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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

Very exciting news! – beginning in July, St. Andrew's will welcome the Reverend Meghan Mullarkey as Curate (or assisting priest) at St. Andrew's. Meghan will serve with us for two years on a half-time basis, through a program of our diocese that supports newly ordained clergy in congregations to gain experience and mentoring in parish ministry.

Meghan grew up in the Washington DC area and after graduating from college in 2006, moved in 2007 to Seattle. She discovered the Episcopal Church at the Church of the Apostles, a very creative church-plant in the Fremont area of Seattle. When she first moved to Seattle, she worked as a Youth Advocate at a teen homeless shelter, and then began working at Church of the Apostles as an administrator, a pastoral presence, and a volunteer coordinator until 2012.



She began seminary in 2008 and received her MDiv from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology in 2012. She worked as a Youth Director at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bellevue, then as the Parish Administrator at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Mercer Island. Ordained a Transitional Deacon last December, she has been serving a diaconal internship at St. Columba's in Kent.

Meghan met her husband, Luke, in seminary while he was pursuing his Masters in Counseling. They got married in 2013 and moved from Seattle to Tacoma in early 2016. In January of this year, they had their first child, Cascade ("Cassie"). They also have a dog named Scout.

This is a very exciting threshold for St. Andrew's. I am excited to welcome Meghan and her family to our congregation and to welcome the gifts and ministries that God will bring into our midst through her. She has met with our Vestry, and they are also excited to welcome her to St. Andrew's. We will be discerning in the coming several months how she will serve among us, and what new ministries and initiatives she will facilitate here. I want to be very clear that this addition to our parish staff should not

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diminish or take anything from our current team: Fr. Ed, Pam Tinsley, Matthew Moravec, Sunshine DeGennaro and Linda Brice. Meghan will complement and enrich our ministries while helping us to serve and grow ahead.

St. Andrew's has never had a curate. We are thankful to our Bishop and to Canon Marda Stedman-Sanborn for considering us for this opportunity. We are also thankful for the generosity of our pledges for 2017 that enables us to step up to this opportunity. The diocese will provide ¼ of her compensation, with St. Andrew's providing the other ¾. Our Finance Committee and Vestry have studied and do affirm this expansion of our paid staff.

Meghan will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 20, 7 pm, at St. Mark's Cathedral. I hope that a number of us will be there to celebrate with her. Her first Sunday will be on July 2, at both 8 am and 10 am. We will have a Potluck Supper on Friday, July 7 at 6:00 pm to welcome Meghan, Luke and Cascade to St. Andrew's. And I look forward to all of you getting to know her as we begin this 'curacy'.

Models of Reconciliation

On Sunday, May 21, Alec Bishop (St. Andrew's scholarship recipient and grandson of Don & Betty Bishop) presented his Senior Thesis: "Models of Reconciliation: From Conflict Towards Peace in Northern Ireland and South Africa during the 1990's" to a number of folks following Sunday worship. Those who missed this excellent presentation, which focused on the importance of personal interaction for bringing about reconciliation, may read his thesis at <http://digitalcommons.spu.edu/honorsprojects/45/>



Barb Fox, Diocesan Treasurer, signing "Paid" on the loan the Diocese gave St. Andrew's for the Rise, Renew, Rejoice construction.

Vestry Viewpoint—by Don Ramage

And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:11-12).

Making room for silence is one of the gifts of our spiritual tradition. When I visit other churches, as much as I appreciate the worship experience, I notice that the sanctuary is sometimes filled with noisy chatter before the service. At St. Andrew's, as in most Episcopal churches, I am grateful to find quiet space for prayer and meditation before the service. We are happy to see each other, but we speak with God first, saving our conversations with each other for the fellowship time after the service. Making room for silence and stillness enables us to hear the voice of the Spirit, for, as Elijah learned in the passage from 1 Kings, the voice is usually a quiet one. We also have, within our service here at St. Andrew's, a moment of silence when, after the scripture readings, Father Martin rings a bell to call us to gather our wandering thoughts and be present in the moment.

In my work as a teacher, I occasionally teach a course in American culture for international students in which one of the topics is silence and wait time in conversation. We discuss how conversation in some cultures is like a game of bowling, whereas conversation in America can be like a fast-paced game of basketball. A moment of silence in a conversation, time to think before speaking, can be misinterpreted as not having understood the question or not speaking the language. There are church services, too, when worship leaders feel every moment needs to be filled with speaking. As Christians, though, we understand that there are times to be counter-cultural. Worship at St. Andrew's is one way to get a break from a very noisy world.

In our last vestry meeting, we discussed the question of how, exactly, we might fulfill our mission statement, "To know Christ, and to make Christ known." We also discussed the possibility of having a part-time curate priest in training here at St. Andrew's. Along with the exciting possibility of being able to develop in new directions comes the question of discerning in which directions. To find the answers to these questions of discernment, there must be both quiet listening and action to discover by going. I hope that we can all seek the answers to these questions prayerfully and together, supporting each other and listening as a congregation to that still, small voice as we move forward.

ADULT CLASSES:

Thanks are due to Matthew Moravec and Pam Tinsley for leading in April and May an excellent class on the Apostles' Creed.

The Monday 1pm Bible Study, led by Fr. Martin, has completed our study of the Book of Revelation. The first 3 Mondays in June we will study the Letters to Titus and Timothy, then take a summer break until September 11 (the Monday after Labor Day) when we will begin one of the Gospels.

Trash, Trash, and More Trash—(or is it?)—by Ken Rhodes

Jesus call us to be good stewards of the earth and I am sure most of the people try to do their part in the effort to conserve natural resources and protect the environment.

Here at St. Andrews, we also try to do our part but sometimes come up a little short. Part of the problem may be that where you live - your recycling program may be slightly different than the City of Tacoma's program. Tacoma's is slightly different from Pierce County, Lakewood, Gig Harbor, or King County. It also different from private carriers that you may have in your residence.

I will try to give some guidelines to clarify the program here at church.

Blue cans- we have 4 cans, all located outside the back kitchen doors. These are for mixed recycling - clean paper, aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic bottles (no caps), clean food trays, magazines, mail, cardboard, plastics of all grades. Note a few exceptions:

Food residue should be cleaned off containers

No waxed cartons like milk cartons or juice cartons or wax paper cups.

Everything should be loose, not in a larger plastic sack.

The only exception to "C" above is that shredded paper should be in a clear plastic bag.

Cardboard boxes MUST BE FLATTENED!!!!!!

Brown can. We have one.

Yard waste including leaves, twigs, pruned branches, grass, spent flowers, weeds and the like.

Food waste-anything you can eat like food trimmings, leftovers, peelings, coffee grounds, tea bags, the stuff that collects in the sink strainer (Ewwww!) and refrigerator "surprises." The only things forbidden are bones and fat like cooking oils or meat trimmings.

Green Cans- we have 2. These are for everything else. Often called garbage. These things go there. Used paper plates, coffee cups, paper towels, napkins, tissues, pizza boxes, foils, gift wrapping, waxed cartons and juice cups, and containers that can't be cleaned, broken glass, Styrofoam, and more.

I have a few more requests:

- Clean off platters and trays like you get at a market or deli. If not cleanable, then it will go in the green can.
- Programs, bulletins, music sheets and other clean paper to be recycled can go in one of several bins in Ada Webb room, entry way and in the office.
- Ask if you are unsure.
- There is no current program for glass bottles. People usually bring them home and recycle there. We can work on this.
- I have been doing the trash cans for over 20 years. I can continue for 20 more and these pointers will help me avoid digging thru the cans in the dark and rain on a January Sunday night.

Community Outreach Committee—by Margie Hoffman

The following disbursements were made by the Community Outreach Committee at their April 30th meeting.

Scholarship Fund	\$1,500
Rector's Discretionary Fund	500
Seminary Fund	820
FISH Food Banks	500
Associated Ministries	500*
CoED (Guatemala Literacy Project)	840**
Episcopal Relief & Development	500***
Food Connection (St. Leo's)	500
Habitat for Humanity	500
Ruby Slippers	200
Neighborhood Clinic	250
Pierce County AIDS	500
Tacoma College Ministry	500
USO McChord (JBLM)	500
Total Allocated	<u>\$8,110</u>

*First payment of \$2,000 pledge for 2017

** Yearly scholarship for Nancy Blanco Rivera

*** Committee recommended designating Sudan famine relief for donation

Second Time Around Jewelry Store—by Linda Brice

Forget rules—if you like it, wear it! And if you don't like it—donate it!!

Our Celtic Faire is a few months away (October 21-22), but now is the time to start going through your boxes and bags of jewelry to start collecting for *The Second Time Around Jewelry Store* at our Faire.

Any type of jewelry can be donated—men's, women's, children's—in good shape, okay shape, or broken, one of a pair, or missing gems. Collectors are always looking for pieces to be put in artwork, and lovers of jewelry are always looking for something unique to wear.

If you haven't worn it in awhile—donate it! All proceeds from the sales of the jewelry store go to the mission and ministries of St. Andrew's.

Your jewelry can be given to me at church, in the church office or call me up and I will pick it up at your house.

For questions contact me through the Church Office.
Sparkle on!



St. Andrew's Quiz Nite

On May 20 we celebrated the 10th Annual St. Andrew's Quiz Nite. The group was a bit smaller this year, but we still had a great time. The evening raised \$916 for St. Andrew's. The following are the results of the evening:

Picnic Time Table—Quiz Winners

Down on the Farm Table—Best theme (they even had live animals in attendance at their table!) Other tables were: Out West, Saints and Martyrs, and March Madness.

Thank you to Kit Proctor for once again being Quiz Master and to Kristina Younger who organized the event.

Below are a few pictures of the evening.



Picnic Time
Quiz Nite Winners!!



Down on the Farm
Best Theme Winners!



Last year's winners (Super Heroes) awarding
Picnic Time the Fabulous Quiz Nite Trophy

Meet Melissa Sousa—by Christy McDaniel

There is a minister among us who works steadfastly without seeking recognition. She is quiet and unassuming, so you may not know her. If you are a parent trying to regain a sense of peace on Sunday morning, there is no better place to send your baby or toddler than in the nursery with Melissa Sousa. I have had the good fortune to get to know Melissa, and have come to believe that she is the most underutilized resource offered at St. Andrew's.

Melissa has a long history of caring for children with compassion and skill. After high school she traveled to Hong Kong to volunteer for an orphanage. "In Chinese culture, special needs children are considered a blight on society, and it is expected that they will be aborted. The Mother's Choice orphanage was started as a haven for women who did not want to have an abortion. An orphanage developed naturally from that need." Feeding, medical care, and nurturing the children aged birth to six years old was a task she undertook with enthusiasm. Like all volunteers, she was assigned a "key baby," a child for her to give extra attention. When Melissa entered the room, he would zoom over to her for some hugs. He didn't like to eat, so she sang to him and invented games to make eating more fun. They went together on outings to the zoo and to the beach. A family in Oregon adopted her key baby one week before she returned to the United States, so she has had the opportunity to visit him in his new home. While her own child was still young, she was a nanny for five years in Oregon and Washington.

Melissa has been attending church since middle school, when she started going with a friend's family. She says, "I felt a strong pull to go to church from a young age even though my parents are both anti-church, and my relationship with God has led all my life decisions."

Her life decisions led her back to school when her child, Dylan, was in Kindergarten, to earn a B.A. in Anthropology, and she is planning to attend graduate school in 2018 to earn her Ph.D. Currently she works as a Behavior Assistant, helping young people with Autism learn skills necessary for school and social situations.

I appreciate that my children's squirming does not bother parishioners, but I am only able to participate in the quieting of my mind and heart when my kids are not with me. I invite others to take advantage of Melissa's service. Melissa is a person whose compassion is grounded in faith and whose faith is practiced with skill each week in the nursery.



Bishop Greg visits St. Andrew's—by Carol MacKinnon

Midway through Easter Season, on May 14, Bishop Rickel presided at worship at both the 8 and 10 am services. After warming the audience with recognition of our beloved Father Ed, who the former “Rector Rickel” first met in Austin, TX, Bishop Rickel gave a thought-provoking sermon well-suited for the occasion.

Who better than the officially garbed Bishop to remind us that our religious faith is not all pomp and circumstance; nor is it ceremonial rites with no spiritual component. One must go beyond the symbolism to the meaning underlying the rituals. We are not just adding “s-p-i” to r-i-t-u-a-l in a round of the game, *Words with Friends* or *Scrabble*. We must not be like so many “Christians who are missing the point” [of Christianity]. He cautioned that while it is good to seek excellence in performing rituals for the Glory of God, the ceremony is not itself God; form should not be elevated over substance. Stressing over how deeply or reverently someone bows to the cross is not what being Christian is all about.

We were reminded that Jesus was a radical who challenged the rules and order of the religious leaders of the time. Ceremonial rites are merely an introduction to the real journey of living the way of Jesus, finding an abiding place with God, whose power sustains you while you proceed on your pathway of doing good works. Life is full of ups and downs; sometimes the bad news comes before the good news, and we need to be awake to the good news to come. Describing us as his “fellow sojourners”, he cautioned that we are “not idle spectators of what Jesus did then and now”, but “we are called to live it, to be the ‘good news’.”

Bishop Rickel’s sermon was an inspiring prelude to the main event of the day, the congregation’s renewal of baptismal vows as we witnessed the baptisms, confirmations and re-affirmations that transpired. Cooper Burdick was confirmed at the 8:00 a.m. service. At 10:00 a.m., sisters Natalia and Angelina Gonzalez (grandchildren of Fr. Jeff & Connie Sharp) were baptized; Annah Bonet, Margaret Moravec and Jessica Richards were confirmed; and John Bean re-affirmed his Baptismal Vows.

Old enough to answer for themselves, Natalia and Angelina were quickly put at ease by Bishop Rickel’s sense of humor and by the time the baptismal rites were being concluded at the font, Bishop Rickel was teaching Natalia and Angelina that if you move your wrist like you are pitching a baseball, you can successfully flick the cedar sprigs to shower sacred water on all assembled in the vicinity of the font. Back at the communion rail, all could see for themselves that “Greg, Our Bishop”, does relate to the younger generation, since he quickly had his cell phone out for a selfie with the confirmands, re-affirmed, and baptized.

During the announcements, when Bishop Rickel took time to thank Linda Brice for her service to all of us and she wasn’t present, it drove home to me that Linda continually serves our parish (at the time she was in the Library with Izumi). In response to the bishop’s thanking our rector, Father Martin received a standing ovation from the congregation. Thereafter, the choir and clergy recessed to the apt hymn, “All Things Bright and Beautiful”, and we were dispatched “to rejoice in the power of the Spirit.” Cake, cookies and companionship, of course, followed in the Ada Webb Room.

The occasion of Bishop Rickel’s visit was a great reminder to take time to smile and recognize the joy surrounding you. As Paramahansa Yogananda said, “Smile from within and all those around you will try to smile. Be cranky, and sour faces will mushroom along your path.” The sermon was delivered with a perfect mix of cheer and sobriety, and his asides brought levity that enhanced the rites of the day. Bishop Rickel’s full sermon can

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Bishop Greg continued

be listened to on-line at <https://rickelsermons.wordpress.com/2017/05/15/st-andrews-tacoma-easter-5-may-14-2017/> . It made me, and everyone else present, smile and be inclined to go forth in Jesus' name.

Celebrating Baptisms, Confirmations and Reaffirmations



St. Andrew's to help homeless families July 15-22

Your help is needed

We have invited Family Housing Network (FHN) (formerly called Phoenix Housing Network, and before that: Ruby Slippers) to St. Andrew's for a second week. (We also host them in December in cooperation with Temple Beth El.)

3-5 homeless families will be spending the night downstairs in Puddicombe Hall. FHN brings in cots and privacy dividers. They also will have someone who will spend the night. The families go during the day to the FHN Day Center for showers, case management, laundry, telephones, etc. More information about FHN is at: http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=housing_phoenixhousingnetwork

Our ministry is to provide dinner each night and some items for breakfast. This year we are encouraging families to participate and to share some games or activities with any children who are spending the night (in place of Vacation Bible School this year).

Christine Lange will coordinate this ministry. Please contact her through the Church Office to sign up for a night to provide dinner. Thank you!

Thank you to all—by Marian Warren

Many thanks for all the good wishes, cards, visits and thoughts for healing following my latest event. I am getting better, it says here in fine print but I understand that time and exercise are key. Also, patience, which I understand is a virtue. Somehow that is one virtue I am missing when it comes to getting more comfortably mobile. Your kindness and prayers do make a difference.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7am SA Meeting
4 Pentecost 8/10 Holy Eucharist	5 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	6 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	7 Noon Eucharist 1pm Finance	8	9 10am Weaver's Guild	10 7am SA Meeting
11 8/10 Holy Eucharist Blood Drive 8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty	12 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	13 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	14 Noon Eucharist	15	16	17 7am SA Meeting 9am-1pm Cursillo Secretariat Meeting
18 8/10 Holy Eucharist Scholarship Sunday	19 1pm Last Bible Study until 9/11 8pm Men's Al-Anon	20 10:30am AA 7pm Ordination of The Rev. Meghan Mullarkey at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle 7:45pm AA	21 Noon Eucharist 3-7pm Days for Girl's	22	23	24 7am SA Meeting
25 8/10 Holy Eucharist	26 8pm Men's Al-Anon	27 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	28 Noon Eucharist 5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	29	30	

June Birthdays



2 Pam Tinsley
 Annie Yabroff
 3 Joanna McDaniel
 Conner Rainer
 8 Cathy Lowenberg
 12 Shirley Morton
 15 Laura Wilhite
 Kayla Beesley
 16 Kaylie Rainer
 21 Chad Moody
 22 Joan Halley
 25 Kit Proctor
 30 Virginia Clark
 Maxwell Painter

June Anniversaries

6-2-1971 Mike and Connie West
 6-5-1976 Bill and Linda Brice
 6-6-1953 Don and Nita Cameron
 6-12-1954 Don and Betty Bishop
 6-14-1980 Martin and Eve Yabroff
 6-15-1973 Steve and Anna Arthur
 6-24-1995 Ed and Cyndi Wolfer

ADDRESS CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Contact the Church Office for details

Evalynn Bolles/Dennis Kerr—new info

Tom and Marilyn Henderson—new info (Phone numbers remain the same)

Kristen Ruscio—new address

For it's One, Two, Three strikes you're Out at the Ole.....

What could be better than a summer day with sunshine, friends, and cold beer? Why it's all the above and add a professional baseball game to boot!

Join us **Sunday, August 20 for 1:30 game** with the Tacoma Rainiers versus El Paso. All your friends will be there.

For the amazing price of \$10, you get a reserved seat behind home plate, a hot dog, chips, and bottled water. It's the best entertainment value in the whole Puget Sound. (Have you been to the movies lately? Or a concert?)

Tickets will be available in mid July from Ken Rhodes. This will be our fifth or sixth annual event. Come join us!

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