



February 2017



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

### Annual Parish Meeting:

At our Annual Meeting this past Sunday, we had some good discussion of what we are thankful for here at St. Andrew's and what we would like the Vestry to do in 2017. We will summarize our responses for the March Tartan. We also elected Liz Herriges, Don Ramage and Kristina Younger to the Vestry (their biographical statements are below), Pam Tinsley and Don Ramage as Alternates to Diocesan Convention, Wynn Hoffman and Tim Lowenberg to the Endowment Committee, and Bill Brice officially as Parish Treasurer. I have appointed Colin McDaniel as our Senior Warden for 2017.

Please pick up and read the Annual Reports which were distributed January 22. Excellent reports about our many important ministries.

### Epiphany Study: — Islam

Dr. Erica Lee Martin, Prof. of Hebrew Bible, NT & Qu'ran at Seattle University, and a member of Temple Beth El, will offer two classes on Islam here at St. Andrew's: Mondays, Feb. 13 & 20, at 7pm. Feb. 13: Questions about Islam today, and the formation of Islam, in relation to Judaism & Christianity. Feb. 20: Major practices & beliefs of Islam.

### Our new Automated External Defibrillator (AED):

We will offer half-hour orientations to our new AED on Sunday, February 12 after each service. There will be a 3 hour CPR/AED offered on Saturday, March 11, here at ST. Andrew's. Please sign up for the CPR class on Sundays or through the Church Office.

### Faith at Home: A day for church leaders and parents on making a space for the holy in our families.

A diocesan workshop on Saturday, February 25, 10 am to 3 pm at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, Kent. Includes lunch, Eucharist, workshops. For more information: [www.ecww.org/faithformation](http://www.ecww.org/faithformation).

### Organ Concert:

Nordic Delights, played by Finnish organist Jaana Jokimies. Sunday, February 26, 3 pm. Here at St. Andrew's, as part of our Organ Music Series. See our website for more details.

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### **Interfaith Women's Conference**

Women Building Bridges of Interfaith Unity – Saturday, March 4, Curtis High School, 10 am-3 pm. Sponsored by Associated Ministries. For more information: <https://associatedministries.org/iwc>

### **St. Valentine's Day potluck luncheon**

Our next parish community event is our Valentine's Day lunch, Tuesday, February 14, at Noon. Open to all, from children to retired. See Reberta Skinner or Mary Boyce for more information. (We will be offering at least one parish fellowship event each month to build community and welcome those who are new to St. Andrew's.)

### **Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday – the Beginning of Lent:**

Our St. Andrew's youth will again offer a Pancake Supper in Puddicombe Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

We will have three Ash Wednesday Services, at 7 am, 12 Noon, and 7 pm (with music).

These are some of the highlights of February 2017 here at St. Andrew's. As Jesus said to Andrew, and Andrew said to his brother Simon, as Martha said to Jesus, and as we say to those around us: "Come and see". Come and see what God is doing, especially in these days of anxiety and change in our nation and our daily lives.

Yours in Christ,  
Martin+

## ***Biographical statements from Vestry Nominees***

**Liz Herriges:** I have been a member of an Episcopal church for most of my life. My husband, Norbert and I have 3 grown children, Isaac, Kristin & Matthew. Our family started attending St. Andrew's about 11 years ago. Since coming to St. Andrew's I've been happy to be a greeter and a member of the fundraising & Celtic Faire teams.

**Don Ramage:** I grew up in Wyoming in a tightly-knit Mormon community. After returning from a two-year LDS mission to Italy, I experienced a conversion to the simple gospel of grace of the New Testament. A year later, my curiosity piqued by the word "Eucharist"• on the sign outside, I attended an Episcopal church service, where I experienced something more transcendent, reverential, and truly worshipful than I ever had before. It was, as Psalm 96 says, "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

After earning degrees in English and Education, I lived in Taiwan for ten years, where I also had the interesting and challenging experience of being an administrator of a K-12 Dominican convent school for expatriate families, and finding ways to build bridges among several different ethnic communities. In Taiwan, I also met my wife, Sofia. We have one son, Derek, who is now away at his first year at Whitworth University in Spokane. I am now a full-time faculty member at Tacoma Community College, and, still drawn to multicultural and multilingual people and experiences, work mainly with international students, along with some refugee and immigrant students.

*Biographies continued*

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**Kristina Anderson Younger:** I was born and raised in University Place. A life-long Episcopalian, I had Marilyn Baker as a Sunday School teacher (and she is STILL teaching me many things in Altar Guild). After marrying my husband, Eric, I moved to Bremerton where I became active at St. Paul's and was elected to the Vestry, serving as Junior Warden chairing of the Interim Search Committee.

College degree from Linfield College in Oregon in Business Administration and History with post graduate work at UC Davis. Professional experience in Marketing and Sales. Founded a small business which I later sold, using the funds for real estate investments which includes the home we are remodeling in the weekends a few blocks from the church.

Our son Andy is 13 years old. Eric works in Seattle for the Department of Justice and is currently the Bremerton City Council president.

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## ***Another Adult Education Opportunity***—by April Wallace

If you missed fall's class on the captivating concept of **Radical Sending**? We are offering it again on Sundays. It is a four week discussion series about living our faith outside of Church, day by day, in our families and community. The focus is on how we extend our participation in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement out into the parts of our lives where we spend most of our time, in work and in family. How do we take Christ's healing message out into the world? It will be led by, Pam Tinsley and includes a brief video clip each class to stimulate discussion. There are three classes left, February 12 and 26 and March 12. Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 AM in the Puddicombe Hall. For more information about this series go to [https:// www.churchnext.tv/library/radical-sending-with-demi-prentiss-for-groups-2/about/](https://www.churchnext.tv/library/radical-sending-with-demi-prentiss-for-groups-2/about/) The series is based in part on the book by Demi Prentiss and Fletcher Lowe. Please join us!

## **St. Andrew's Organ Concert Series—Sunday February 26th at 3:00pm**—by Naomi Shiga, St. Andrew's Music Director

I am so excited that the fabulous, Jaana Jokimies from Kotka, Finland will be here for the next concert in our organ concert series. She will play a variety of music including pieces from Scandinavian countries. I know many of you here in the northwest have or have friends of Scandinavian lineage, so this concert should be of special interest to you. Ms. Jokimies is a well known performer and teacher in Europe. I know you will enjoy her music! She is also a dear friend. When I was a student at conservatory in Boston, I had a wonderful opportunity to studying in Europe that culminated in an extended stay in Finland where I stayed at Jaana's home in Kotka and on their family's island nearby. I visited many places that year, but where I was most comfortable with was in Finland. They are Europeans, but very close to the east where I came from, and I felt like the earth really is a connected place. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Jokimies to St. Andrew's. It will be a great afternoon of music! After her concert, our own Ms. Hoffman is organizing a fantastic Scandinavian reception, and I know some of our best bakers are volunteering to bake, so you can't miss that either. Please invite your family and friends! A concert is a comfortable way to enter the church door for many non-church goers, and I really hope we can use this as a friendly evangelical tool as we enjoy the gift and joy of music.

## **St. Andrew's Scholarship**

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to once again offer educational scholarships. These scholarships are awarded annually. Any currently enrolled or potential student is eligible to apply. Classes may be for high school, college, vocational school, continuing education, re-training, or additional degrees. Priority will be given to the St. Andrew's community.

Application packets are available in the church office, and must be completed by April 15, 2017. Please hand deliver or mail to the church office at: St. Andrew's, 7410 S 12th Street, Tacoma WA 98465. Please note: Incomplete packets, or packets received after the deadline, will not be considered for funding. All information will be held in strictest confidence and will not be released without specific written permissions from the applicant. Funds will be dispersed in May 2017 for educational programs taking place between June 2017 and May 2018

## **Lector Refresher!**—by Pam Tinsley

There will be a Lector Refresher session following the 10 o'clock service on **February 19**. This refresher is for **Lectors and EM1s** who were unable to join us at the November 13 session - even if you've been reading for years. You might be able to offer tips!

If you are unable to attend that day, please contact Pam Tinsley to make arrangements for an alternate date.

I am happy to meet immediately following the 8 o'clock service that day. (Please let me know.

## **St. Andrew's Scholarship Committee**

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 and is open to all parish members. Please contact Fr. Martin at the church office if you are interested in servicing

### **Jackson Street Food Bank Update**—by Virginia Gaub

Jan 25<sup>th</sup> we served one of the larger populations for several months. We had 79 families come to select food and personal items from our supply. We have been the beneficiary of several food drives toward the end of 2016 so our supply is fairly good right now but IF you would be inclined to give in February the greatest need is, tomato products (tomato sauce, canned diced tomatoes, pasta sauce, stewed tomatoes) and pasta products. Long Spaghetti particularly but any kind and shape of pasta would be appreciated. Thank you so much for considering the Jackson Street food bank as you do your shopping

### **Day's for Girls**—by Virginia Gaub

On the afternoon of Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 ladies met at St. Andrew's to begin crafting items for the Day's for Girls outreach project. There were 3 ladies from St. Andrew's working with others from around the Greater Tacoma area. We had a wonderful 4 hours of learning the process and then starting to actually sew the items needed to complete the kits. We will have the opportunity to choose where our product is sent in a developing country or even possibly added to supplies for homeless women in our country. First we produce. If you are still wondering about what **Day's for Girls** is please speak with Virginia Gaub or go to <http://www.daysforgirls.org/>. Our next work day session will be Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 3pm to 7 pm. Please consider coming for at least part of that time. There are tasks people can do that do not sew. Many hands make light work.



# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Eucharist	2  7pm Choir	3	4 7am SA Meeting
5 8/10 Holy Eucharist	6 NO Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	7 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	8 Noon Eucharist  1pm Finance	9  7pm Glory and Praise Choir	10  10am Weaver's Guild	11 7am SA Meeting  9am-3pm Cursillo Meeting  10am-4pm Textile Spinning Class
12 8/10 Holy Eucharist AED training after each service  11:15am Daughters of the King Radical Sending class	13 1pm Bible Study  6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group  7 pm Islam Class  8pm Men's Al-Anon	14 10:30am AA Noon-Parish potluck  7:45pm AA	15 Noon Eucharist   3pm-7pm Day'sfor Girls	16   6pm Worship Committee  7pm Choir	17	18 7am SA Meeting
19 8/10 Holy Eucharist  Lector Training	20 1pm Bible Study  7 pm Islam Class  8pm Men's Al-Anon	21  7pm Vestry  7:45pm AA	22 Noon Eucharist  5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	23  7pm Choir	24	25 7am SA Meeting  Organ Rehearsal
26 8/10 Holy Eucharist  11:15am Daughters of the King Radical Sending class  3pm Organ Concert	27 9am-Noon PEO Meeting  1pm Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	28 10:30am AA  5pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  7:45pm AA				

## 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
- 16 Joe Wilhite
- 17 Bill Howe  
Becky Gregg
- 23 Kristen Ruscio
- 26 Marilyn Henderson
- 27 Mary Lowenberg
- 28 Peggy Nelson
- 29 Marcos Glass



## February Anniversaries

- 2-6-1988 Michael and Diann Rainer
- 2-6-1999 Tim and Mary Gallagher

**St. Andrew's Episcopal  
Organ Concert Series**  
2016-17 Second Season



**Jaana Jokimies**  
Kalita Friend  
NORDIC DELIGHTS

**February 26**  
3:00 p.m.



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