



September 2016



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

Thank you all for the gift of my sabbatical. I am glad to be back with you. I have appended some excerpts from my sermon describing the sabbatical to this letter.

Your Pentecost discussion on St. Andrew's ministries and future, as described in the notes in the June Tartan newsletter, sounds wonderful. There will be a congregational meeting following the 10 am service on Sunday, September 18 to continue the conversation.

Meanwhile, we are off to a great start this Fall. Sunday School begins on September 11, and our Parish Picnic will be then also, at Titlow Park at the bottom of Sixth Avenue. The following Sunday our Choir begins again. September 25 will be our annual Alcoholism and Addiction Awareness Sunday to acknowledge these serious issues in many households and in our community and to lift up the hope and healing we find in God. Then on October 2, we will remember St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals at both services. That afternoon at 1:30 pm is the Hunger Walk, again at Steilacoom Park.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Celtic Faire will be on October 15 and 16 (a week earlier due to Diocesan Convention). Planning is proceeding – watch for invitations to volunteer with our task groups.

Adult education also begins this month. Bible Study begins again on Monday, September 12, every week at 1 to 2 pm. No background required. We are still reading Paul's Letter to the Romans. And that evening, we begin a four week discussion series called "Radical Sending" about living our faith outside of Church, day by day, in our families and community. It will be led by me, Pam Tinsley and Mathew Moravec, and includes a brief video clip each week to stimulate discussion. 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Ada Webb Room. More information about this series is at <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/radical-sending-with-demi-prentiss-for-groups-2/about/>

I am looking forward to seeing you on Sundays as we gather again for worship, service, and to be sent as part of the Jesus Movement!

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**sermon**—by Fr. Martin Yabroff

On this first Sunday back at St. Andrew's after a three month sabbatical, I am very glad to be back here with you. I have missed you all.

It has been a very good sabbatical, and I am so thankful for the gift you gave me of 3 months for rest, refreshment and renewal. I am humbled by your gift and eager to share my experiences with you and to hear of your own experiences.

I am looking forward to our serving together into the future, building together our on-going ministries that we may have come to appreciate more clearly, and exploring new ministries and ways of knowing and following Jesus, based on your new insights and mine over this time for renewal.

The purpose of the sabbatical was for rest and renewal, for me and Eve and our family, and for reflection on God's vocation for me and us, after 30 years of priesthood and 9 years here at St. Andrew's.

The sabbatical fell generally into 3 segments. The first month was a renewal time for Eve and me as we went to Italy and Austria, then to the East Coast for Thomas' graduation. It was the longest trip together for the two of us together since our honeymoon 36 years ago. We really enjoyed it.

The next segment, in June, focused on listening to God and reflecting on my vocation and priesthood. I went down to California to meet with some mentors for my priesthood over the years, and to make a silent retreat at a monastery on the Big Sur coast. During that month, in the week I was visiting or near my parents in the Bay Area, my father died. I am glad that I was there for my mother, and that I had opportunities to reflect on this milestone in my life-journey. (Families can be complicated things.)

The third segment was focused on our ministries into the future. I read a pile of books and have been drawn to the vision-priorities of two Church leaders: Michael Curry, our presiding bishop, who calls us to be the Episcopalian branch of the larger Jesus Movement. Second, our Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, whose 3 priorities in his primacy and for the Anglican Communion seem very important for my vocation and for ours as St. Andrew's.

Welby's 3 priorities are: first, prayer and religious life; second, reconciliation, and third, evangelism and witness. Let me say a little about how I hear these for me and for us, looking forward to our conversations and hearing your own priorities.

**Prayer and the religious life or spiritual community** – we need to support and teach more about prayer, personally and as a worshipping community. We have a warm and welcoming congregation. I want to welcome all persons – “wherever you are on your spiritual journey” – to receive communion at the Lord's Table. That does not mean we don't care about baptism or are taking the Canons lightly, but it reflects the Jesus Movement and the moving of the Holy Spirit in the Episcopal Church in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. I also want to explore the expression someone shared in your Pentecost conversations about being a “West Tacoma Spiritual Center” – in the Episcopal tradition and practice. Celtic Faire is part of that.

**Reconciliation.** There is such a great need for reconciliation in our community and nation and world today. While I was away, our nation experienced the tragedies of the shootings in Orlando, the deaths of Alton Sterling and Philander Chase and other black men, and the shootings of police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge and elsewhere. Are we called to focus more on racial reconciliation? Let us also explore Muslim-Christian reconciliation in our community. I know our Vestry reached out while I was away to the Islamic Center down the street. And let us continue to reach out in interfaith dialogue, both between faith communities and within the Christian community which often seems so divided.

**Evangelism and witness.** These are exciting missionary times. Social critic Diana Butler Bass observes that while religious membership is declining in this country, a vast proportion of Americans still believe in God, have had significant spiritual experiences, and seek to grow spiritually. What is changing is how we practice our beliefs, the ways we express our beliefs and spirituality,

and we need to listen and respond. I believe the Episcopal Church is especially gifted for this conversation and journey, but it will challenge and stretch us all.

We will talk and share more about these – I am looking forward to hearing your insights and discernment as well and to our planning together the way ahead.

Meanwhile, I am thankful for the ministries of Mother Judith, Mother Carola, Fr. Dale, and Fr. Ed as well as our great staff, leaders and Vestry. As I come back and hear from many of you, I commend you all on how well everything seems to be going.

Now as we consider the story of St. Andrew's over the years, and especially as I hear our scriptures today, I am struck that the 3 months we have just come through represent one of the more significant events in our life together as St. Andrew's. I hope we do not ignore or miss its significance. I have been away – to reflect and pray and seek renewal. You have had other worship leaders, heard new voices, and hopefully were challenged by some different ways of doing things. I hope this will be a learning experience for us all, and for us together. . . .

***Rise! Renew! Rejoice!***—financing our capital campaign to Open our Doors to All—by Fr. Martin Yabroff

In 2013, we began our Rise Renew Rejoice campaign to open our doors to all. We discussed and prayed about God's call to us as St. Andrew's, recognized God's call to make our restrooms accessible, install an elevator between floors, and make our lighting and windows more energy efficient. And by the grace of God, and the prayers and hard work of many parishioners, we made pledges of \$460,000 towards this mission.

Pledges were made over three years. Many paid their pledges quickly, and we needed only a \$175,000 construction loan from our Diocese. Construction has been completed, with some increase from the original budget for better windows and other improvements, and all bills have been paid. Our pledge shortfall was projected by our campaign consultant to be 10% due to changes for some families in their finances and some members moving or becoming inactive. However, as we approached the end of our three year pledge period, it looked like we would be about \$35,000 short in paying off our diocesan loan.

Through the continued generosity of our congregation and an unexpected anonymous bequest, the remaining loan balance is now \$5,000. We expect to pay it off in September as additional pledges are received.

St. Andrew's is a very generous congregation. Rise Renew Rejoice pledge contributions received after our loan is retired will be deposited in St. Andrew's Building Fund for further building improvements.

Please join me in thanking Pam Tinsley as Campaign Chair, Bill Brice as Campaign Treasurer, our great campaign committee, and this congregation for teaching us to give "glory to God whose power, working through us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)



## Summer fun at St. Andrew's!

St. Andrew's Vacation  
Bible School  
Egypt—Joseph's journey from  
prison to palace



Thank you to St. Andrew's  
Youth Group members—Noemi  
and Sarah, and Youth Director  
Sunshine for helping clean up  
Franklin Park!



Sing-a-long at St. Andrew's  
Parish Campout at  
Belfair State Park

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## ***Come and See!***—by Pam Tinsley

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**Come** experience your faith, the love of Christ, and the church in a new way! **Come and See, Go and Tell** is a short course about claiming your baptismal covenant and learning what it means to be a follower of Christ. This 3-day weekend is modeled on *Cursillo*, re-imagined and renewed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Applications for the next weekend, October 28–30, are still being accepted. The weekend program, at Dumas Bay Retreat Centre in Federal Way, begins at 2 pm Friday with check-in beginning at 1 pm. Closing will be on Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd in Federal Way. (Community gathers at 1 pm.) Fourth Day, an integral part of the weekend, is November 5 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Kirkland.

More information, including a short, inspiring video by Bp. Greg Rickel, may be found at [www.olycursillo.org](http://www.olycursillo.org). Applications may also be obtained at this website. And for more information, please contact Pam Tinsley or Reberta Skinner.

**Come** experience God’s unconditional love. **See** how God’s healing power and grace can transform you. **Go** live out your Baptism as your daily life. You will be sent by Jesus into the world, supported by community, to **Tell** your story of faith.

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## ***Sunday School begins September 11th***

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A new school year is upon us, which also means a new Sunday school year! We will continue to offer Sunday school for grades K-12 as a way to help our children and youth “know Christ and make Christ known.”

It is the practice of our Sunday school team to always have two adults present for the teaching, in accordance with the diocese’s Safeguarding God’s Children policy and the recommendation of the Vestry. The way it often works is for one adult to plan, prepare, and lead the instruction, with a second adult present to observe and lend a helping hand when needed—perhaps you have at times been asked to be that second adult! We are in need of adults to be regular observers. Ideally we would have six or more as part of a rotation, meaning observers would only need to serve in this way once every six weeks. Beyond a willingness to serve the children and youth of this parish, no other training or preparation is required!

Please let Matthew Moravec know if you would be willing to be on a rotation of observer/helpers.

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## ***Vestry Member's Perspective***—by Kristen Ruscio

Over the summer, the congregation gathered for a sabbatical lunch to reflect on the uniqueness of St. Andrew's. What was so special about the discussion was just how unique the differing perspectives from different members were, and the fact that there was no pressure to align to any specific characteristic of this church. At the time of the lunch, I myself was more focused on the uniqueness of St. Andrew's in regard to outreach to the community, or reaching out beyond the walls of the church. More recently, I find myself more drawn to the connectedness within the church walls.

Many of you know that my wife, Aimee, is in the Army and recently left for a nine month deployment to Kuwait. We've been members of St. Andrew's for less than two years, a relatively short period of time in the grand scheme of life, yet, it would seem from the outpouring of support we have received that we have been part of this church our entire lives. I am originally from the east coast and find myself missing my family greatly, having no relatives nearby. Members of St. Andrew's have not just offered their support during this difficult time, but I believe the form and quality of support has been more in line with how family responds to a difficult time rather than acquaintances offering some kind words. I can honestly say that I have been incredibly surprised and touched by my recent experiences within St. Andrew's and feeling truly cared for by this church community. For both Aimee and I, it goes beyond our experiences in other church communities, and we feel unbelievably thankful to be part of the St. Andrew's family.

With my recent experiences described above, it would be easy for me to shift my view on what makes St. Andrew's so unique to be more in line with the connectedness within the walls of the church, letting the outreach to the community fall out of focus. There are countless examples of our within-church connectedness from the annual church picnic, to the recent St. Andrew's camping weekend, and baseball at Cheney Stadium. There are also so many indications of the outreach St. Andrew's does beyond our walls, including the Jackson Street Food Bank, The Celtic Fair, and community organ concerts. The amazing thing is that I don't have to choose one or the other. I don't have to love St. Andrew's for its connectedness within the walls or its outreach outside the walls; I can love it for both.

St. Andrew's is Family, and it's reflected in how members take care of each other in times of need and in times of joy. St. Andrew's is Family, and it's reflected in how members reach out to the hungry, the poor, the celebratory, and the oppressed. As we move forward in the coming year following our three months of reflection, let us remember that Family is who we are and Family is what we do.

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## ***Ultreya***

After much thought and prayer, our **September 25th Ultreya will be the final one organized by St. Andrew's.** (*Perhaps more will be organized by other congregations?*) So let's celebrate with songs of praise our 6 years of ministry in the Cursillo community. We have enjoyed wonderful music, inspirational witness talks and the many friends who have joined us for Ultreya.

Ultreya begins at 4:30 downstairs in Puddicombe Hall with music and prayers. It will be followed by a potluck at 5:30, please bring a dish to share. Contact Pam Tinsley or Reberta Skinner for more information

## **Community Outreach**—by Don White

The St Andrew's Community Outreach Committee met on July 24th to distribute the second quarter of 2016 funds of \$7,733. The following Organizations and Funds were awarded money:

- St Andrew's Scholarship Fund was awarded \$1000.00.
- St Andrew's Rector's Discretionary Fund was issued \$500.00.
- St Andrew's Seminary Fund received \$773.00.
- Jackson Street Food Bank received \$500.00 for food purchase.
- Associated Ministries of Tacoma & Pierce County received \$500.00 which is the second installment of our Pledge. Our pledge for 2016 is \$2,000.
- St Leo's Food Connection was issued \$500.00 for their Children's Feeding Program.
- Pierce County chapter of Habitat for Humanity received \$500.00 for the Common House at the Woods.
- New Nativity House Day Shelter Program was issued \$500.00 for their hot meals supplies. This program was formally known as The Hospitality Kitchen and Shelter Program.
- Neighborhood Clinic of Tacoma received \$250.00 for staff salary support and general agency support.
- Peace Community Center was given \$400.00 for their Student Assistance Fund.
- Pediatric Interim Care Services (PICS) Center of Tacoma was given \$500.00 for their specialized foster care program for drug exposed infants.
- Pierce County AIDS Foundation was granted \$500.00 for general agency support.
- Tacoma Rescue Mission received \$400.00 for their Search & Rescue Program.
- Tacoma College Ministry was granted \$400.00 for general agency support.
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord Air Terminal USO received \$500.00 for food and beverage purchase to be used at the deployment center.
- Ten dollars was carried over until next quarter to be added to the distribution to the Hearts of Africa Service Center if approved by the Vestry.

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## **Organ Ministry News**

In August our Vestry thanked the members of the Polly Boone Hickman Organ Fund Committee (Gretchen Liebenberg, Chair; Don Bishop; John Hickman; Wynn & Margie Hoffman, Stan Liebenberg; Marian Warren; Don & Judy White) for their wonderful work since January 2014 to lead us in acquiring and installing our new pipe organ. With the installation of the plaque in the Entryway recognizing all the donors to this project, they have finished their work. The Committee is now disbanded. The balance of the Polly Boone Hickman Organ Fund (\$3,112.73) will be transferred to the Organ Ministry (restricted) Fund.

Watch for the 2016-2017 Organ Ministry events to be announced this Fall by the Organ Ministry Committee.

## **Mark your calendars now for our 9<sup>th</sup> Celtic Faire!**—by Liz Herriges



It's hard to believe our Celtic Faire is again approaching! It will be on Saturday and Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- Craft Vendors
- Children's games and activities
- A Ceileigh – our Celtic Talent Show with dancers, singers, bagpipes and more on both our upstairs and downstairs stages
- 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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 new 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!

## **Wall of Clans**—by Rena Girard



THE TIME HAS COME!!! With the Celtic Faire soon to be here it is time for all additional Clan names to be prepared for our WALL OF CLANS. Some of you mentioned additional clan names last fall. I will need you to remind me so that they can be located and made. Please give me an 8x10 sheet of paper with your Clan to be represented by September 18th. Thank you, Rena Girard

## **Celtic Auction**—by Kristina Younger



### **Join us for the Sunday evening Celtic dinner and auction**

The auction provides the church with funds to sustain our mission.

How you can help?

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

Popular items are:

Homemade baked goods, Services (photography), Baskets (wine, coffee, etc)

Experiences (dinners, wine tasting, etc.)

Become an event sponsor or provide a monetary donation and receive promotion in both our auction catalog and social media outlets

Attend our auction

Volunteer Sunday morning (a chance to preview the items) or at the event

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

Kristina Younger Celtic Faire 2016, Auction Chair

## **Don't let anyone dull your sparkle**—by Linda Brice



Just a reminder that donations are still gladly excepted for the Second Time Around Jewelry Store at the Celtic Faire. Take a few minutes to clean out your jewelry box or drawer—and make room for something new. Looking for women's, men's or children's jewelry. Bring your bags or boxes of jewelry either to the church office or church. And I am always happy to drop by your house and pick it up.

Whether it's one earring, a broken bracelet or an old necklace, shoppers come to purchase jewelry for themselves, or use it in craft projects. There are also customers who "rent" the jewelry for a year. They purchase it one year and bring it back the next for resale.

## **Celtic Faire High Tea**—by Reberta Skinner



As we prepare for our 9th Celtic Faire, once again we will offer St Andrew's legendary High Tea. The process of creating a wonderful tea starts with many volunteers, we certainly hope you will consider joining the Tea Room Team. There will be a variety of tasks: preparing food, serving, selling tickets, making sure the tea pots are ready for our guests and the glamorous before and after chores of setup and clean up.

Look for our Team sign up at church or email either Tea Room co-chairs Marilyn Henderson and Reberta Skinner.

# September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  6:30pm Worship Committee	2	3  7am SA Meeting
4 8/10 Holy Eucharist	5 OFFICE CLOSED  8pm Men's Al-Anon	6 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	7 Noon Eucharist	8  7pm Celtic Faire Meeting  7pm Glory and Praise Rehearsal	9 10am -4pm Weaver's Guild	10 7am SA Meeting
11 8/10 Holy Eucharist  Sunday School and Choir Begin  Noon All-Parish Picnic at Titlow	12 1pm Bible Study  6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group  7pm Adult Ed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	13 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	14 Noon Eucharist	15    7pm Choir	16	17 7am SA Meeting  9am-3:30pm Come and See Meeting
18 8/10 Holy Eucharist  11:30am All-Parish Meeting	19 1pm Bible Study  7pm Adult Ed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	20 10:30am AA  7pm Vestry  7:45pm AA	21 Noon Eucharist	22    7pm Choir	23	24 7am SA Meeting
25 8/10 Eucharist Alcohol/Addiction Awareness Sunday  4:30pm Ultreya Meeting	26 1pm Bible Study  7pm Adult Ed 8pm Men's Al-Anon	27 10:30am AA	28 Noon Eucharist  5-7pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	29   7pm Choir	30	

## 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

## ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

- Annika Jeffers—change of address 4428 69th Ave. West,  
University Place, WA 98466
- Sunshine DeGennaro—Delete number Delete cell phone number (253-212-7838)  
Use 253-512-2419



**The 2016 Diocese of Olympia annual convention will be held Friday-Saturday, October 21-22, at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, 17620 International Blvd, Seattle, WA, 98188.**

The Diocese of Olympia Convention meets annually to conduct the business of the diocese. It elects representatives to diocesan offices; ratifies a budget; sets assessment levels; admits congregations as missions or parishes; votes on resolutions; elects a General Convention deputation; and hears the bishop's annual address. Clergy and elected delegates from congregations attend. The delegates from St. Andrew's are: Virginia Gaub, Matthew Moravec, Amanda Mergens, Norbert Herriges. Alternate delegates are: Reberta Skinner, Frank Lawler. Clergy attending are Fr. Martin and Fr. Ed. Linda Brice, a member of the diocesan council is a delegate at large. If you have questions about the convention, visit:

<https://resources.ecww.org/2016-convention>

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