Failla | October 6 |
| Gil & Nancy Thompson | October 8 |
| Eric & Gail Freischlag | October 29 |

Please make sure that your birthday and/or anniversary is on file in the office so that we can include you on our monthly celebration list. See Jennifer Farwell-Puskas, Parish Administrator for all updates or changes.



Senior Spotlight....

Kevin Brown:

This year I will be graduating from high school and though it may be the end of one journey, it is the start of a much larger new one. I plan to enjoy my senior year and the time at home I have with my friends and family. There are many plans that I have to make this year: decisions on what schools and what major I plan to study, and where I want to go in life. I feel the decisions I make are guided by God's master plan for me. I am looking forward to another successful year and to what the future holds for me.

John Carney:

Senior year is a scary sight to most, but only if you let it be that way. I'm a little intimidated, sure, but I know that faith will help me get through the rest of high school, help me through sports, and eventually help me decide on where I will be attending college. As for right now, I'll just have to have fun on the way down this journey ahead of me.

Kyle Doty:

Next week I will begin my Senior Year and begin to make plans for the future. Last year I began a two-year program in Welding at Niagara-Orleans BOCES and will finish that this year. For the past three years I have worked doing mowing, landscaping, selling firewood and snowplowing. My goal after High School is to pursue a career as a tradesman and entrepreneur. St. John's and my family keep me grounded and remind me how blessed I am to have these gifts that I can continue to perfect.

Congratulations to the Wilson Class of 2016 !!

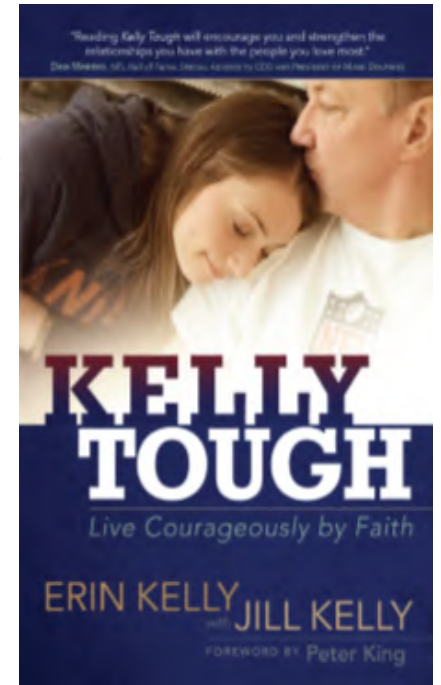
The Book Shelf—

Reading for Fun, Reading for Faith

This is a new feature of the Pious Press & St. Andrew's Newsletter: We will alternate between reflections from St. John's and from St. Andrew's. This issue's offering is written by Lisa Roeseler (St. Andrew's). For our November-December issue, someone from St. John's will write.

Kelly Tough, by Erin Kelly

You know you have a “good read” in your hands when, after finishing the book, you discover that 50% of the pages have been smothered in highlighter and the remaining pages are ear-marked and blessed with hand-written pencil notations! One such book for me was *Kelly Tough*, by Erin Kelly (daughter of Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly). Being a recent publication, one would think that it is about Jim Kelly's latest bout with cancer. Not so. *Kelly Tough* discusses his difficult journey in order to illustrate its effects on the Kelly family. Some families would crumble when faced with such challenges. Not so with the Kelly Family. Erin speaks of the ever-growing faith and love for God that has swelled in her family throughout this journey. What really nabbed my attention was Erin's focus on her own love for God. She speaks well beyond her years when talking about her faith. The most admirable characteristic I see in this young author is that she is so very proud of her faith and is not ashamed to share her beliefs with all who will listen! At the end of each chapter, she includes a “by faith” segment, which is a summary for reflection, along with a few quotes and favorite bible verses. In the final pages of her book, Erin Kelly describes it best--- *Ultimately, it's not about my dad. It's not about being Kelly Tough. It's not about the Kelly family at all. It's about Jesus. If you finish reading this book and only hold onto one thing, let it be this: Jesus.*



Lisa Roeseler

Applefest

At

**St. John's Episcopal Church
431 Lake Street, Wilson**



Sunday, October 18th

11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Featuring:

**BASKET RAFFLE, Roast Beef Sandwiches,
Baked Goods, Crafts, Apple Pies,
Fresh Produce and much more....**

COME & JOIN US !!!

Basket Raffle

We will be having a basket raffle on **September 19th** from **12—4 p.m.** at St. John's. It will support my granddaughter, Brandi Furey, for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer to be held in NYC on October 17th & 18th. My daughter, Cheryl Hill & Brandi will again do the 39 mile walk over the two days. As many of you know Brandi was diagnosed two years ago with breast cancer. She is doing well and we are so thankful to God for this.

If anyone would like to donate a basket or gift certificate please let me know. Hope to see you on the 19th and please tell your friends and family.

Lois Bateman

Applefest is happening again !!

It seems like we just had it and now here it comes again on October 18th! The time will be from 11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. We will have our usual areas and the chairperson for each area:

Baked Goods: Marcia Sabey

Basket Raffle: Lois Carter

Kitchen: Sharon Rhodes

Dining Room: Jerilyn Carney

Advertising & Publicity: Jennifer Farwell-Puskas

Vegetable Stand: Jeff Pyskaty

Crafts: Daniel Pyskaty

Pie Baking:

We are always open to new ideas so if anyone has anything please let me know. Applefest is a lot of work but also a lot of fun. It is also very beneficial to St. John's and the Wilson community. Remember that there is always room for everyone to help. If you are available please contact me. Applefest is definitely not a one day project but one that starts now in order to make it as successful as possible. So let the work and fun begin.

Lois Bateman

Faith Matters

This feature will appear in both St. Andrew's newsletter and the Pious Press. This month, our essay is written by Martin Gregg (St. Andrew's); for our November-December issue, it will be written by a member of St. John's.

23 years ago, I married into a farming family. I've learned many things over the years. I think the biggest lesson has been that just because you plant good seed in fertile ground doesn't mean everything will go perfectly.

It takes a lot of work, and patience, to get from seed to fruit.

We have lived this lesson in a very real way since December 6, 2006, the day we first signed our Covenant Agreement. It was a good idea, with good people working hard to make it go. The fruit may not have been immediate or obvious, but it did grow. It strengthened everyone involved, and looking now at the growth, physical and spiritual, to be seen at St. Andrew's and St. John's, we can now all see for ourselves how much we have grown.

We are not done yet, but we can move forward strengthened by the efforts of our past.

I look forward to updating this journey log 5 years from now.

God Bless.
Martin Gregg

Restorative Hatha Yoga Class
Wednesdays September 16 - October 21
7-8:30pm
\$80/session or \$15 drop-in fee
Bring your own mat and water
Beginner to Intermediate levels welcome
Call 720-366-7480 to register or email
at movementasmedicine@gmail.com

Rebecca Strong, MA, is a movement-based educator with over 20 years of experience leading groups into wellness. Rebecca has been teaching Hatha yoga for 3 years and specializes in bringing people long term benefits from on-the-mat yoga training. She is a part of the Lulu Bandhas yoga teacher training. Rebecca runs weekly classes and retreats in Niagara and Erie counties. She can be found at www.movementasmedicine.com.

School Supplies:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the school supplies to be given to the children of Wilson School District. It is always appreciated. Sometimes they just need that extra something. Thanks again.

Lois Bateman



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