



January 2016



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(BCP p. 214)

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful Christmas, as you can see in the photos in this newsletter. Our Family Service with Pageant was especially grand and well-attended, thanks to all who directed, wrangled, assisted and shone with the Grace of God! I am so thankful this Christmas for all our musicians, Altar Guild, Parish Secretary, fellowship ministers and those who hung the greens. And for all the folks who shared in the joy of Christmas.

The generosity of this congregation continues to be amazing – thanks be to God! Our Pledges for God's ministry through St. Andrew's in 2016 are projected to be increasing almost 9%. Kit Proctor has an article in this Tartan describing our Advent Outreach project. Giving continues for Rise Renew Rejoice, and our Organ Ministry is off to a great start. You are so gracious in welcoming guests and new members, and in providing hospitality after Sunday services. Well done, good and faithful stewards!

The season of Epiphany, when we recall the journey of the Magi and our spiritual journeys, and how our mission goes beyond ourselves to all nations and peoples, begins on January 6 and ends rather quickly on February 9 (the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent). Our Epiphany adult education class will discuss the Bible's presentation of the Kingdom of God and how we are called to live as Christians. It will be led by Matthew Moravec, Pam Tinsley and me on Monday evenings, 7-8 pm, January 11, 18, 25, and Feb. 1. Please come and share in some lively conversation.

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St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, beginning with a single worship service at 9:00 am. Following our combined service, we will go downstairs to Puddicombe Hall for a one hour meeting to elect Vestry, Diocesan Delegates and Endowment Committee members; to receive Financial Reports, and look forward to the coming year. Annual Reports, including the 2016 Budget and 2015 Financial Reports, Vestry nominations, and reviews of the past year, will be distributed the previous Sunday: January 24, and may be picked up in the Church Office that week before the meeting. We need everyone to be here for prayer, worship and sharing in leadership!

Think with me about some of the images in the Bible about new beginnings:

- The Spirit blows on dry bones and they rise up, a mighty people (Ezekial 37)
- Mary receives a visit from the angel Gabriel who announces God's new purpose through her (Luke 1)
- Jesus considers whether God's vocation is true, goes to be baptized at the Jordan, wrestles with his vocation in the wilderness, then goes to Capernaum to preach: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... (Luke 3-4)
- Peter recognizes that God's mission goes beyond his expectations (Acts 10)
- Paul recognizes that following Jesus means humility and obedient service (Letter to the Philippians)
- Revelations – a vision of a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1-7)

As we live our days, serving and learning and growing as best we are able, may we be transformed according to God's purpose and wisdom for us. It is a new year in many ways – not the year now past. Let us open our eyes and hearts to God's time – now, here, with us.

Merry Christmas,  
Martin+

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## ***Epiphany Lunch—January 9th—by Virginia Gaub***

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*90<sup>th</sup> Annual Epiphany Celebration by Pierce County Episcopal Women*

*January 9<sup>th</sup> 10 AM*

All women are invited to join in the Celebration of the Epiphany with Luncheon at St. Joseph/St. John Episcopal Church in Lakewood. This will be the 90<sup>th</sup> year that Women of the Episcopal Church have joined together in the event. It is not necessary to be part of Episcopal Church Women to join in this celebration. The Guest Speaker this year will be Marti Rickel, wife of Bishop Greg Rickel. Please send reservation no later than January 6<sup>th</sup> to: [BowlChar@gmail.com](mailto:BowlChar@gmail.com) or phone 253-584-6143. Payment of \$10 can be made at the door.

We will be reporting on the prayer ministries that have begun this year with the help of Daughters of the King.

## **Update: A Home for Christmas**—*Outreach Committee Advent Project*

—by Kit Proctor

In November, the Outreach Committee asked the members of St. Andrews to support its Advent project – which sought to raise \$3200 in order to build a house in the Caribbean through the organization Food for the Poor. The people of St. Andrew's responded as if to say "Great idea, but let's make it a village!" One member challenged the congregation that if it could raise \$3200, those funds would be matched with another \$3200! Donations rolled in –in a wide array of amounts. It seemed that everyone wanted to be a part of changing a family's life by giving them a home. In the past, about 20-30 households have participated in our outreach projects; this year's participation was somewhere around 60 households. So by Christmas...drum roll, please...., the people of St. Andrews had donated just over \$18,000 toward building homes in the Caribbean.

Matching funds are available through Food for the Poor if the money is directed toward either Jamaica or Honduras. This means the \$18,000 will become \$36,000! As we have members of our congregation with roots in Jamaica, we asked that some of the funds be used to build a large double-sized house in Jamaica. The rest of the funds will be directed to Honduras as the most matching funds are available for that country. We raised enough to build eight more houses in Honduras– a small village!

On a personal note, I never expected this project to become a faith lesson for me, but it has been. I knew we had a generous congregation and I thought we would raise the \$3200 - maybe even a little bit more. Never did I imagine that over \$18,000 would be raised – enough to sponsor the building of nine homes for families in need. I was thinking with my head about what was realistic, not acting in faith - which has no limits. God was very much present on this venture, reminding me that I am not in control and as my earthbound expectations are of no use, I might as well let them go. On Christmas Day, when I looked at my advent booklet and saw the big bold title for the day was "Dwelling Place" I thought " Oh, another message about the Advent project!" The scripture offered these words from Jesus "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." You, dear people of St. Andrews, have reached out to those in need and given them a home. In doing so you have kept Jesus's word; he and his father have a home for you as well.

### ***St. Andrew's Annual Meeting***

***Sunday, January 31– beginning with worship at 9:00am***

***One Service only***

### ***Attention Ministry Leaders!!!***

**All Annual Reports are due on January 10. Please email your reports to the church office at [saintandrews@net-venture.com](mailto:saintandrews@net-venture.com)**

**For more information contact Linda Brice at 253-564-4402 or the church email.**

## ***Organ Recital—Friday January 8th—by Marian Warren***

For the second recital in the current season, we welcome James David Christie. Mr. Christie has been internationally acclaimed as one of the finest organists of his generation. In 1997 he was the first American to win First Prize in the Bruges, Belgium International Organ Competition. He has served as organist of the Boston Symphony and performed and recorded with at least 13 major orchestras in the world as well as serving on international organ competition juries in at least 30 cities including Paris, Tokyo, Calgary and Moscow.

Currently, he holds positions as Chair and Professor of Organ at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH, Distinguished Artist in residence at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. and is College Organist at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA. He has also held positions at Boston Conservatory, Harvard University, M.I.T. and Boston University.

The fall of 2010, Mr. Christie served as visiting Professor of Organ at the Paris Conservatory. At that time he exchanged positions with Notre Dame Cathedral organist, Oliver Latry who was in residence at Oberlin. In 2015 he gave concerts and master classes in Germany, France and Russia. During his appearance in Russia, he served at the Mikael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition in Moscow.

The Oberlin conservatory presented Mr. Christie their annual 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award.

We are very excited to present Mr. Christie at St. Andrews and hope you will plan to attend this recital.

## ***Fish Food Bank Cooperative—by Jeffrey Boyce***

About six months ago, I started volunteering on the mobile food bank for the Fish Food Bank Cooperative. They currently go to 9 different sites around Pierce County. Some of these are in Tacoma, including the Star Community Center on S. 66<sup>th</sup>. There are about 40 to 75 individuals who come to this truck to supplement their food budgets.

Food budgets can be difficult to balance each month for most of us. Prices are going up, heat costs more, and rents are not stable. We are serving the homeless population that show up. The needs seem to be greater than the help available. I have stood out with these people, while they are in line, in the cold and heavy rains. We have no shelter available for them. And they still come. Sometimes, they have their children. They are all a blessing and fun. Jesus said to go feed the hungry.

I am offering all of you a continuing opportunity to assist by volunteering each week or once a month on Tuesdays at 12:30pm – 3:00. I want to put together a team of 4-7 individuals who have the time and calling to work with me in feeding the hungry. The Jackson Street Food Bank is doing well and services a population in need. The people who use the Fish Network are able to use the services once a week. This is an opportunity to help more than once a month and assist in filling a dire need in our community. If you feel a calling or want more information, please contact me through the Church Office. Peace

## **Diocesan Council**—by Linda Brice

In 2014 I was elected at our Diocesan Convention as the Rainier Region lay representative to the Diocesan Council. I have just completed my first year of a 3 year term and would like to update you on what the Diocesan Council is and what we do at our meetings.

What is the Diocesan Council? In a nutshell: The Bishop and Diocesan Council exercise the power of convention between annual conventions. The Diocesan Council is comprised of the Bishop and one clergy and one lay member representing each of the regional ministry areas. I am the lay representative and The Rev. Kendall Haynes is the clergy representative from our region. (There are 10 regions in the Diocese of Olympia.)

The Council supports the bishop's administration of diocesan programs by developing policy, planning and evaluation. The Council is instrumental in assisting the Bishop in his administration of all diocesan programs and policies. The Council adopts an annual operating budget, which is presented to the annual convention for ratification; and may review and recommend to the Bishop changes in budget allocations as it finds expedient and necessary throughout the year. Members assume and accept the role of public relations and good will toward individuals and congregations facilitating connectedness within the Diocese.

We have 5 meetings a year at the Diocesan House in Seattle and our meetings are about 3 ½ hours. We attend a retreat for all the governing bodies of the diocese (Diocesan Council, Board of Directors, Standing Committee and Senior Diocesan staff). This year it will be on January 8-9 in Kirkland. I am also a member of the Joint Finance Panel which brings together 2 people from each governing body to communicate budget plans or issues for each governing body.

Other duties on the diocesan council: 1) Accompanying the Bishop when he goes on parish visits; 2) leading a Bible Study at our meeting. Last year I traveled to Church of the Holy Spirit on Vashon for the Bishops' visit. This year I will be visiting St. Joseph-St. John's, Lakewood and St. Nicholas in Tahuya.

It has been a steep learning curve for me this year. I realize all the organization and time it takes to keep our diocese running as smoothly as possible. I will continue to update you quarterly on diocesan council business.

I think the best way for people to get to know our diocese is to attend the diocesan convention (held October 21-22, 2016 at Sea-Tac at Sea-Tac Hilton). It is a wonderful way to see the scope and strength of the Episcopal church in the Northwest.



**Diocesan Council 2016**

## ***Paying it Forward***—by *The Rev. Carola von Wrangel*

Paying it forward

My heart is especially full of thanksgiving during this wonderful Christmas season. We are so blessed with God's abundance, especially in the birth of our Savior. Jesus! I marvel at St. Andrew's outpouring of love and care for God's beloved poor through Food for the Poor—what a gift you have given others. I am thankful for family and friends, especially this church family. As I say, my heart is full.

Allow me to share two stories of gratitude that have stayed with me for many years—how gratitude can have a lasting, paying it forward effect.

My family came to the United States in November, 1951, refugees and immigrants from Estonia. We were sponsored by a Congregational church in Seattle. On that first Thanksgiving (a holiday we knew almost nothing about), the doorbell rang and people from this church brought in boxes of provisions for our family: food, plates and silverware, cooking utensils and the like. Included in the bounty was a fully prepared American Thanksgiving dinner, roasted turkey and all. (If we had been brought a plastic wrapped turkey, we would have been clueless about what to do with it.) The people of that congregation continued to reach out to us, helping us to become acclimated to our new home. Paying it forward? In 1975 my father became the head of his church's refugee resettlement committee, helping new Vietnamese immigrants with housing, language skills, and necessities.

As I was growing up, my parents sent me to live with a family in eastern British Columbia. They were also refugee/immigrants with the same ethnic background. The family with six children farmed a small fruit orchard that barely met their needs. I remember our mealtimes, sitting on a veranda overlooking the valley with the orchard, surrounded by the beautiful desert hills. There we sang grace: "All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank the Lord, so thank the Lord and praise Him!" We gave thanks for His daily provision! Paying it forward? Brita, my friend growing up on that farm still lives there, with that view, singing that grace. And she is now the head of the refugee resettlement committee helping Syrian refugee/immigrants settle into their new lives.

During Advent, Fr. Martin spoke of God's call as a congregation and individually to be welcoming and to be grateful: to pay forward the great things God has done for us. I love to see we are answering God's call!

Blessings to all.

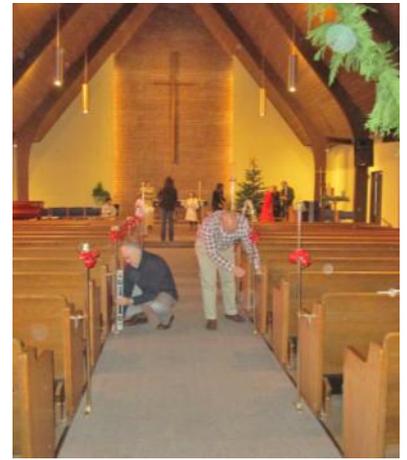
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## ***Cursillo Prayer and Praise Potluck—Ultreya***—by *Reberta Skinner*

The next Cursillo Prayer and Praise Potluck (Ultreya!), will take place on Sunday, January 24th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in Puddicombe Hall, Jackson St level. Everyone is warmly invited to join us as we sing, listen to a short witness talk, pray and break bread together. We will also hear about upcoming Cursillo weekends and how the Cursillo ministry continues to be revitalized in our diocese.

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck at 5:30, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Reberta Skinner or Pam Tinsley.

## *Preparing for Christmas*



St. Andrew's youth made 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.





**Christmas  
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# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7am SA Meeting
3 8/10 Holy Eucharist	4 1pm Bible Study  6pm AA Business Meeting  8pm Men's ALAnon	5 10:30am AA   7:45pm AA	6 Epiphany Noon Eucharist	7 9am Contemplative Prayer   7pm Glory and Praise Choir	8 10am - 1pm Weaver's Guild   7pm Organ Concert	9 7am SA Meeting   10am Epiphany Lunch at St. Joseph/St. John Lakewood
10 8/10 Holy Eucharist	11 1pm Bible Study  6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group  7pm Adult Ed Class 8pm Men's ALAnon	12 10:30am AA  1:00pm Finance  7:45pm AA	13 Noon Eucharist	14 9am Contemplative Prayer  6pm Worship Committee  7pm Choir	15	16 7am SA Meeting
17 8/10 Holy Eucharist	18 1pm Bible Study  7pm Adult Ed Class 8pm Men's ALAnon	19 10:30am AA  7pm Vestry  7:45pm AA	20 Noon Eucharist	21 9am 9am Contemplative Prayer Service  7pm Choir	22	23 7am SA Meeting
24 8/10 Eucharist  4:30pm Ultreya	25 1pm Bible Study  7pm Adult Ed Class	26 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	27 Noon Eucharist  5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	28 9am Contemplative Prayer Service  7pm Choir	29	30 7am SA Meeting
31 9am One Service Only followed by Annual Meeting						

## January Birthdays

3	Anna Strausbaugh
4	Kurt Johnston
11	Kathy Arthur
12	Dottie Smith
13	Bill Lubken
18	Pat Arthur
16	Kyle Girard
19	Jared Koch
20	Eric Younger
22	Terry Bonet
27	Colin McDaniel
31	Evalynn Bolles



## January Anniversaries

1-3-94	Steve and Megan Parsons
1-6	Greg and Ingrid Gaub
1-6-07	Bob and Michelle Beckham
1-7-56	Bill and Darlene Howe

## **Endowment, Buildings and Grounds, etc.**—by Bill Brice

I write this wearing many hats – Endowment, Buildings and Grounds, and other duties as assigned.

We are just completing a successful Stewardship campaign and many of you have indicated that you have remembered the church in your estate planning. In case you didn't mark that box, I want to add a little more about wills and other giving

Giving comes in three parts:

“Regular” giving is what we pledge in our ongoing support of church operations.

“Capital” giving is for special projects like our recent building improvements including the bathrooms, elevator, lighting and new windows and the Organ Fund.

“Ultimate” giving is what happens when we are gone and our estate is distributed according to our instructions.

For those of you that didn't indicate you had remembered the church in your will or don't have a will, it is a good time to complete your estate planning. The purpose of a will is to insure that your wishes are followed and that you have a chance to remember things that were important to you. Hopefully the church is one of those.

The Diocese has prepared a Life Planning Manual (available in the church office) with many helpful suggestions. THIS IS NOT A “GIVE TO THE CHURCH” manual. Some of the topics included are: wills, power of attorney, organ donation, planning for your last rites, information for family and friends and lots of other good stuff. We recently have had two memorial services where desires for last rites were spelled out and we could honor the deceased in the way they wanted including favorite hymns and prayers.

Buildings and Grounds activity has been limited due to the upgrades we did with our renovation and improvements. We will be getting back to the semi-annual clean ups along with all the other fixes that are periodically needed.

Thank you to those who just do things, and all those who pick up and put things away.

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