



March 2017



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,

At our Annual Parish Meeting at the end of January, we had a good discussion of what we are thankful for at St. Andrew's and what we would recommend to our Vestry for 2017. Those notes are compiled and are presented below.

We also in February enjoyed an excellent series of presentations on Islam – the first two by Prof. Erica Lee Martin of Seattle Univ., and the third by Brother Pasha and two associates from the Islamic Center of Tacoma. Great Turn-out, including many from the larger community.

We are now entering the season of Lent. This time is a gift – please do not take it for granted but use this opportunity for spiritual renewal. We have a devotional booklet for everyone to use with reflections about encountering Christ in others. We will have two regular classes: Monday evenings at 7 pm (beginning March 6) on Prayer, the Bible, Worship, Church History and Ministry as ways to grow spiritually; and Monday afternoons at 1 pm for Bible Study. Our preaching will be informed in part by The Spirituality of Imperfection, by Kurtz and Ketcham, which speaks to our own fallibility and our need for God, 'a higher power'. I look forward to seeing us together in worship as often as possible during Lent, and at our Soup and Potato luncheon and other activities.

May God bless us with a holy Lenten season of renewal.

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Notes from our Annual Meeting – January 26, 2017:

For what are you thankful here at St. Andrew's?

Being a comfortable, welcoming (x2) and diverse congregation. A sense of family (x4). Generosity of our congregation (x2). Our worship and fellowship (x2). Commitment to Community Outreach (x2). St. Andrew's financial stability. Children's and Youth ministries: a vibrant Sunday School, our Youth Group. Special outreach events. Efforts to keep in touch with absent members. The sharing of time/talent & resources. Openness to a diversity of opinions (x3). Sense of gratitude. Opportunities to explore and to serve. Fr. Martin & his bringing current and pressing issues to sermons and prayer (x2). Being a supportive church that reaches out. AA meeting being hosted in the building. Welcoming and helping others to feel recognized and known. Common values. Willingness to participate in leadership. Dependable and treasured. Being supported over the years

What would you like the Vestry in 2017 to do regarding the 3 priorities (Prayer & growing in faith, Reaching out and welcoming others, Seeking reconciliation in the community) from our 2016 parish conversations?

Invite more youth. Reach out. Welcome strangers. Support Daughters of the King. More Adult Education at flexible times. Maintain what we are currently doing. Increased participation. 'Prayer of the Week' in the bulletin to be said daily by all. Expand Food Bank into a wider ecumenical effort. Tutoring for children in the neighborhood. Invite our local Rabbi and/or Imam to offer teachings here.

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Suggestions for Vestry focus in 2017 (continued from page 1)

Youth outreach to colleges and universities. Vestry-led discussions of what community is.
 Connect with other parishes that are active as sanctuaries. Be vibrant. Improve our kitchen.
 Recognize that music is a language and a way to bring people together. Improve our youth program.
 Reach out to the Tacoma Islamic Center (x2) and the local Muslim community.
 Outreach to the African-American community.
 Upgrade old physical systems, e.g. furnace, water heater, dishwasher.
 Prayers for current local and global situations.
 Help us to be Jesus in the world. Refugee assistance.
 Increase community/public awareness of who we are as a church
 Refuel Glory and Praise ensemble. Increase advertising, i.e. the Tacoma Weekly.

Save the date—Spring Clean-up—by Bill Brice

The Buildings and Grounds spring clean up will take place after services on Sunday, March 26th. This is the annual project to get our shine on before Easter.

Work to be done is general clean up outside including raking leaves, pulling weeds, sweeping up accumulated leaves and debris. Inside is dusting and damp wiping pews then oiling the wood. Dusting areas that may have been missed. Getting cobwebs and dead bugs out of hanging light fixtures and doing a thorough vacuuming of the building.

“8 o’clock” folks can start on the flower beds along 12th street (raking leaves/minor weed pulling) and cleaning up the planting area along Jackson. Work can also get started sweeping up in the parking lot across the street. The “garbage can” area outside the kitchen needs to be swept and organized. After the 10 o’clock service we can finish up work not completed outside and get to dusting, wiping coffee stains off window sills, and wiping and oiling pews, etc.

All tools will be provided. There are no big chores. So take a little time and make light work for all of us.

Days for Girl’s Update—by Virginia Gaub

Another meeting was held at St. Andrew’s, on Feb 15th. Our team has been asked to provide 50 “kits” (as they are called) for a mission group going to a village in Haiti. We had almost enough supplies to fulfill that request. We had a wonderful 2 hours of putting the necessary items into kits to prepare for this mission project. Just a little more sewing to accomplish our first request.

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 March 15th 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.

Vestry Viewpoint—*Colin McDaniel, Senior Warden*

When I was asked to prayerfully consider serving as senior warden, I will admit it daunted me. I was apprehensive about the new leadership responsibility. Of course, I was also honored. Serving on the vestry over the last two years has been a privilege and a learning experience. It has taught me that we do not need to justify ourselves—it is by God’s grace and with God’s help that a congregation furthers the mission of the Church. What is required in one’s stewardship is to be authentically one’s self.

In prayer I found the reply that God creates each of us whole, for the work He gives us to do. We may not feel fully equipped for this work, but by grace God can accomplish his purpose through each of us. And in our creation God has given each of us gifts. We may identify the gifts of our creation ourselves, yet more often we find them in each other (Why is it always easier to see merits in others than in ourselves?), as when we call upon each other to serve and when we trust each other with the responsibility of stewardship.

The stewardship campaign this past fall was guided by the following theme: “...to equip God’s people for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity inherent in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God—to maturity...” —Ephesians 4:12-13. To “equip God’s people” sounds, at first, as though we are all to attend some in-service ministry training. Yet if God creates us whole, for the work He gives us to do, then “equipping God’s people for the work of ministry” is not a call to a training, after all, but a call to a finding and an entrusting. It is that call to authenticity.

I am grateful to be found and entrusted for this ministry.

Outreach Committee Scholarship recipient—*by Gretchen Liebenberg*

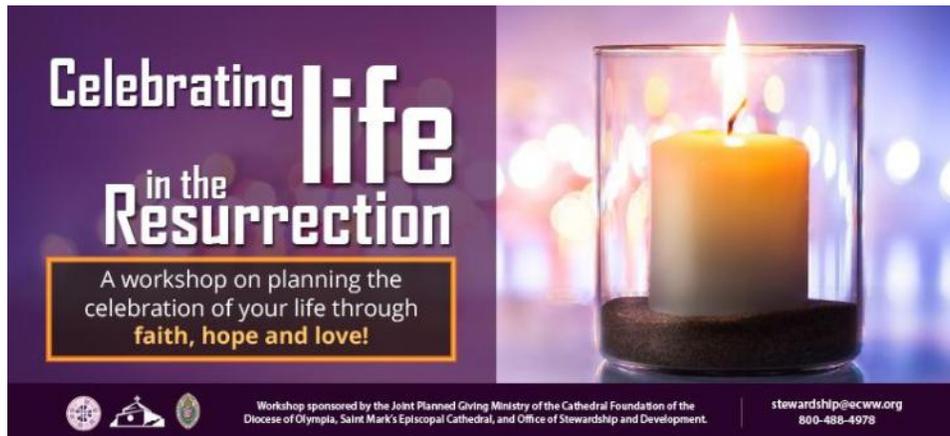


We were recently in Guatemala and had a chance to meet with Nancy Rivera. She is the scholarship student sponsored by our Outreach Committee. She is very sweet and so very thankful for the chance to get an education. She will be able to do more than menial labor. With a high school education she can get a good job and can help her family. These kids live in such poverty. It is truly a wonderful gift St Andrews is giving-- we are saving a life.

St. Andrew's Scholarships

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



"There is nothing that terrifies people more, and yet is so important, and has the great potential to be very inspiring, as planning for your death."

~The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel

Speakers

Our Bishop, the Dean, and Clergy

Share ideas, stories, and practical advice from a pastoral perspective.

Michael Kleinschmidt

Explore the deep treasury of sacred songs that are especially beloved, comforting, and appropriate for funerals.

Saturday, March 25th
St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle
9am-2:30-pm
Cost is \$20
Registration due by 3/22/2017



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 serving.

New AED (Automatic External Defibrillator at St. Andrew's

An AED has been installed by the front door for use during a sudden cardiac arrest. It is a portable device used to administer an electric shock to the heart to restore the heart's normal rhythm when this happens. If the heart can be shocked quickly after stopping a normal heart rhythm may be restored. For every minute defibrillation via the device is delayed, restoring the hearts normal rhythm is decreased by 7-10%. If it is delayed by more than 10 minutes, the chance of survival in adults is less than 5 %. If defibrillation occurs within the first minute of collapse, the victim's survival rate is close to 90%. Acting quickly when someone collapses unexpectedly can increase the victim's survival rate.

The AED device consists of a small computer, electrical circuitry, and adhesive electrode pads. The electrodes collect information from the person's heart they are attached to and the computer interprets the rhythm and recommends a defibrillating shock based on the rhythm interpretation. The shock is delivered by way of the electrode pads through the victim's chest wall and into the heart. The shock stuns the heart momentarily stopping all activity allowing the heart to restart normal electrical activity and resume beating effectively. If a person does not need the shock from the AED, the machine will not deliver a shock. While AED & CPR training is recommended, training is not required to use the device. These machines have voice prompts to assist anyone to successfully use the device. A training will be held at St Andrew's on March 11 for those interested in hands on training. For more information contact Cyndi Wolfer, Parish Nurse or Joe Peer.

Source: Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association www.suddencardiacarrest.org

CPR AND AED TRAINING

SATURDAY MARCH 11 FROM 9:00am until 1200

ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

INSTRUCTORS: MEMBERS OF TACOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Please use the sign-up sheet in the Ada Webb Room or contact
the church office**

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday Services at 7:00am Noon Eucharist 7:00pm (with music)	2 7pm Choir	3	4 7am SA Meeting
5 8/10 Holy Eucharist 2pm Cora Voce Rehearsal	6 1:00pm Bible Study 7 pm Lent class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	7 9am PEO Meeting 10:30am AA 7pm Cora Voce Rehearsal 7:45pm AA	8 Noon Eucharist	9 7pm Cora Voce Rehearsal 7pm Glory and Praise Choir	10 10am Weaver's Guild 7pm Cora Voce Rehearsal Vestry Retreat	11 Vestry Retreat 7am SA Meeting 9am-Noon AED/CPR Class 5pm Cora Voce Rehearsal 7:30 Cora Voce Concert
12 8/10 Holy Eucharist	13 1pm Bible Study 7 pm Lent class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	14 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	15 Noon Eucharist 1pm Finance Commit- tee 3pm-7pm Day's for Girls	16 4-6pm Associated Ministries Community Meeting 7pm Choir	17	18 7am SA Meeting 9am-3pm Secretariat (Cursillo)
19 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:30am Soup and Potato Lunch	20 1pm Bible Study 7 pm Lent class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	21 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	22 Noon Eucharist	23 7pm Choir	24	25 7am SA Meeting Organ Rehearsal
26 8/10 Holy Eucharist Church Clean-up Day	27 1pm Bible Study 7 pm Lent class 8pm Men's Al-Anon	28 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	29 5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	30 7pm Glory and Praise Choir	31	

March Birthdays

1	Linda Brice Megan Parsons
4	Alex Parsons John Tinsley
10	Fr. Ed Sterling
11	Keith Potter
12	Naomi Shiga
16	Steve Arthur
19	Owen Bradley Miles Bradley
21	Christy McDaniel
24	Aimee Ruscio
25	Elise Wolfer
26	Patty Mannie
28	Margo Fleshman Mark Adams
29	Virginia Rothenberg
31	Rosemary Sissel

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March Anniversaries

3-20-2010	Jeffrey and Mary Boyce
3-21-1992	Tom Egnew and Joan Halley
3-24-1984	Doug and Molly Strausbaugh

March 19th - St Andrew's 4th Annual Soup and Potato Lunch Fundraiser

Please join us for a lunch fundraiser after the 10 am service on Sunday March 19th downstairs in Puddicombe Hall. The recommended donation for lunch is \$6 per person, \$4 per child, and \$20 per family. There are sign-up sheets in the Ada Webb room to bring a soup to share and for general attendance at the event. Please contact Kristen Ruscio or Colin McDaniel with any questions. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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