



December 2017



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Paragon

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

We are beginning the season of Advent, which is not Christmas, nor simply a time to prepare for the holiday. I call us all to observe a time of watching and listening, of resting and waiting, of trusting in the Lord whom we are coming to know and recognize more fully. We watch and listen for what we are not yet sure of – what is coming to be born in our midst.

Our companion in the journey of Advent is Mary, mother of Jesus, an utterly human person like us. There are four lessons for us to hear in Mary's story – four questions I need to ponder – to which I and all of us are called to say **yes** in this Advent season.

**First, “And the angel came to Mary and said, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’”** (Luke 1:28) God proclaimed Mary's goodness and favor as she was, a young woman without great worldly accomplishments. **Can you accept God's favor towards you, as you are, here and now?** That God is with you and me in spite of how we often see ourselves? (*“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” - Romans 8:1*)

**Second, the angel went on to tell of great things to come in her life, that she would play a key part in God's mission and purpose in this world.** She could hardly imagine such a significance for herself – her first response was “how can this be?” And without fully understanding how or why, she says yes. “Let it be to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38) **Will you say yes to God's purpose in your own life and be open to the opportunities that God presents to serve and love where you are?** (*“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” - Jer. 29:11*)

**Third, Mary sang out “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior”** – Luke 1:46-47). **Will you celebrate what God is doing in this world, whatever is good and true and beautiful, and kindle your hope for the justice and peace that God seeks on earth?** “God (shall) bring down the powerful from their thrones, and lift up the lowly; God (shall) fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich away empty.” – Luke 1:52-53

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**Fourth, "...and a sword will pierce your own soul too"** – Luke 2:35. The prophet Simeon said these words to Mary as they brought their baby – their joy and hope – to the Temple. **Are you and I willing to be vulnerable? Shall we acknowledge the pain and suffering of our lives and of this world, without denying these first three lessons?** – that God has favor towards you, that God has good plans for you where you are, and that there is much to celebrate. (*Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. – Jn. 12:24*)

Let us walk together these days of Advent. Thank you for your company. **Those with ears to hear, listen.**

To assist us in observing a holy Advent season, we have an Advent Devotional booklet and a number of suggestions to nurture a holy Advent. We have an Advent Compline and music series, led by Meghan Mullarkey and Pam Tinsley on Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, and 18.

Also, mark your calendars for a potluck luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Noon.

We will host several homeless families through Family Housing Network from Dec. 9 -16, in cooperation with Temple Beth El.

We will decorate ("green") the church on Sunday, Dec. 17, and review the Christmas stories of the Bible on Monday, Dec. 18 at 1 pm.

Sunday, December 24 in the morning, we will have services at 8am and 10 am for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

That afternoon, Christmas Eve, we will have our Family Worship and Children's Pageant at 4:00 pm. Our traditional candle-lit Christmas Eve Service begins at 9:30 pm, with special music from 9:30 to 10 pm and the Eucharist beginning at 10:00 pm.

On Christmas Day, we will celebrate Christ's birth at 10 am with carols and Holy Communion.

We have begun our pledge in-gathering for 2018, and have received over 60 pledges towards letting Christ's light shine through St. Andrew's. We have had a generous response thus far – please return your pledge as soon as possible that we may carry on the many ministries of St. Andrew's to illuminate our dark world through Christ.

Yours in faith this Advent season,  
Martin+



## December and January at St. Andrew's

**Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent**, worship at 8 & 10 am,

Community Outreach sale after both services

Monday, December 4 – Advent Compline, 7 pm in the chapel

Tuesday, December 5 – Potluck luncheon, 12 Noon

Wednesday, December 6 – Communion at Noon

Saturday, December 9 – Family Housing Network guests arrive (through Dec. 16)

**Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent**, worship at 8 & 10 am

Monday, December 11 – Advent Compline, 7 pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 13 – Communion at Noon

**Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent**, services at 8 & 10 am,

Greening of the Church after the second service

Monday, December 18 – Bible Review of the Christmas Stories, 1-2 pm

Monday, December 18 – Advent Concert at Mason United Methodist Church (see article)

Wednesday, December 19 – Communion at Noon

Sunday, **December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**, services at 8 & 10 am

**Christmas Eve – Family Service with Children's Pageant at 4:00 pm**

**Christmas Eve – Traditional Candle-lit Christmas Service at 9:30 pm** (beginning with half an hour of special music, Eucharist at 10 pm)

**Christmas Day – Communion and Carols at 10 am**

Wednesday, December 27 – Communion at Noon

**Sunday, December 31 – First Sunday of Christmas**, services at 8 & 10 am

Saturday, January 6 – Epiphany Gathering of Episcopal Church Women, here at St. Andrew's

**Sunday, January 7 – Baptism of Jesus**, Services at 8 & 10 am, baptisms at 10 am

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**Sunday, January 28 – St. Andrew's Annual Meeting**, one service at 9:00 am, followed by reports, discussion and elections.

## ***Epiphany Lunch—January 6, 2018***

For over 90 years the women of the Episcopal churches of Pierce County have been gathering to Celebrate the Epiphany each year on the Saturday nearest to January 6<sup>th</sup>. This was originally a function of the formal group known as Episcopal Church Women. With the changes in society many churches no longer have a formal ECW thus the luncheon now is promoted as a gathering of ALL WOMEN of the Episcopal Church. Guests from other areas and men are also welcome to attend.

In 2018 St. Andrew's will be hosting this event. Reberta Skinner, Pam Tinsley and Virginia Gaub are making early plans. We are inviting women of St. Andrew's to help with the preparing for this event. The schedule for the day usually runs something like this: Gather at 10 AM and Celebrate Holy Communion followed by a guest speaker and lunch. The highlight of the lunch is the Epiphany cake and the drawing of symbols which designate special tasks the women will work on for the next year. Each Church represented will have a project to work on and will report at the next year's luncheon. It is wonderful to hear of the creative ways people come up with to share love with those around them. An example of the symbols and tasks are: A **Thimble**= a missionary project involving sewing; a **Cross**= be available for prayer for special needs and/or set aside a regular time for study; an **Anchor**= perform a service to aid an institution which offers "hope" to others.; a **Heart** = perform acts of kindness and charity for someone during the year; a **Dime**= make the dime grow and bring the proceeds back to the next luncheon to be contributed with the offering of the day to a charity.

If you have never attended an Epiphany Luncheon in Pierce County this would be a great year to begin. We want this long standing tradition to continue into the next generations.

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## ***Vestry Reflection—by Chuck Roberts***

The Lord giveth...Fall is our time to celebrate the bounty that has been provided to each of us. It is also my favorite time of year, with changes in the season being starkly evident and different almost daily. Though the hours of our days appear to be shrinking, new opportunities are being provided in our lives, we just may not fully understand it.

During our Sunday service, every week, our Father / Mother purposely share with us the importance of relishing in the bounty that the Lord has provided. It is at this juncture that I embrace the scripture, being thankful for all that we have.

What I admire while serving St. Andrews with my participation on the Vestry is the diversity and preponderance of thought that the Vestry brings forth. This approach is expressed within the congregation in almost every facet of our congregational life together.

As we all know and understand, St. Andrew's mission is to know Christ's light and to make it known to those around us. To me it is a time of reaping our bounty of what has been provided to us. Very soon, daylight hours will start slowly to decrease, bringing forth a new season of joy and cheer as fall turns into winter... the Lord taketh away.

## ***Fabulous Folders***—by Linda Brice

There are many ministries at St. Andrew's that are “behind the scenes”—those people who are dedicated to ministries that most people may not even know exist.

One of these groups is the Fabulous Folders. These volunteers come to the church office once a month to fold and label the Tartans in preparation to be mailed. The volunteers include Peggy Nelson, Peggy Woods, Margo Fleshman, Niki Weekes, Shirley Morton, Christy and Charlie McDaniel, Devena Thomsen, Ann Morgan, Reberta Skinner, Virginia Rothenberg, Carol Baarsma, Virginia Gaub and Sue Lester.

Each month you will find 6 or 8 of these women in Fr. Martin's office sharing life stories, life lessons and laughing—lots of laughing!

Thank you to these dedicated Fabulous Folders!



A few of the Fabulous Folders at work in November

*Thank  
you*



**Holiday Potluck Lunch, Tuesday,  
December 5th**

**Noon in Puddicombe Hall**

**Please join this community gathering for  
lunch and conversation.**

**Bring a dish to share at the luncheon, your  
choice.**

**Coffee and water, paper plates, napkins and  
utensils will be provided**

**Do you need a ride, if so call Reberta Skinner**

## ***Small Groups starting in January!***

Small groups at St. Andrews will be a gathering place for congregants to meet regularly in order to get to know one another more deeply and grow in their understanding of love of God, neighbor, and self. Its purpose is to draw the St. Andrew's community together in a more intentional and intimate way throughout the week.

If you are interested please sign up by December 3rd and then the church staff will work on putting the groups together. You can email Meghan at [therev.mullarkey@gmail.com](mailto:therev.mullarkey@gmail.com) to sign up, if you have any questions, or if you would like a copy of the full customary that goes into more detail about the groups. There will also be a sign-up sheet and the customary in the Ada Webb room. If you have more questions feel free to talk with Martin or Meghan.

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## ***Blood Drive***—by Susie Cameron

The next and final 2017 Cascade Regional Blood Services Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th, and will be held at our blood drive partner, The Temple Beth-el. For those of you who might be unaware, The Temple is located on the same street as St. Andrew's and just a short drive from our church.

During this special and oh, so, most wonderful time of the year, I absolutely LOVE, LOVE, LOVE giving!! Now ... what if I told you, that you can do that without it costing you even a penny!! Yes, it is true. The only thing it will cost, is a few minutes of time. To me and most people, it is pain-free, it can be fun even, and it is extremely rewarding. What could be better ...? You are helping not just one person, two people would be really nice, however, each time you donate, you are helping the lives of Three, yes ... Three People!

At the time you donate about a pint of blood is collected, and you are eligible to donate every 8 weeks, which is when our blood drives are scheduled; so you don't even have to keep track or mark your calendar. I don't think this could be any easier ... ?? To summarize: I have provided you with the capability to give 3 people gifts every 8 weeks for free and that happens 6.5 times each and every year!!

Isn't that incredible?!! All I ask of you is to Call, Text or Email me the first time, to let me know that you are interested, have questions, and/or are ready to make an appointment for your first time. Leave the rest to me! You now are a True Hero!

I would also like to say Thank You to our regular Blood Donors who regularly and generously donate all throughout the year. Many of them have donated several years. Thank You to Linda Brice for all of your gracious assistance, year in & year out. I do not take you, nor your help, for granted. Merry Christmas and May the New Year bring even more Joy to Your World.

# St. Andrew's Celtic Faire 2017—Bill Brice, Treasurer

Below are the final figures for our Celtic Faire this year. Congratulations!!

	Income	Expense	Donation	Net
<b>Second Time Around</b>				
Sales	1,929.00			
	1,929.00	0.00	0.00	1,929.00
<b>Lunch Shoppe</b>				
	939.00			
Food Permit (allocated)		85.00		
Table rental (Norbert)		134.00	134.00	
Food Cost (Sandy Dick)		206.48	92.32	
Food Cost (Yabroff)		200.68	200.68	
	939.00	626.16	427.00	739.84
<b>Tea Room</b>				
	375.00			
Pre sales	240.00			
Bank card sales	75.00	3.15		
Food Costs (Reberta)		73.32		
Food Costs (Reberta)		43.64		
Food Costs (Jessica)		32.46		
Food Costs (Ann)		60.48		
Food Permit (allocated)		85.00		
	690.00	298.05	0.00	391.95
<b>Bake Shoppe</b>				
	698.00			
Food Permit (allocated)		40.00		
Food costs (Susan)		91.29		
	698.00	131.29	0.00	566.71

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<b>Dinner</b>	565.00			
Pre sales	1,280.00			
Bank card sales	100.00	3.96		
Food/supplies (Ken)		764.61		
Wine (Rhodes)	349.00	333.60	333.60	
	2,294.00	1,098.21	333.60	1,529.39

**Raffle/Quilt/etc**

Santa Table	576.00			
	576.00	0.00	0.00	576.00

**Auction**

Cash & checks	4,850.00			
Bank Card	1,176.00	42.58		
Auction Expense		1,000.00		
	6,026.00	1,042.58	0.00	4,983.42

**Vendor Fees**

	415.00			
	415.00	0.00	0.00	415.00

**Misc.**

script bank card sales		5.81		
Workshop speaker		100.00		
Children's craft supply (Shirley)		58.00	58.00	
Posters/fliers )Liz		106.25		
Postcards (Liz)		69.20		
U-Haul rental (Norbert)		32.00	32.00	
Music (Dave)		357.00		
	0.00	722.45	90.00	-632.45

<b>Total</b>	<b>13,567.00</b>	<b>3,918.74</b>	<b>850.60</b>	<b>10,498.86</b>	<b>Net income</b>
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# December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7am SA Meeting
38/10 Holy Eucharist <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>  Community Outreach Project	4 1pm Bible Study  7pm Advent Class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	5 10:30am AA  Noon-Parish Lunch  7:45pm AA	6 Noon Eucharist  1pm Finance Committee	7   7pm Glory and Praise Choir	8  10am Weaver's Guild	9 7am SA Meeting  8am Family Housing Network arrives for one week
10 8/10 Holy Eucharist <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty Blood Drive	11 1pm Bible Study  7pm Adult Ed Class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	12 10:30am AA  7pm Vestry NO AA	13 Noon Eucharist	14   7pm Choir	15	16 7am SA Meeting  Family Housing Network departs
17 8/10 Holy Eucharist <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>  Greening of the Church	18 1pm Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	19 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	20 Noon Eucharist  3-7:00pm Days for Girls	21   7pm Choir	22   6-8pm Piano Recital	23 7am SA Meeting
24 <b>Advent IV</b> 8/10 Holy Eucharist <b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:00pm Family Christmas Service 9:30pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> 10am Christmas Day Service  NO Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	26 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	27 Noon Eucharist  5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	28	29	30  7am SA Meeting
31 8/10 Holy Eucharist						

## December Birthdays

2	Mary Long Hayley Adams
4	Tom Egnew
6	Margaret Moravec
7	Hieu Egnew
8	Steve Parsons
11	Gretchen Liebenberg
16	Kyle Girard Judy Schlieve
20	Riley Girard
27	Janet Taft



## December Anniversaries

12-17-1970 Stan & Gretchen Liebenberg  
12-18-1965 Steven & Virginia Gaub

***IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN YOUR BIRTHDAY OR  
ANNIVERSARY INCLUDED IN THE TARTAN PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT  
[saintandrews@net-venture.com](mailto:saintandrews@net-venture.com)***

### ***New or changed addresses***

***Please contact the Church Office for details***

SPC Brendon Bradley                      APO address

*Brandon will be in Afghanistan from September 2017 to June 2018*

Christen Gavalis—corrected phone number

Devena Thomsen—new address    (same phone number)

April Wallace—new address

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