



January 2017



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

As your pastor, my heart is filled with **gratitude** for this congregation – for all the people of St. Andrew's and for those who visit (some to stay and some to be blessed as they journey on). Our Christmas services, as you can see with the photos in this issue (in color online!), were wonderful. Many people worked faithfully and patiently to draw these services and our ministries together.

Our stewardship is generous. Our welcoming is warm and sincere. And we are striving to be open with one another and to new opportunities. Not that we are perfect, but we are growing and healing and God is sanding off our rough edges.

I am mindful, especially as we begin a new year, that **we live in the midst of so much change**. In the world around us, technology, climate change, and social movements accelerate more and more. (I am reading Thomas Friedman's new book [Thank You for Being Late](#), which discusses such accelerations.) Issues arise that we may not have recognized before. Relationships develop, are challenged, and by the grace of God are healed. Our own bodies change (whether we like it or not).

Our thankfulness for our many blessings as a congregation and in our own lives should not excuse us from recognizing such changes. Instead, our gratitude and our faith in God can strengthen us to engage our changing world – serving as a strong foundation and helping us to not be afraid.

I pray that in this New Year we will be **open to God's call** to us as persons and as a parish to serve God's people and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are not a large parish, but we are strong in faith and in blessings. We begin this Epiphany season hearing the words of the prophet Isaiah: "**I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,...I have given you as a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out ... from prison those who sit in darkness.**" (Isa. 42:6f)

Let us turn to God with thanksgiving, and be ready to go and serve where God leads.

We will talk more about gratitude, changes and God's mission at our Annual Parish Meeting, on Sunday, January 29, 2017, beginning with a single worship service at 9:00 am and continuing downstairs in Puddicombe Hall for a business meeting lasting no more than one hour. Annual Reports will be available the Sunday before. Meanwhile:

- Our Epiphany study this year will be about Islam. More details to come.
- Associated Ministries will offer two sessions to discuss homelessness in Pierce County: one will be here at St. Andrew's on Thurs., Jan 19 at 1 pm; the other at Bethlehem Baptist on Jan. 24 at 6pm.

Merry Christmastide to you all!

Martin+

Vestry viewpoint—by Terry Bonet, Senior Warden

I can't believe my three years on the Vestry will come to an end this Jan. This was my first time serving on a church vestry and I learned a lot. I don't think I could have asked for better people to serve with or a better church to be a part of. A lot happened in my personal life over the past 15 months that kept me away more than I would have liked. I don't think I was able to give the vestry my all so I look forward to the next time I can serve when I have more time to dedicate to this wonderful ministry. It's a critical part of any church and one that is very rewarding.

As most of you know there are lots of changes in the Bonet household and the plans to move 4,400 miles around the world to Ireland are still on for this June. We will be listing our house in Feb to sell and so we are busy prepping it and sorting through all the things we will not be moving overseas.

As I reflect on our short four years at St. Andrews I can't help but feel like I'm leaving my family behind. I have made wonderful lifelong friends here that will always be a part of my heart. I've been a longtime volunteer at the churches we have attended but I have never been involved with a church as warm and friendly as this one. I know it will be a long road to find a new church home that can fill St. Andrew's shoes.

Thank you for making us a part of your family.

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.” Second Thessalonians 3:16

Jackson Street Food Bank —by Reberta Skinner

The Jackson Street Food Bank needs personal items when the food bank next opens on January 25th. This would include: Razors, soaps, toothpaste, women's products, toothbrushes, combs, etc.

Who are we at St. Andrew's?—by Pam Tinsley

St. Andrew's has been blessed by many new faces these past months! If you are new or relatively new to St. Andrew's – or would simply like to learn more about St. Andrew's, our community and ministries, join us on Sunday, January 22, at 11:30 in Puddicombe Hall for a **Newcomers' Gathering!** For more information, please see Yvonne Dickerson, Reberta Skinner or Pam Tinsley.

Cash Donations to food bank —by Virginia Gaub

I have been asked how a person can give money to the Food Bank . The simplest way is to write a check to "Jackson Street Food Bank" and put it in the offering plate. It will be forwarded to our account at FISH Food Bank network.

You can also mail a check to: (Make check payable to Jackson Street Food Bank)

FISH Food Banks of Pierce County

1702 2 72nd St. STE E, Tacoma, WA 98408-1238

Thank you for all the contributions from St. Andrew's people

Community Outreach—by *Don White*

The St Andrew's Community Outreach Committee met on December 18th to distribute the fourth quarter of 2016 funds estimated at \$8,781.00. The following Organizations and Funds were awarded money:

- The St Andrew's Scholarship Fund was awarded \$1,000.00.
- The St Andrew's Rector's Discretionary Fund was issued \$700.00.
- The St Andrew's Seminary Fund received \$878.00.
- The Jackson Street Food Bank received \$500.00 for food purchase.
- The FISH Food Banks received an additional \$500.00 for operations beyond JSFB.
- Associated Ministries received \$250.00 for the remainder of our 2016 pledge and an addition \$250.00 for their severe weather fund.
- The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund received \$200.00 plus 50% of the amount finally allocate to Outreach for the fourth quarter in excess of \$8,728.
- The St Leo's Food Connection was issued \$750.00 for their Children's Feeding Program.
- The Pierce County chapter of Habitat for Humanity received \$500.00 for building on Faith House 2017.
- The New Nativity House of Tacoma received \$500.00 for their hot meal program supplies.
- Kairos received \$500.00 for support of their 2017 spring retreat that includes sponsorship of two St. Andrews volunteers.
- The Neighborhood Clinic of Tacoma received \$250.00 for staff salary support.
- The Pediatric Interim Care Services (PICS) Center of Tacoma was given \$250.00 for their specialized foster care program for drug exposed infants.
- The Pierce County AIDS Agency received \$500.00 for general support.
- The Tacoma Branch of the Salvation Army received \$250.00 to be used for their local feeding programs.
- The Tacoma College Ministry was granted \$250.00 for general agency support.
- Tacoma Power's Low Income Assistance Fund received \$200.00 plus 50% of the amount finally allocate to Outreach for the fourth quarter in excess of \$8,728.
- The Joint Base Lewis-McChord Air Terminal USO received \$500.00 for food and beverage purchase in support of their deployment center and family feeding program.

The remaining \$53.00 will be added to any excess allocation as of the end of 2016 and will be distributed equally to the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund and the Tacoma Power Low Income Assistance Fund.

Days for Girls Meeting at St. Andrew's —by *Virginia Gaub*

Last month I gave you a little introduction into a worldwide charity project Called Days for Girls. I hope you found it of interest. For more details please refer to the article in December volume of the Tartan.

The next step is scheduled to be held at St. Andrew's on January 24th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. This will be a work party but if you just want to find out more, please come and watch/join in the activities. If you wish, you may bring your sewing machine and/or Serger to this work day.

There will be people from around Tacoma and University Place, people from outside St. Andrew's, who have already been working on this project. The Team(as it is called) is undergoing reorganization, and we have an great opportunity to participate. If you would like more information prior to Jan 24th, please ask Virginia Gaub.

Another way to donate to St. Andrew's—by Virginia Gaub

PROGRAM: Fred Meyer Stores

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: When you shop, give the cashier the church phone number (253-564-4402) as your “alternate reward card number”.

BENEFITS: A percentage of your purchase amount will be rebated back to St. Andrew's on a quarterly basis. We receive this in store credit coupons that we plan to use for purchase of needed hospitality supplies. You can also receive a discount on gasoline purchases at Fred Meyer gas stations by entering the phone number at the pump.

Greening of the church



De-greening the church



Christmas Eve 2016 Pageant



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8/10 Holy Eucharist 8:45am Parish Nurse on Duty	2 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	3 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	4 Noon Eucharist	5 7pm Glory and Praise Choir	6	7 7am SA Meeting
8 8/10 Holy Eucharist Annual Reports Due	9 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group 8pm Men's Al-Anon	10 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	11 Noon Eucharist 1pm Finance Committee	12 7pm Choir	13 10am Weaver's Guild	14 7am SA Meeting 9am-3pm Cursillo Meeting
15 8/10 Holy Eucharist 8:45am Parish Nurse on Duty	16 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	17 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	18 Noon Eucharist	19 1pm Associated Ministries Community Meeting on homelessness	20	21 7am SA Meeting
22 8/10 Holy Eucharist 8:45am Parish Nurse on Duty 11:30am Newcomer's Gathering	23 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	24 10:30am AA 3-7:00pm Days for Girls (Ada Webb Room) 7:45pm AA	25 Noon Eucharist 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	26 7pm Choir	27	28 7am SA Meeting 10am Daughters of the King
29 9am Eucharist (one service only followed by the Annual Meeting)	30 No Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	31 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA				

January Birthdays

4	Kurt Johnston
11	Kathy Arthur
13	Bill Lubken
18	Pat Arthur
20	Eric Younger
22	Terry Bonet
27	Colin McDaniel
31	Evalynn Bolles Wayne Mannie

Parish Life
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January Anniversaries

1/3/1994	Steve and Megan Parsons
1/6	Greg and Ingrid Gaub
1-6-2007	Bob and Michelle Beckham



**Christmas Eve Family
Service**



Christmas Day

See our website for video and TNT article.

ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Please contact the Church Office for details.

Stan and Gretchen Liebenberg—new address/phones

Raine Bradley (husband: Don Bruss)—new address/phones/e-mail

Melissa Sousa and Dylan—new address/phone

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