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communities of faith worshipping God

The Annual Meeting of St. Anne's Parish is
scheduled for Sunday, February 24,
after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Soup is January 13. The second Sunday of each month is a special time of fellowship as our parish comes together to share a simple meal of soup, bread and dessert. Please help out by bringing food to share. Gather in the Parish House after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist service.

Bread of Life Ministry: January is one of the three months of the year that St. Anne's provides extra helping hands to support our local food ministry. Volunteers are needed on Friday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m. to help with setting up grocery bags and on Saturday, January 19 at 8:00 a.m. to help with distributing food. Meet at the Scottsville Community Center rear entrance. Any questions, please contact Bill Hyson at 286-2892.

Weekday Eucharist: A simple, short Eucharist is offered at St. John's Church at 8:00 a.m. every Thursday (please enter at the side door on Bird Street). Those who are able, and wish to, may gather at Baine's Coffee and Books following the service.

The Vestry will meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's church.

Mobile Food Pantry needs volunteers on Tuesday, January 22. The Mobile Food Pantry distributes food to families in need the fourth Tuesday of the month. Meet at the Scottsville Farmer's Market Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact Eileen Pillar at 286-2563.

The Women's Group meets the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. to discuss spirituality, life, morality, religion, etc. To learn more, contact Denise Williams.

EMERGENCIES

If you need support from the church, please reach out. You can call Brenda Hyson, the church secretary, at the office during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 434-286-3437. If an urgent matter arises, we want to help. If you have a medical emergency, contact Eleanor Winsor at ewwinsor@embarqmail.com, 434-286-4730, or Tracy Kaminer at 434-831-1043, or kaminertracy@gmail.com. We will find a parishioner or, if appropriate, a priest to help you.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Friends of Esmont has set up their Board of Directors, by-laws and are a 501(c) 3 corporation. They are working on a Rails to Trails project and are looking into grant money. There will be additional costs to make all this possible, so if you have ideas for fundraisers, let Judy Brochu-Blake know or join the next meeting in January at St. Stephen's. Get further details at FriendsofEsmont.com

Foyer Groups for St. Anne's Parish are a fun and easy way for parishioners to gather together on a regular but informal basis for purely social reasons - to enjoy one another's company, to strengthen bonds of community, to meet new members and just to get to know other people who share a common interest in Grace but with whom we might not otherwise interact. They provide a means to develop new friendships and deepen old ones. Groups can be made up of singles, couples, young and old, etc. Each small group of six to eight people mix every four to six weeks during the church year. Typically, the host might provide the main dish and beverage, with other members contributing the appetizer, salad, dessert, etc. What Foyer Groups are not: They're not a House Beautiful tour, or a Martha Stewart showcase, and they're not an Iron Chef cooking competition. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Deidre Dickens at deidrewd@gmail.com or 434-831-2206.

If you have something to share in this column, please email Tracy Kaminer <kaminertracy@gmail.com> or Celie McGurk <celie5mc@gmail.com>

Please remember to prayerfully consider pledging this year. In this time of transition, pledges are more important than ever. Our pledges are proof of our commitment and belief in the future of the St. Anne's Parish. It's never too late to make a pledge.

Thank you.

For this abbreviated Monthly Tidings, we're launching an occasional column called Parish Profile, where we can get the "backstory" on a few of our parishioners. Happy New Year!

PARISH PROFILE: Jim Campbell

Kind, confident, and prepared: that's how you might describe Jim Campbell, our senior warden, who sat down for an interview as his term comes to an end this month. He has provided steady leadership to the Vestry for the past three years, and the interview was an opportunity for him to reflect on his service and for us to get to know this reserved leader a little better.

One of his main duties lately has been to shepherd the many supply priests and make sure they are comfortable coming into our churches. After meeting the Rev. Pam Webb, he spoke of her with excitement. "She has a wonderful accent," he said about our supply priest from Alabama. He was obviously charmed, and perhaps for a moment forgot that we feel the same about his Scottish accent.

Jim grew up in southwest Scotland on the Clyde Coast that faces Northern Ireland. He also spent some time living in Ontario, Canada, but went to St. Andrew's University in Scotland. In reflecting on how he got to the United States, he says, "There was a woman involved," referring to his wife Jennifer, who he met when he was 19 at St. Andrew's. They've now been together for 34 years on quite a journey, living in London, South Africa, the little town of Casanova in Fauquier County, and now here in Scottsville. Jim had an international career in finance with Barclay's Bank and Capital One, even traveling to the former Soviet republics, sometimes with bags stuffed with roubles as he negotiated buying up factories after the collapse of the USSR. It was a little dicey at times, he remembers, and all of the travel led to his decision to concentrate on his American dream that started with a simple goal—a few acres and a Jeep—and expanded to a few more acres where Jennifer could have her horses and they could grow their own hay. That led them to the beautiful Iona Farm in Scottsville. He is now CEO of New Country Organics feed business based out of Waynesboro with a branch in Lubbock, Texas, where his son Niall is also involved.

His journey to the Episcopal church was unexpected. He was raised Scottish Brethren, a conservative Anabaptist denomination, Bible based and basic. But Jennifer had been raised in Grace Casanova Episcopal Church, and that's where they got married. He credits the Rev. Roma Maycock, who married them, and the Rev. Jim Chipps, the priest at Casanova, as influences on his attachment to the Episcopal church. He served on the Vestry at Grace Casanova and admits that having to deal with the church "in a temporal way" can potentially interfere with your spirituality. You don't have a "staff," to help you get things done—you have volunteers, he says. But when it works and you do get things done, he adds, it's very exciting to serve.



Jim with John Needham, who encouraged him to join the Vestry.

Jim first came to Christ Church in 2003, when Fr. Pippin was here. His first impression was, "It was big." Casanova was small, rather like St. Anne's is now, not like bustling Christ Church of 2003. It took the Campbells a while to settle down in Scottsville with their constant travel and international moves, but when they did, it wasn't long before John Needham asked Jim to serve on the Vestry. "You would not like to say no to him," he smiles. He sees serving on the Vestry as an opportunity "to help, serve and learn."

He takes the long view of the role of the church. "I love history," he says. Saying the Nicene Creed every Sunday is a reminder of what came before—the Apostolic Succession, the Saints and martyrs. He feels a deep connection with those who came before and looks toward those who will come after. "It gives me great joy to see the children in church," he says and would love to see us have Sunday School.

Meanwhile he believes people don't realize how many wonderful things are going on in our church, from Little Learners to the discretionary fund that solves immediate problems for people in need. He pledges because "if you want the church to be here for future generations, you do your bit."

He's optimistic that we'll see continued growth. "With the right interim we'll encourage the green shoots" that have started during the past six months. "Eventually we'll get a good priest. We shouldn't expect perfection." He adds, "We've been around since 1745. I think we'll be here in 2045." He offers a Scottish historical reference for fans of the television show *Outlander*: the Battle of Culloden took place in 1745, the same year that St. Anne's Parish began.

The television reference comes easily for Jim, who is an amateur actor. He had always had the interest, he says, but when he met director Langden Mason at church, he mentioned that he'd like to try being in one of his shows. Langden gave him a small part—just two lines—but a week before the opening, another actor quit and Jim suddenly had a much bigger role. He stayed up all night learning his lines. He loved the experience and the director found Jim had a good sense of comic timing.

Business savvy, with a sense of humor, a positive spirit, and a love of history: Jim Campbell has been an effective leader for St. Anne's Parish. He promises to stay involved and help when he can, but for now "I've got a bit of a farm to run," as well as his business. He'll be busy.

Tracy Kaminer

In response to numerous requests, Jim has offered to extend his term and stay on for one more year as Senior Warden to provide stability during our transition. His continuation will be subject to approval at the annual meeting.