



February 2016



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



(Lord,) You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal (Easter) feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Preface for Lent, BCP p. 379

Dear Friends,

Lent begins next week! When Lent and Easter are earlier than usual (which happens every few years, always to our surprise), I am reminded that this Lenten season of spiritual renewal is not because we recognize we are ready or that we are choosing to enter it but because God knows we need it now. This is God's time for our spiritual refreshment.

We begin on Ash Wednesday, February 10, with three services, at 7 am, 12 Noon, and 7 pm with music and choir. (Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be the evening before – 5:00 to 6:30 pm – provided by our Youth Group.) We have a Lenten devotional booklet for all members and friends, and a 4 session Lenten class on Monday evenings (see within). I encourage everyone to attend services regularly on Sundays and when possible on Wednesdays at Noon and Thursdays at 9 am (Contemplative Morning Prayer, in the Chapel), and Monday Bible Study and Monday evening class. Lenten renewal is a gift from God, and our showing up in prayer and worship will help us to receive and to recognize God's grace and healing.

Our Annual Meeting as a parish last Sunday was a glad celebration so many blessings. Susan Rowe, Charles Roberts and Kristen Ruscio were elected to full terms on the Vestry. Reberta Skinner and Frank Lawler were elected Alternates to Diocesan Convention. Pam Rhodes was elected to the Endowment Committee. And I have appointed Terry Bonet to serve as Senior Warden in 2016. Tim Lowenberg, Susan Rowe and Reberta Skinner were thanked for their service on the Vestry. Treasurer Wayne Mannie presented the 2015 Financial

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Reports and the 2016 Budget. These and all our annual reports are available on Sundays or through the Church Office.

During Lent, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C at almost all our Sunday services. This part of our prayer is for me and for us particularly important reminder that our worship is to strengthen and renew us for service throughout the week. For we are the people of God and the Body of Christ, and we are called and sent to reconcile all people with God and one another.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread. (BCP p. 370)

Yours in Christ,
Martin+

P.S. Here is an interesting Lenten resource from the Society of St. John the Evangelist: <http://ssje.org/ssje/growrule/>. You can sign up for daily videos and a downloadable workbook on the theme of God as the chief gardener of our souls and how to grow a rule of life.

(Thanks to the Faith Formation Hub of the Diocese of Olympia)

Blood Drive—by Susie Cameron

WHAT: FIRST BLOOD DRIVE OF 2016
WHEN: Sunday, February 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
WHERE: Temple Beth-El, 5975 S 12th St, Tacoma 98465
WHO: Everyone 18 YO & Older, 16 YO with Parental Permission
WHY: To Help Save Lives

To Make an Appointment (Required) or if you have any questions; Contact: Susie Cameron through the Church Office.

Vestry Viewpoint—by *Colin McDaniel*

Advent has passed, and we are catching our breath.

As the Vestry sat for its January meeting—the last meeting for the current leadership—all around the table gratitude was tangible. It was not gratitude for ourselves, but for the graciousness of this congregation; for the witness of God’s work in our midst from the mundane to the remarkable. We had many stories to tell about Sharing the Love of Christ this past year.

And although the stewardship campaign of that theme officially ended with the close of Advent, the epiphany for me has been that the Love of Christ is an interdependent act.

When Jesus commands “Love your neighbor as yourself” I reflect that it does not mean to take care of others equally well as you take care of #1, but “as yourself” in the sense that your neighbor and yourself are the same *self*—that you are not merely an individual, but that your habitation of an individual is only a part of your self, and that your whole self is its relationship to all of Creation. “Love your neighbor as yourself” emphasizes the interdependence of us all.

This call to action is what brings St. Andrew’s to Share the Love of Christ. And although the stewardship campaign of that theme officially ended with the close of Advent, the epiphany for me is that our campaign in 2016 to realize that interdependence with Creation, and our stewardship of Creation, has just begun.

Daughters of the King—by *April Wallace*

Daughters of the King February events:

- Daughters of the King General Meeting will be held, Thursday, February 11th at 7PM.
- Daughters of the King prayer meeting will be held Sunday, February 14 after the 10 AM service in the “Georgie” Chapel.

All women are always warmly invited to attend our meetings/events and to participate however they might be called in this meaningful ministry of prayer, service and evangelism.

St. Andrew's Scholarship Committee—by Kurt Johnston

The St. Andrew's Scholarship Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the Scholarship Review Committee. Service on this committee is limited to one month each year, and is open to all parish members. Please call the church office (253)564-4402 or Kurt Johnston if you are interested in serving.

You are invited to a Worship Ministry Faire!—by Pam Tinsley

Are you interested in learning more about the worship ministries at St. Andrew's? Please join us on February 21 after either service. Representatives from these ministries (Acolytes, Altar Flowers, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Fellowship, Lectors, Music Ministries and Ushers) would like to share with you how meaningful these ministries can

Come and See...Go and Tell—by Pam Tinsley

The times, ways of communicating and learning-styles are changing, and so is the *Cursillo* ministry in the Diocese of Olympia! *Cursillo* - a short course in Christianity - was developed by the Roman Catholic Church in Spain for soldiers returning from World War II and for decades has empowered leadership formation in the Episcopal Church.

In 2012 Bishop Greg Rickel challenged our diocesan *Cursillo* leadership to re-imagine, renew and revitalize this ministry. The theological heart of *Cursillo* with its emphasis on baptismal ministry has been preserved in the two past *Come and See* weekends, as has been the experience of God's abundant and unconditional love. The weekend helps participants experience what it means to live out our baptismal covenant and to be radically sent into the world by Jesus. Content and format are being refined in preparation for the spring 2016 weekend, May 20-22, at Dumas Bay Retreat Center.

If you would like to experience a taste of *Come and See, Go and Tell*, plan to attend a presentation at Christ Episcopal Church in Puyallup on Saturday, March 5 from 11 am to 1 pm. Bring your questions! The planning team and Secretariat (*Cursillo*'s governing board) will offer a question and answer time after the presentation, and a simple lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Pam Tinsley through the Church Office - and feel free to ask *me* any questions!

Andrew encountered Jesus for the first time when John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Then, Andrew and his other disciples began to follow him. Jesus turned and asked them, "What are you looking for?" Andrew replied, "Where is your heart?" Jesus simply said, "Come and see." - John 1:38-4, 1 paraphrased

Community Outreach—*by Don White*

The St Andrew's Community Outreach Committee met on December 27th to distribute the fourth quarter of 2015 funds estimated at \$7,400.00. The following Organizations and Funds were awarded money:

- The St Andrew's Scholarship Fund was awarded \$1,550.00.
 - The St Andrew's Rector's Discretionary Fund was issued \$750.00.
 - The St Andrew's Seminary Fund received 10% of the final amount allocated to Outreach for the fourth quarter.
 - The Jackson Street Food Bank received \$500.00 for food purchase.
 - Associated Ministries received \$500.00 for their severe weather fund.
 - The St Leo's Food Connection was issued \$500.00 for their Children's Feeding Program.
 - The Pierce County chapter of Habitat for Humanity received \$500.00 for sponsorship of their Wall of Hope Project.
 - The New Nativity House of Tacoma received \$200.00 for general support.
 - The Neighborhood Clinic of Tacoma received \$500.00 for staff salary support.
 - The Pediatric Interim Care Services (PICS) Center of Tacoma was given \$500.00 for their specialized foster care program for drug exposed infants.
 - The Pierce County AIDS Agency received \$500.00 for general support
 - Tacoma Power's Low Income Assistance Fund received \$500.00
 - The Joint Base Lewis-McChord Air Terminal USO received \$200.00 for food and beverage purchase.
 - Any remaining funds from the fourth quarter allocation were designated for support of World Vision's Syrian refugees relief program.
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90th Celebration—by Virginia Gaub

On Saturday January 9th about 40 Ladies (and a couple men) gathered at St. Joseph/St. John Episcopal Church in Lakewood for the 90th time of Celebrating the Epiphany together as the Episcopal Church Women of Pierce County.

After a glorious celebration of the Eucharist a delightful luncheon of Soup, salad, and Shepherd pie was enjoyed by all. Churches represented were: All Saints Tacoma, Christ Church Tacoma, Holy Family of Jesus Tacoma, St. Andrew's Tacoma, St. Joseph/St. John Lakewood, and St. Mary's Lakewood.

The speaker of the day, Marti Rickel, wife of Bishop Greg Rickel, enlightened and challenged us about the care and treatment of the mentally ill in our community. Following her presentation we heard reports from the attending churches of the work they have done in the past year to share God's love in our world.

We reported on the various Prayer ministries provided at St. Andrew's. The token that we are challenged with for 2016 is the Thimble. "The person/group receiving the thimble will be responsible for doing some "MISSIONARY SEWING". If you know of a project that would fit this definition please share that thought with Virginia Gaub or Reberta Skinner.

The event for 2017 will be hosted by All Saints' Episcopal Church in Southeast Tacoma. By the way for long term planning 2018 will be our turn to host this event.



Marti Rickel, Guest Speaker

Enjoying the luncheon



Lost and...not yet found—by Virginia Gaub

.....ONE PURPLE LAUNDRY BAG

Prior to the Celtic Faire 2015 there was a purple laundry bag in the Parish Kitchen for dirty towels, etc. After the Celtic Faire 2015 there was no purple laundry bag. If you know where it is please tell Linda in the church office or Virginia Gaub.

Inventory Happening—by Margie Hoffman

“Where is the _____?” or “Does the church have a _____?” Have you ever heard anyone ask questions similar to this? Well, the Vestry is embarking on updating our inventory of all properties in the building. This is like a massive year-end inventory of a small business and “many hands make light work” (as the saying goes). Each Vestry member has taken responsibility for a section of the building and will be asking for partners to assist with this project. If you are asked to help with inventory of a room or closet or two, please say “YES”. Not only will the task be completed more quickly but you will learn more about the facility that we call St. Andrew’s. If you are aware of something that has been moved from its usual location, please either return it or tell someone what and where it is located.

Update on 2015 Youth Activities—by Sunshine DeGennaro

The Youth Group has had a fun, busy start this year. The Youth members chose to change the meeting date from every Wednesday for 1 hour to at least two Fridays for 2 hours each month. We continue to support the food bank on the last Wednesday of each month.

We started off by making blankets for the Keep 'Em Warm and Fed program (through Catholic Community Services) The kids made 15 beautiful blankets! A big thanks to Shirley Morton for her generous fabric donation.

As we finished with the blankets it was time to help out the Salvation Army at their gift wrap kiosk at the Tacoma Mall. The kids divided into groups and the groups collectively put in 6 hours to support the Salvation Army.

January finds us once again supporting the Keith Allen Brokenshire Memorial Backpack Project for homeless teens. This year instead of putting together one or two packs, we are supporting the 'filling out' of already donated packs. Anything on the list can be donated and will be used to help Vera Brokenshire complete partially filled packs.

As always I thank all of you for your amazing support for our Youth and their projects.

INJUSTICE AND FORGIVENESS
ST. ANDREW'S LENTEN FILM SERIES
February 15 – March 7, 2016

Christ calls us as his disciples to love our enemies, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to act against injustice. But how are we called to respond when injustice is undeniable and suffering can endure?

Join us as we explore these fascinating questions through the medium of film. Each film offers a gripping and thought-provoking portrait of injustice in our time and how the perpetrators and the victims responded.

Each 60-minute class session will feature one or two key film clips with brief plot summaries, helpful activities, and small-group interaction, so you can join in even if you haven't seen the entire film.

All of the films are available on-line for a fee. There will also be opportunities for free screenings at church or at the home of parish volunteers. (Sign-up sheets will be available.)

Please join us for this Lenten series and bring friends. All are welcome. Each session begins at 7:00 PM in the Ada Webb Room. Facilitator: Dave Tinsley

February 15	February 22	February 29	March 7
<p><i>Europa, Europa</i> (1990)</p> <p><i>Based on the incredible story of Solomon Perel, a German Jew, who survived the Holocaust by masquerading as a member of the Hitler Youth.</i></p> <p><i>Netflix</i></p>	<p><i>The Railway Man</i> (2013)</p> <p><i>Based on the true story of Eric Lomax, a British army officer who must choose between revenge and reconciliation as he comes to terms with the horrific tortures he endured as a Japanese prisoner of war.</i></p> <p><i>Amazon, iTunes</i></p>	<p><i>Selma</i> (2014)</p> <p><i>The film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a non-violent campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition.</i></p> <p><i>Amazon, iTunes, Vizi</i></p>	<p><i>The Stanford Prison Experiment</i> (2015)</p> <p><i>What begins as a harmless role-playing experiment degenerates into horrific abuses of power. This gripping reenactment of events at Stanford forces us to confront who we are and what we are capable of as human beings.</i></p> <p><i>Amazon, iTunes</i></p>
<p>Director: Agnieszka Holland Starring: Marco Hofschneider, Julie Delpy</p>	<p>Director: Jonathan Teplitzky Starring: Colin Firth, Nicole Kidman</p>	<p>Director: Ava DuVerney Starring: David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo, Cuba Gooding, Jr.</p>	<p>Director: Kyle Patrick Alvarez Starring: Billy Crudup, Ezra Miller</p>

<p>Jesus teaches us:</p> <p>34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ..., 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'</p> <p>(Matthew 25: 34-36)</p>	<p>Jesus teaches us:</p> <p>21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18: 21-27)</p>	<p>Paul reminds the Galatians:</p> <p>26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3: 26-29)</p>	<p>Jesus teaches us:</p> <p>"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. 2 For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. 3 Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ... You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye." (Matthew 7: 1-5)</p>
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Lenten Season for our Sunday School—by Matthew Moravec

In the church year, Lent is a special season of devotion and repentance. Our children and youth will be observing a "holy Lent" by focusing on God's concern for the poor. For Sunday School, they will be instructed through "Operation Starfish" material supplied by Food for the Poor. Food for the Poor is a Christian charity; our associate priest Carola von Wrangel is also on staff with them. The Operation Starfish program is based on the principle that when the church joins together in making small sacrifices, we can make a big difference for people in need.

Beautiful donation—by Margie Hoffman

To the generous person who has donated the beautiful cut glass items for the Wedding Guild Closet. We would like to hear from you – you may remain anonymous, but we would really appreciate some guidance as to original price, estimated value presently, and maybe a bit of history of where they've traveled! You may contact the office, or Virginia Gaub or Margie Hoffman with your information. Thank you for your donation

Coming Soon—by Cyndi Wolfer, RN, MSN, Parish Nurse

Starting Sun Feb 14th, once a month there will be "office hours" with the parish nurse. The second Sunday of the month the parish nurse will be available in the library to take blood pressures and discuss health concerns between the services (approx 0845-0945). I look forward to trying this for 2016. Cyndi Wolfer, RN, MSN Parish Nurse.

St. Andrew's Pictorial Directory

The St. Andrew's Photo directory is now available for you. You can pick up a paper copy of the photo directory at church. If you would like to receive a PDF version of the directory please email the church office and one will be sent to you.

Thank you to Richard McCowen for taking the pictures for the directory.

Lenten renewal involves facing brokenness—a poem by George Herbert

But thou wilt sin and grief destroy;
That so the broken bones may joy,
And tuned together in a well-set song
 Full of his praises
 Who dead men raises
Fractures well cured make us more strong.

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1pm Bible Study 6pm AA Business Meeting 7pm Adult class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	2 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	3 Noon Eucharist 6:30pm Quilters Group	4 9am Contemplative Prayer 7pm Choir	5	6 7am SA Meeting
7 8/10 Holy Eucharist Blood Drive 9am-12:30pm Temple Beth-El	8 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group 8pm Men's Al-Anon	9 10:30am AA 1pm Finance 5-6:30pm Shrove Tuesday Supper 7:45pm AA	10 Ash Wednesday 7am-Ash Wednesday service 12-Ash Wednesday service 7pm-Ash Wednesday service w/Music	11 9am Contemplative Prayer 7pm Daughters of the King General Meeting 7pm Glory and Praise Choir	12 10am -1pm Weaver's Guild	13 7am SA Meeting
14 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:15am Daughters of the King Prayer Meeting 11:15am Community Outreach Business Meeting	15 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	16 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	17 Noon Eucharist 6:30pm Craft Night	18 9am Contemplative Prayer 7pm Choir	19	20 7am SA Meeting 10am-4pm Spinner's Group
21 8/10 Holy Eucharist Ministry Fair after each service	22 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	23 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	24 Noon Eucharist 5-7pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	25 9am Contemplative Prayer 7pm Choir	26	27 7am SA Meeting
28/8/10 Eucharist	29 1pm Bible Study 7pm Adult Ed Class					

February Birthdays

- 2 Charlie McDaniel
Carola von Wrangel
- 3 Michelle Beckham
- 6 Nolan Roberts
- 9 Jim Backus
Derek Strausbaugh
- 11 Connie Sharp
- 13 Kenneth Dick
- 14 Rena Girard
Fran Hurlow
Don White
- 15 Darlene Howe
- 16 Joe Wilhite
- 17 Bill Howe
Becky Gregg
- 23 Kristen Ruscio
- 27 Mary Lowenberg
- 28 Peggy Nelson
- 29 Marcos Glass



February Anniversaries

- 2-6-88 Michael and Diann Rainer
- 2-6-99 Tim and Stephanie Gallagher
- 2-24-01 Ken and Heather Abbott

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