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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

An exciting Fall season is before us at St. Andrew's! We begin on Sunday, September 10 with a baptism at 10 am and our Parish Picnic after the services at Sunset Terrace Park.

Our Fall adult education kicks off with **Bible Study** on Monday September 11 from 1-2, beginning Matthew's Gospel. That evening we begin a study of **Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist Prayer**, by Rowan Williams. This great little book by the former Archbishop of Canterbury discusses what it means to be a Christian - not by starting with beliefs but with what we do - being baptized, Reading and reflecting on the Bible, sharing in the Eucharist, and praying. I find his perspective fresh and insightful. Mondays at 7 pm, beginning Sept. 11. Copies of the book are available for purchase through the Church Office or through Amazon.

Sunday, September 24 will be our annual **Alcoholism and Addiction Awareness Sunday** (8 am and 10 am). The following Sunday, October 1, we will again celebrate St. Francis and the **Blessing of the Animals** at 8 and 10 am.

The following Saturday, October 7, mark your calendars for an opportunity to learn more about homelessness in Tacoma: Associated Ministries' **Amazing Quest**. More information is at <https://associatedministries.org/amazing-quest> There are many mis-conceptions about homelessness here in Tacoma that will be addressed in this family-oriented 'scavenger-hunt' style adventure.

Saturday, October 14th, 10am-Noon, for all children grades 1-6 (and adults with child-like spirit) are invited to an **Organ Adventure**, offered by Naomi Shiga and Jonathan Wohlers.

And our tenth annual **Celtic Faire** will be on October 21 and 22. Watch for announcements about how you can participate in this community-building, fun, fundraising and welcoming event.

I hope you are getting to know our new Assisting Priest the Rev. Meghan Mullarkey. Do reach out if you haven't yet to get to know her better. We are thankful to have her join our ministries and are praying about how together we shall reach out to our larger community with God's love and grace. How shall we let the Light of Christ which we enjoy here at St. Andrew's shine more brightly in our dark world?

I want to commend to you the article in this Tartan by our Ministry Coordinator, Pam Tinsley, M.Div. She lifts up what we are called to be about - to live our faith daily and let God's light shine.

Yours in Christ,
Martin+

William Wilberforce is remembered in our church calendar on July 30, and I am struck by how much we can learn about baptismal ministry from him. You may recall, either from history or the 2006 film *Amazing Grace*, that Wilberforce, as a Member of Parliament, was instrumental in the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire in the early 19th century.

But how did Wilberforce come to advocate such a radical position in the early 19th century? And how does this relate to baptism and ministry? Several years after Wilberforce was elected to the House of Commons, he experienced a spiritual reawakening. Questioning whether he could effectively serve in Parliament at a time when religious passion was generally regarded as socially unacceptable and even stigmatized within the upper classes, he considered ordination. However, friends and colleagues - most notably John Newton, the priest, former slave trader and composer of the hymn *Amazing Grace* - convinced him he could better serve Christ and humankind as a Member of Parliament.

From that point forward, Wilberforce's political views were informed by his faith and by his desire to promote Christian values and ethics in private and public life. Although an advocate for a number of commendable social causes, Wilberforce is most remembered for his persistent commitment to the abolition of the slave trade and of slavery itself. Each year for a period of 18 years, he brought up the abolition of the slave trade in Parliament, until it was finally abolished in 1806. He continued his campaign against slavery itself, and the bill for the abolition of all slavery in British territories passed its crucial vote just four days before his death in 1833.

What do we learn from William Wilberforce that can shape our own lives? Clearly, like Christ, Wilberforce persisted in serving others and by putting others above himself. He recognized the gross injustice and inhumanity of slavery and was willing to persist and push hard against social and economic systems that found slavery acceptable and even beneficial.

How do we take a stand when we see injustice or wrongdoing? And how do we hold firm to Christian values when they aren't aligned with current social values or expectations? Although most of us aren't called to do something as significant as abolishing slavery, it's just as important to stand up for our values at work, at home, at church - wherever and whenever we encounter a wrong.

And what strikes me, too, is that Wilberforce was doing God's work in his daily life as a politician. Two of our baptismal promises immediately come to my mind:

- Wilberforce sought and served Christ in all persons, loving his neighbor as himself; and
- He strove for justice and peace among *all* people and respected the dignity of *every* human being.

I think so often we consider "God's work" as the work in the world that clergy and other dedicated religious individuals do, or perhaps what lay leaders might do within the church. As lay persons we might perceive "ministry" that takes place outside of church walls to be serving at a food bank, helping in a homeless shelter, or perhaps tutoring children. We often worship on Sunday and then separate our worship from the rest of the week, tending to view our "work world" as separate from our "faith world."

Yet, have you considered looking at daily work, activities and interactions as ministry, as a way of living into our baptismal promises? After all, our real work as Christians begins as we walk out the doors of the church into the mission field - when we are sent to "**go** in peace to love and serve the Lord."

God is already out there - in our homes, in our schools, in our communities, in Parliament and in the legislature. And our job - our baptismal ministry - is to partner with God, with God's help, wherever we are, to live out God's mission in the midst of our daily lives with conviction and with persistence - just as faithfully as William Wilberforce did.

-Adapted from the homily I preached on August 2 during the Noon Eucharist



Vestry Viewpoint—by Colin McDaniel, Senior Warden

Sometimes I find myself looking for a burning bush. It would be convenient if God's calls were that clear in my life—His own ringtone, so to speak. I might be more apt to pay attention. Of course, the act of looking for burning bushes reveals that I prefer He provide a sign when I am ready.

And forests are one of those places I look for burning bushes. Which is ironic, because if I were to spot flaming flora I should call the park ranger, not my spiritual director. Nonetheless, in sacred spaces of creation I turn to observing and listening, hopeful for a voice or a song that resonates with my creation and imparts something of the mystery of being.

So it was on a camping trip this summer while hiking a path through an old-growth forest that I met a pair of enormous trees: a gigantic cedar and a towering Douglas fir, standing guard before a knoll of dark, buzzing shadows beneath tightly clumped scrubs and soft, fallen trunks. Awed by the majesty of these titanic sentinels, I stopped to lay my hands upon each tree and listen for its song. I just heard tree. I don't know what I was expecting. They were impressive, that much was sure, and I felt small next to them. After considering what stories they could tell, if they could speak to me, I went on.

The trail beyond made for arduous hiking. I scrambled over rotten tree trunks covered with thick moss, sprouting huckleberry bushes and young saplings. Spider webs capturing struggling prey were carefully parted so that I could pass. Rustling bunches of salal betrayed the hectic scurrying of some unseen animal beneath. Everywhere around me, the individual participants in the cycle of creation were in the immediate processes of dying, springing, striving, and consuming.

So as I hiked over this hill I noticed the interdependence of everything. I noticed how each being relied upon someone else. One thing was dependent upon another; life was springing from that which had died and rising from that which had fallen. I came to the end of my journey in the forest, and I realized that I was listening for an individual song—a burning bush—when the song was not for one ancient tree, nor for a single person. That is not to say that the individual is insignificant, for each individual renews what dies and sustains what follows, but the whole forest sings with the song of creation. Together it is a song, and that song is not for an individual, but to the glory of the Creator.

I think our culture prompts us to look for burning bushes to tell us what individual merit or purpose we have in God's design. We watch eclipses and climb mountain peaks looking upward and outward for divine broadcasts. What we may fail to recognize is the divine that emanates from us as a worship community. Though I do not find burning bushes when I seek them, I am confident that I and every member of our church are significant in God's plan. Like the old-growth forest, St. Andrew's is fully alive with the building, renewing, and sharing of a religious life that celebrates the glory of God.

Thoughts from our Curate—by *The Rev. Meghan Mullarkey*

I first off want to thank everyone who has welcomed me so whole heartily into this community of faith. This is a theme that has come up in many conversations I have had with people who have come to St. Andrew's in the last year or two. When people come to St. Andrew's they feel cared for and welcomed.

When someone asks me about my time at St. Andrew's I keep coming back to the same thought, "St. Andrew's is a community that is for one another." I have noticed this at vestry meetings, during coffee hour, and in the Daughters of the King Bible study. This a place that blesses and supports each other. I am excited and looking forward to delving further into this community. I have spent my first months here listening for how I can partner with you all and support and bless you in anyway that I can. In August, I have had fruitful conversations with Sunshine (Youth Director), Matthew (Sunday School Administrator), and Pam (Ministry Coordinator). Pam and I are exploring more ways that parishioners can bring their voice and gifts to this community. I am also looking forward to getting to know our youth better as I join them at the food bank the last Wednesday of the month.

In the month of September, I hope to reach out to more parishioners and hear about your hopes and dreams for this community. If you are interested in getting coffee please reach out to me at therev.mullarkey@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your encouraging words and support as I navigate this new role and position. I am honored to be your priest and serve you in this way. I am blessed to be a part of such a gracious and caring community.

Peace to you.

John, Paul, George, Ringo...and King David—by *Matthew Moravec*

How can we as Christians respond to pop culture? Historically, some have sought to completely *avoid* it ("Don't go to the movies!"), while others uncritically *absorb* it ("It's just entertainment!"). This past August, our adult education class explored a third way of approaching pop culture: to *converse* with it. Each week we took a different Beatles song and put it in conversation with one of the psalms. It turns out that we can learn a lot from songs like "Nowhere Man" or "Eleanor Rigby," while also discovering that the psalms offer additional insight and correction to the Fab Four's perspectives on life. Our discussions were lively and engaging!

Organ Adventure on Saturday, October 14, 10am until Noon

Children grades 1 to 6 are invited to a morning of discovering about the organ. Led by Naomi Shiga and Jonathan Wohlers, participants will learn about the history of organ, its construction. The class will begin at 10:00 with the introduction accompanied by donuts and milk. Participants will also have opportunity to sing, to play, and even to listen to a little concert (listening to a range of styles from famous organ pieces to Disney music!). And there will be prizes! At the end of the morning, the class will close with an "Organ Quiz" and three winners will receive an ice cream shop certificate! Please invite any kids you know to this event. It should be a lot of fun! (FYI, adults with the "spirit of children" are also welcome to this adventure with our organ!)

Come and See!

Could you use spiritual revitalization? A spiritual shot in the arm? Or a short retreat with Christ? If so, then consider *Come and See, Go and Tell*. *Come and See* is the Diocese of Olympia's expression of the Cursillo ministry.

During the weekend retreat you will have opportunities to:

come and experience God's unconditional love;
come and feel the transforming power of God's healing and grace;
come and learn how to live out your baptism in everyday life; and
come and share your story of faith;



To Come and See, Go and Tell!

The next weekend is October 20-22 at Dumas Bay Conference Centre in Federal Way and further spiritual growth evolves through on-going participation in small group activities.

More information, including an inspiring video by Bishop Greg Rickel, and an application may be found at olycursillo.org. Pam Tinsley, Reberta Skinner, Virginia Gaub and Dave Tinsley will be happy to answer any questions you might have about *Come and See!*

Come, Pray with Us!—Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is an Order for lay women in the Episcopal Church who vow to pray, serve and give for the spread of Christ's Kingdom. Daughters of the King, connected by the bonds of Christ's love, share in this commitment to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Daughters of the King pray daily for our rector, parish, diocese, friends, family, co-workers, and other needs. Service flows from and is strengthened and guided by prayer. Daughters of the King share the word of the Gospel with our smiles, our dedication, the joy in our faces, and our tears of compassion. We stand by those in need. And we give God the Glory as we share how God acts in our lives. We evangelize to others as we witness Christ's love through our prayers and service.

After taking a summer break, our St. Elizabeth Chapter of the Daughters of the King resumes meeting monthly on September 24 at 11:30 am in the Georgie Chapel. We warmly invite others to learn more about this meaningful ministry of prayer, service and evangelism by joining us at our meetings.

*"Prayer without work is empty words,
Service without prayer is labor lost."*

Daughters of the King National Handbook



Celtic Faire is coming!!!—by Liz Herriges, Chairperson



It's hard to believe our Celtic Faire is again approaching! It will be on Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22nd of October. Members of our community are now looking for our faire each fall and visiting eagerly. It's our chance to show our community a little bit about us and about our Celtic spirituality and heritage. It's also a lot of fun!

On Saturday from 10:00 – 4:00 there will be all kinds of activities including:

- A Ceileigh – our Celtic Talent Show with dancers, singers, bagpipes and more on both our upstairs and downstairs stages
- Craft Vendors
- Children's games and activities
- A Bake Shoppe – you'll be able to purchase shortbread, oatcakes and a selection of breads!
- A Lunch Shoppe – Enjoy a traditional Ploughman's platter or a heaping helping of Shepherd's Pie (or even a hot-dog!)
- High Tea – You'll be treated like royalty, enjoying wonderful food, company and, of course, tea
- 2nd Time Around – the very popular vintage jewelry shop – what will you find this year?
- A genealogy speaker, giving participants ideas and suggestions for exploring English and Scottish ancestry
- A Celtic Spirituality resource room

Sunday's activities include:

- Celebration of Feast of St. Andrew, with bagpipes and Kirking of the Tartans, at 8 and 10am
- Celtic Spirituality Seminar at 3:30 pm
- Scottish dinner and Silent Auction at 5:00 pm

Please consider which team you'd like to join. Publicity team members put up posters, the tea room team prepares and serves an elegant tea, the lunch shoppe serves up delicious fare, the bake shop team makes and sells traditional baked goods, children's activity teams are *especially* popular, the jewelry shoppe team sorts and sells really fun and unique finds, the dinner and auction teams close our weekend with a special evening, and the set-up and clean-up teams make it all possible. Jobs range from an hour or two when you're able (like putting up posters), a few hours to bake or set-up or clean up, or 3 or 4 (or more!) hours the day of the faire. It's always fun and always a great way to get to know one another better. Sign up in the parish hall!

Invite your friends and family! Postcard invitations will show up soon in the pews for you to use.

Tea and dinner tickets will be for sale soon!

Celtic Faire Dinner—by Kristina Younger, Auction Chair



Join us for the Sunday evening Celtic dinner and auction, October 22. That features a unique and delicious Scots-themed meal and a fun auction that provides the church with funds to sustain our mission. Items range in price from \$1 to \$2,500.

Currently, we are busy seeking the donation of items. A few great items have already been donated, but we need more. Please consider donating something. Popular items have been: homemade items (Devena's pies and Virginia's paintings are always go for lots of money); Services (photography); Baskets (wine, coffee, etc.); Experiences (dinners, wine tasting, etc.)

Donate an auction item or certificate (forms available in the Ada Webb room)

Mòran taing (Celtic for 'Thank you very much'),

- Kristina Younger (contact info available in the Office or Directory)

DONATION FORMS ARE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR IN THE ADA WEBB ROOM

Tickets will be on sale for the dinner in September after the 8 am and 10am services

Keep Calm and Sparkle on—by Linda Brice



Now is the time to clean out the jewelry that is taking up space in your drawer and donate it to The Second Time Around Jewelry Shop.

Women's, men's, children's jewelry; broken, one earring, watches, beads, etc. Shoppers purchase not only costume jewelry to wear, but also jewelry to use in crafts and fabric embellishments.

Thank you to those who have generously already given—but more is always needed. You may think your jewelry is not worth much—but to someone else it may be just the piece they are looking for to complete a project or an outfit—or may be just what is needed for a Halloween costume or Homecoming dress!

You can drop it by the church office, or give it to me on Sunday.

Sparkle on!



Memories of past Celtic Faires

Jackson Street Food Bank—by Virginia Gaub

Jackson Street Food bank which is housed at St. Andrew's is joint mission with Temple Beth El (on 12th Street close to Pearl). We have been in business for over 15 years and currently serve between 85 and 90 families (about 400 people) each month on the LAST WEDNESDAY of each month.

We are part of Nourish Pierce County (formerly known as FISH food network). "Manpower" (or womanpower) is very much needed during distribution day. 8 – 10 am for set up, 4-7 for distribution and 6:30 to 7:30 for clean up and resetting the room for use by other groups and regular church use. Financially, we are able to purchase food through the Network and we also receive Free food through Emergency Food Network/ Northwest Harvest. With cash donations we shop very carefully for the best prices for items that are not available through the Nourish Pierce County buying sources. We concentrate our purchasing power on protein items, (peanut butter, tuna fish, eggs and dry milk).

We do NOT use donated cash to purchase household products but do welcome donations of those products, such as shampoo, laundry and dish soap, toilet tissue, feminine hygiene products and baby products. Product donations can be place in the trunk in the hallway by the church nursery and cash donations can be sent to: Nourish Pierce County, 1702 S. 72nd St. Ste E, Tacoma, WA 98408-1238

Days for Girls Update—by Virginia Gaub

The Tacoma team of Days for Girls has been meeting at St. Andrew's for 8 months and our leader is moving away from Tacoma. This actually leads to a great opportunity.

There is a team in University Place that meets at United Church of University Place. [3912 Grandview Dr W, University Place, WA 98466]. We will be merging with them but keeping our meeting time here at St. Andrew's.

In the last 8 months we have sent 35 "kits" to Haiti and have 60 more "kits" ready to send out. The UP team is working on a project to send 600 "kits" to India in November. We will contribute those and many more to this project.

As I said we will continue to meet at St. Andrew's on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, in Puddicombe Hall but we are also welcome to meet with the UP group on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Together we will help meet this large goal of 600 kits in time for the distribution in November.

If you do not know what a "kit" consists of or want to know more about this world wide mission project, please look at the website. <https://www.daysforgirls.org/> Or ask.. Virginia Gaub, Dianne Stefanko or Geri Schlosser. All are welcome; you do not need to sew. There are many tasks involved to complete a "kit".

Electronic Recycling—by Virginia Gaub

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Bring to the church your used, ready for discard, **printer ink cartridges, copier toner cartridges, cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets and laptop computers**. I currently working with 2 different companies to be able to send the largest variety of electronic products for rewards to the church. There is a box in the Narthex to collect these items. If it is too large to fit in the box please give to the office or to Virginia Gaub.

BENEFITS: We send these items to a company that will pay us a small amount. There are actual benefits to this program, payment and helping the environment by keeping these items out of the fills. The company will either recycle (refill or refurbish) or environmentally dispose of the item.

Homesharing—by Joe Peer and Fr. Martin Yabroff

Homesharing, through Shared Housing Services – a local way to respond to homelessness in our community and help seniors to remain longer in their own homes
Recommended by Joe Peer and Fr. Martin

Homesharing is a simple idea available to many: A home provider offers accommodation to a home seeker in exchange for an agreed level of support in the form of financial exchange, assistance with household tasks, or simple companionship.

The community is also a beneficiary of Homesharing. Shared living makes efficient use of existing housing stock, helps preserve the fabric of the neighborhood and, in certain cases, helps lessen the need for costly chore/care services and long term institutional care.

Home providers might be senior citizens, persons with disabilities, working professionals, those at-risk of homelessness, single parents, or simply persons wishing to share their life and home with others. For these people, home sharing offers companionship, affordable housing, security, mutual support and much more.

Rising health and housing costs, and longer lives account for home sharing's recent popularity. Many emotional and physical benefits derive from home sharing's friendship and engagement. Those who home share can split household chores, feel safer with companionship, and can grow older at home without feeling isolated.

Shared Housing Service's Adult Homesharing program offers a more secure alternative to other roommate options. Their staff is trained to carefully screen each program applicant through interviewing, background checks, and personal references.

For more information: <http://www.sharedhousingservices.org>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7am SA Meeting
3 8/10 Holy Eucharist	4 Office Closed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	5 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	6 Noon Eucharist	7 6pm Worship Committee 7pm Glory and Praise	8 10am Weaver's Guild	9 7am SA Meeting
10 8/10 Holy Eucharist 8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty Noon Parish Picnic	11 1pm Bible Study 7pm Adult Ed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	12 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	13 Noon Eucharist 1pm Finance	14 7pm Choir	15	16 7am SA Meeting
17 8/10 Holy Eucharist	18 1pm Bible Study 7pm Adult Ed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	19 7:45pm AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	20 Noon Eucharist	21 4-6pm Associated Ministries Meeting 7pm Choir	22	23 7am SA Meeting 9am-1pm Secretariat Meeting 4pm Wedding
24 8/10 Holy Eucharist Addiction Awareness Sunday 11:30am Daughters of the King	25 1pm Bible Study 7pm Adult Ed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	26 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	27 Noon Eucharist 5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	28 7pm Choir	29	30 7am SA Meeting

September Birthdays

- 1 Alex Gaub
- 2 Devena Thomsen
Ryan Erickson
- 3 Amanda Mergens
- 5 Dave Lester
- 6 Bob Beckham
- 16 Tim Lowenberg
- 17 Helen Abbott
David Abbott
Diana Rowe
- 19 Brad Lubken
- 20 Margo Girard
- 23 Carolyn Mayer
Kevin Moody
- 24 Clara Greer
- 28 Reberta Skinner
Jeff Rhodes
- 29 Peggy Schnack
- 30 Betty Bishop



September Anniversaries

- 9-1-1960 Don and Judy White
- 9-13-1991 Benner and Holli Greer
- 9-21-1968 Wynn and Margie Hoffman

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Colin, Christy and Charlie at the Parish Campout at Manchester State Park



Celtic Faire—October 21-22

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