



April 2016



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

Holy Week and Easter services were wonderful – thanks to the Holy Spirit moving through this congregation, and thanks to the faithful work of our Altar Guild, all our musicians, Linda our Secretary, Pam our Ministry Coordinator, Marilyn Henderson, Reberta Skinner and all our Flower Guild, Bill and Ken with our building and arrangements, Matthew and Sunshine with our children and youth, Dave with the website, and so many more. Visitors were welcomed, prayers offered through the night in our Vigil, wonderful hospitality shared – such a week! I was especially moved by our Good Friday evening service and the Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday night) and hope that more members will participate in these next year. Thinking over all these services and ministries reminds me of St. Paul's words in Ephesians (4:15f):

“...Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working property, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.”

This is what parish ministry is about.

Our parish sabbatical is coming up – May, June and July. I call it ours because, much as I am looking forward to this time of reflection on my priesthood and my continuing growth in faith and ministry, and on our ministry together these past nine years and our continuing mission together, I also pray that this will be a time of reflection and renewal for all of you also. I hope that you all will be using this time for creative reflection and conversation about God's mission through St. Andrew's. I am very glad that the Rev. Judith McDaniel will be with you as priest and preacher. She will share insights and perspectives on the Gospel that will enrich all our ministries. We have a great Vestry and Staff who will help you to manage any particular challenges. I will miss you all, but am eager for your renewal time and sharing our experiences when we are together again in August.

Here are some more particulars for the sabbatical time.

- Eve and I will leave for Italy and Austria on April 28. We return from Thomas' graduation on May 25. Mother Judith and Linda Brice will be able to reach me in any emergency during the 3 months. I will be back on Monday, August 1.

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- For the 14 Sundays that I will be away, Mother Judith will be here for 10 Sundays. Mother Carola will preach and celebrate on July 10 & 17. The Rev. Dale McQueen will preach and celebrate on May 22 and June 5.
- Mother Judith will be in the office most Wednesdays for staff meeting in the morning, the Noon Communion service, and to meet with anyone by appointment between 1 and 3 pm. (Please make appointments with Linda.) Mother Carola will be here in her place some Wednesdays in May and July. Fr. Ed will be around as well.
- For pastoral needs, Mother Judith, Fr. Ed, Mother Carola, and other local clergy are available if you are in the hospital or have a particular concern or need. Our very able lay pastoral ministers Pam Tinsley and Reberta Skinner will be available to meet and pray with you. Please contact the Church Office to arrange a clergy or lay visit.
- The Monday 1 pm Bible study and the Thursday Contemplative Morning Prayer service will not be held during the sabbatical. Look for announcements in August about when they will begin again. (Bible Study begins on Sept. 12.)
- The Vestry may organize some special reflection and discussion opportunities during May, June and July. Watch for announcements.

Mother Judith has some words of introduction in this newsletter. Again, let us all be open to what God will bring and stir in us, in our faith, our community, our visions for the future. My spiritual director reminds me that this sabbatical time is a gift – from God, and from you, thank you again – and we are stewards of this time and its opportunities and insights.

Meanwhile, we have an exciting April ahead, with an Organ Concert this coming Sunday, Newcomers Brunch on April 10, Quiz Night on April 16, three baptisms on Sunday, April 17 at 10 o'clock!, and the annual L'Arche plant sale on April 24.

Yours in Christ,
Martin+

A Note from The Rev. Judith McDaniel

In the 1980's as rector of St. John's, Gig Harbor, I enjoyed the gracious hospitality of St. Andrew's as I attended meetings and worship services here. Beginning in 1990, I served as Professor of Homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA. But on one of my sabbaticals, I returned to parish ministry and served St. Paul's, Bremerton, as an interim and supply priest.

Since retirement from VTS in 2012, my husband Jack and I have commuted on special occasions from our home on Bainbridge Island to worship with the congregation of St. Andrew's. We have always been impressed by the warm welcome we have received and look forward to worshipping with you on a more regular basis during Father Martin's sabbatical.

Newcomers' Gathering

Are you new or relatively new to St. Andrew's? Would you like to learn more about St. Andrew's, our community and ministries? Join us on Sunday, April 10, at 11:30 in Puddicombe Hall for a Newcomers' Gathering! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Reberta Skinner or Pam Tinsley.

Children's Lenten Project—by *Matthew Moravec*

This past Lent in Sunday School, our children and youth learned how many people in the world do not have basic needs like having enough food or clean drinking water. The Food for the Poor "Operation Starfish" program helped them to see how small sacrificial donations on their part can make a big difference for these people. Perhaps you were even asked to make a contribution, too! God was at work in their efforts, and they raised \$375.56, which is enough money to feed eight children for an entire year! Thank you for your prayers and support of the children and youth's engagement with this program.

L'Arche Plant Sale

L'Arche Gardens and Farms will be in our parking lot selling plants and flowers today after each service on Sunday, April 24th.

What is L'Arche? Founded by Jean Vanier in France in 1964, L'Arche communities bear witness to the reality that persons with intellectual disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship. We make explicit the dignity of every human being by building inclusive communities of faith and friendship where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together. More information at www.larchetahomahope.org

Rise! Renew! Rejoice! Capital Campaign Update—*The Vestry*

We have been overwhelmed with the faithfulness of those who made financial commitments in 2013 to our **Rise! Renew! Rejoice! Opening Our Doors to All !** Capital Stewardship Campaign. We are quickly approaching the official end of our 3 year commitment to pledge. June 2016 is the official culmination of this project and the date on which our loan from the Diocese will come due.

For those who have joined us since that time, the generous gifts to **Rise! Renew! Rejoice! Opening Our Doors to All !** have allowed us to install the elevator, upgrade the restrooms to be accessible, replace the windows and lighting for energy efficiency and a few other smaller projects.

We are very blessed with these improvements. At this time may I remind those still paying on your commitment to continue to fulfill that promise, as you are able. If you have not had the opportunity to pledge to this goal or would like to increase your pledge, gifts are welcome at any time.

St. Andrew's Scholarships Available—by Kurt Johnston

The Scholarship Committee of St. Andrew's is again offering limited scholarships to assist with education expense. Application packets are now available on the table in the entryway or through the church office. Applications must be **completed and returned by April 15, 2016**

St. Andrew's Scholarship Committee—by Kurt Johnston

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 each year, and is open to all parish members. Please call the church office or Kurt Johnston if you are interested in serving.

Thank you! Thank you!—by Virginia Gaub

A great big thank you to everyone who contributed to another successful SOUP AND BAKED POTATO LUNCH fundraiser. On March 6th the 3rd ANNUAL SOUP AND BAKED POTATO lunch was held in Puddicombe hall. Over \$450 was added to the operating fund, plus a celebration of Fr Ed Sterling 95th birthday and great fellowship. The room was filled with great energy and I lost count at 70 persons who came to eat and share time. Again Thank you all for sharing yourselves, your time and your money with St. Andrew's. The church is truly the people not the building.

**Happy 95th
Birthday
Fr. Ed!!**



**Food and
Fellowship and our
Soup and Potato
Fundraiser**



Building and Grounds—by Bill Brice

The spring cleanup went well. Lots of work was completed inside the church. This Sunday when I was in church I felt the clean wood on the pew in front of me and was thankful for all those who cleaned and oiled the pews. A special thanks to those who worked outside in the rain. You got a lot done and several bags of leaves went to the dump. As soon as the weather cooperates a little, we will be able to get more done.

There are still weeds in many of the planting areas and I invite you to pull a few whenever you are so inclined. This is a great opportunity to say “I made a difference”.

If you see anything that needs to be cleaned, dusted, fixed or otherwise taken care of, help yourself or let me know.

Thanks again.



Pitching in at our All Parish Clean-up Day!



Organ Recital April 3, 3:00pm at St. Andrew's

Hatsumi Miura will be the guest organist on April 3 at 3:00pm at St. Andrew's. Miss Hatsumi is the resident organist at Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall in Japan and is also the organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Yokohama. Her program will include music not only from composers in the years between 1510 (Adndrea Gabrielli) to J. S. Bach, but will also include composers born in the 20th Century (Guy Bovet and Hina Sakamoto). All the music is perfectly suited to the St. Andrew's organ. We hope you can join us for the last recital of the current St. Andrew's 2015-2016 Organ Recital Series. Donations will be gladly accepted.

Daughters of the King Welcomes Two New Daughters!

— Pam Tinsley

On Sunday, April 3, 2016, during the 10 am service, the St. Andrew's St. Elizabeth Chapter of the Daughters of the King welcomes two new Daughters, Shirley Morton and Chrissie Spence. 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.

Chrissie and Shirley spent several months discerning a call to become a Daughter by participating in our chapter's prayer meetings and service to St. Andrew's. Committing themselves to prayer, they then completed a twelve-chapter study in preparation to take vows as Daughters of the King. Beverly Gianetti of All Saints' Episcopal Church will join Chrissie and Shirley as they take their vows, and our chapter's other Daughters (Evalynn Bolles, Margo Girard, Berna Moody, Julie Sawyer, Geri Schlosser, Pam Tinsley, and April Wallace) will renew their vows during the Service of Admission and Rededication on April 3.

Please join us in prayerful thanksgiving for our new members, those discerning whether to undertake the preparatory study, and the ministry of the Daughters of the King. We warmly invite others to learn more about this meaningful ministry of prayer, service and evangelism by chatting with any of us or joining us at our meetings to experience our friendship and love.

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

- Daughters of the King National Handbook

Help Needed—by Virginia Gaub

Jackson Street Food Bank needs some help picking up bread and dessert items from Safeway on Pearl Street. Chuck Bonet has done a great job with this for the last year or so but his schedule has changed and will not be available for a few months. We need someone who 1) has a van/ large utility vehicle/or pick up truck and 2) is available at 10 AM on Tuesday morning once or twice a month. I have a schedule of dates that help is needed and detailed instructions in how to accomplish this assistance. If you think you would be able to help out with any this please speak with Virginia Gaub or Ed Wolfer.

9th Annual Quiz Nite—April 16th—by Eve Yabroff

Once a year, St Andrew's holds a quiz night that is full of merriment, shenanigans, and friendly competition. For this fundraiser, participants each pay an entry fee for a place at a table of approximately 8-10 people. Table captains decide on a theme for their table and provide appropriate table decorations. They also work with the people seated at their table to settle on a potluck menu that fits the theme.

Everyone at that table dresses up in "costume" and brings a potluck dish for the table. Themes can be elaborate or simple. At each table there will be an envelope for any additional funds (optional) a person wants to put toward the dessert "auction," which is full of all sorts of wonderful desserts. After shared appetizers and eating dinner with your table-mates, the quiz begins!

Sign-up sheets will be in the Ada Webb Room beginning March 13. **For those who sign up and are not part of a table, 2 weeks before the event the fundraising committee will create a table for you and assign you a theme—and then you take it from there.**

SO SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Date: April 16—Time: 5:30pm in Puddicombe Hall (downstairs)

Cost: \$12 per person—Participants: Choose a theme, decorate your table and provide food and utensils for your table. Coffee and water are provided. Each table bring a dessert to be auctioned.



**Quiz Nite
2009 to 2015
Fellowship and
Fun over the
years.**



Our Community Outreach project last year:

Building houses through Food for the Poor—by Martin Yabroff

Last year our Community Outreach committee challenged our congregation to raise \$3,200 to build a house in the Caribbean or Central America for a homeless family through the aid organization Food for the Poor (www.foodforthepeer.org). A parish member offered a challenge to double the first \$3,200. Donations flowed in. Food for the Poor had a matching grant available to double our giving for building in Honduras and Jamaica. When Christmas came, we were amazed to announce that this generous congregation, thankful for so many blessings, had donated over \$18,000 to Food for the Poor! We have now heard that our gift enabled, through matching grants, the building of **24 houses** in Honduras! As Community Outreach chair Kit Proctor said so well, *we sought to build a house and we ended up building a village!*

The Food for the Poor organization offers their apologies for messing up the acknowledgement of our parish giving. My cover letter describing our parish Advent project and indicating that all the gifts were from St. Andrew's was separated from the checks that were sent. Food for the Poor then sent individual acknowledgements, beyond the appropriate tax receipts, to all who sent checks. There has been understandable irritation that funds were wasted sending such impressive acknowledgements individually. I have spoken at length with their staff to explain the error and the need for better processes. They are making changes for the future.

Meanwhile, our own Associate Priest the Rev. Carola von Wrangel, who is a speaker for Food for the Poor, addressed our congregation during Lent about their ministries. Our Sunday School has been learning about serving others and has been collecting funds for the Starfish Project, and brought their offerings to Church on Easter Sunday.

This is indeed a generous congregation. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Thank you Columbia Bank!—by Kerrisan Meyer, Volunteer Coordinator & Administrative Assistant at FISH Food Bank

Columbia Bank on 78th Street purchased food for the Jackson Street FISH Food Bank in March. They reached out to the food bank to see what needs were the greatest and purchased whole grain pastas, nuts, and other nutritious foods. Thank you Columbia Bank!



Holy Week and Easter



**Maundy Thursday
Soup Supper**



**The Great Vigil
begins**



Easter Sunday



April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Vestry Retreat	2 Vestry Retreat 7am SA Meeting Organ Rehearsal All Day
3 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:15am Sunday School 3pm Organ Concert	4 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	5 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	6 Noon Eucharist 6:30pm Quilters	7 9am Contemplative Prayer 7pm Glory and Praise Choir	8 10am - 1pm Weaver's Guild	9 7am SA Meeting
10 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:15am Community Outreach Committee 11:30am Newcomer Event	11 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group 8pm Men's Al-Anon	12 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	13 Noon Eucharist	14 9am Contemplative Prayer 6pm Worship Committee 7pm Choir	15	16 7am SA Meeting 5:30pm Quiz Nite
17 8/10 Holy Eucharist 9am Blood Drive 11:15am DOK Prayer Meeting 2-7pm Cora Voce Rehearsal	18 NO Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	19 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA	20 Noon Eucharist	21 7pm Choir	22	23 7am SA Meeting
24 Easter 8/10 Eucharist L'Arche Plant sale after services 2-7pm Cora Voce Rehearsal	25 1pm Bible Study 8pm Men's Al-Anon	26 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7-9:30pm Cora Voce Rehearsal	27 Noon Eucharist 5-7pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	28 7-9:30pm Cora Voce Rehearsal 7pm Choir	29 7-9:30pm Cora Voce Rehearsal	30 7am SA Meeting 9-3:30pm Cursillo Team Meeting 4-6pm Cora Voce Rehearsal 7:30pm Cora Voce Concert

April Birthdays

1	April Wallace
3	Halley Morton Brandon Koch
4	Alex Parsons
8	Barbara Devik
11	Holli Greer
12	Dianne Koch Stefanko Mary Boyce Abigael Wilhite
19	Carol Gurulé
25	Ed Wolfer
22	Lynn Nelson
23	Doug Strausbaugh
24	Carol MacKinnon
25	Julie Sawyer
27	Annika Jeffers
29	Rebecca Nalunkuuma



April Anniversaries

4-9-1960	Bill and Helen Abbott
4-20-1963	Ruby and Carol Gurulé
4-21-2001	Kurt and Cynthia Johnston
4-22-1978	Michael and Janet Taft
4-23-1960	Wayne and Peggy Nelson

ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

Contact the Church Office for details

Rudy and Carol Gurulé—new members	address and e-mails
Kenneth and Silivia Lado (Bassili, Patrick, Sarah, Salome, Richard)	address and contact info.
The Rev. Carola von Wrangel*	new address

**Mother Carola von Wrangel, our Priest Associate, who has been a wonderful part of our ministries here, has moved to Edmunds, WA to live nearer her son and her daughter. She will serve here especially during the Rector's sabbatical as she is able.*

Blood Drive—Susie Cameron

The next drive will be held, Sunday, April 17, starting at 9:00 AM and done at 12:30 PM, at The Temple Beth-el. Appointments can be secured by contacting: Susie Cameron.

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