



July-August 2016



While Fr. Martin is on a 3-month sabbatical the Tartan front page will highlight some of the events happening at St. Andrew's or special guest writers from our parish will share their thoughts. This month we highlight an article from Terry Bonet, Senior Warden.

Ordinary Creating the Extraordinary— Terry Bonet, Senior Warden

Two of my favorite things are history and architecture. Any time the two are combined, I become giddy, so you can imagine how much my trip to Europe meant. Not only was I getting to see my oldest daughter for the first time in over a year, but I was going to be immersed in enough history and old world architecture to keep myself occupied for months.

One of the things that struck me in all the old cathedrals was that ordinary men had built them. During the time they were built (in one case, construction was started in 597 AD) most of the workers couldn't read or write. There were no large pieces of machinery to lift the stones and no factory to cut them; no concrete mixers or walkie-talkies for efficient communication. In some cases, they weren't paid because members of the clergy told them it would absolve their sins to build a church. The men worked mostly with small tools yet they created something that millions of people over time have visited, enjoyed, and worshipped within. When you examine the details in the smooth stone and the beautiful carvings, you can see what an ordinary human can make. Visitors can physically see the extraordinary gifts God gave us all.

The Bible has many examples of God working in the ordinary:

1. In the case of **Nehemiah**, we see a man who was nothing more than a slave who served wine to a king. Yet, because of his great faith, in an ordinary day, God ordained him to be part of a historic event to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
2. In Genesis, **Jacob** is a man who used deception to take the blessing of being the first born. Despite his poor choices, God still used him to produce 12 sons, who would one day be the patriarchs of the 12 tribes of Israel.

These are just two examples but there are many more. We go through life not fully realizing what we are capable of. Sometimes, this stems from fear or lack of encouragement but there are times when we look back in amazement because we have accomplished something we never thought was possible. I come from parents who never finished tenth grade. I was the only one to walk in a high school graduation out of five children, and the only one to earn a college degree. I was told "no" my entire life. Told I couldn't make it or accomplish what I wanted, but I look back and see what I have earned through dedication and hard work and it brings tears to my eyes. I have no idea how I got here. Well, I do know; I know God has been building a cathedral in me.

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The tour through Europe made me see just how extraordinary God has made human beings. The art, the sculptures, the literature, and the buildings. It made me ask myself, what is the cathedral I'm building one stone at a time? How am I asking God to work in my life to help make the ordinary things extraordinary? When your life is filled with the desire to see the holiness in everyday life, something magical happens.

“Ordinary life becomes extraordinary, and the very process of life begins to nourish your soul.”

-Rabbi Harold Kushner

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

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Celtic Faire weekend, Oct. 15th and 16th. It's the weekend we open our doors, welcoming our community in a celebration of Celtic traditions and spirituality.

Community members visit St. Andrew's enjoying tea, purchasing baked goods, listening to music, watching dancing, shopping, or enjoying lunch. Sunday afternoon offers a seminar on Celtic spirituality, and we celebrate a traditional Scottish dinner with an auction on Sunday evening. Plan to invite friends, and watch for opportunities to join one of the many teams who make this all happen. If you have questions or would like to be involved in planning the event, please contact Liz Herriges.

A few of our 2016 St. Andrew's Scholarship Recipients



Meg and Mitch Greer and family



Derek Ramage



Thomas Anderson and family



Shelby Hickman and parents

Izumi Shiga Wohlers—by Naomi Shiga

It is a time of great joy in our home. This May Jon and I were blessed with our first child, Izumi Shiga Wohlers. We are just beginning our life together, and while there is sure to be pain and heartache along the way, it is our fervent prayer that we might “build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.” Izumi’s given name comes from the title of the prayer poem *Inochino Izumi* written in 2014 by his grandmother, Yoko Shiga. It was composed as an expression of her faith in the time since the passing of my father and her husband who died from cancer 20 years before, taking inspiration also from John 4:14, “but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (in Japanese *izumi* means spring or fountain of water). *Inochino Izumi (Spring of Life)* was set to music as a choral work for women’s choir, soprano solo, and organ by the composer Hina Sakamoto (b. 1968), and was performed at St. Andrew’s in February of 2015 in a concert presented by the choir Musica Sacra from Ferris University, Yokohama. In celebration I would like to share the text from this anthem.

SPRING OF LIFE

I hear the sweet voice of Jesus saying, “follow me.”
 Gathering around the spring of life
 The wings of my heart open like a tiny bird’s,
 And my mouth sings a song of joy:
 I say Amen to you, O Lord; through your power alone,
 The morning sun—the evening light,
 The evening light—the morning sun.

I hear the voice of Jesus on the hill of sorrow saying, “I will never forsake you.”

My tears are frozen, my mouth has forgotten the
 song,

The heavy wings of my heart no longer fly. I am a lost bird.
 And yet, I am looking for spring, because with you, O Lord,
 Despair turns to hope, darkness turns to light, doubt turns to faith.

The hill of Zion is filled with the scent of roses, the scent of earnest love;
 And now my heart longs for the Lord.
 My heart looks to the light, the everlasting light of heaven.
 Countless blessings, and the promise of the Lord, what else do I need?
 My soul cries for you with gladness, and I sing of the beauty of the Lord:
 Almighty God, everlasting God, you are always right, forever and ever.
 Amen. Amen. Amen.



Grandma and Izumi

July 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 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 7pm Celtic Faire Meeting 7pm Glory and Praise Choir | 8 | 9 7am SA Meeting 9am Secretariat (Cursillo) Meeting |
| 10/8/10 Holy Eucharist 8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty 11:30am Daughters of the King Study Group | 11 6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 12 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA | 13 Noon Eucharist | 14 | 15 | 16 7am SA Meeting 10am-Noon Daughters of the King Meeting |
| 17 8/10 Holy Eucharist | 18 6pm Vacation Bible School 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 19 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 6pm Vacation Bible School | 20 Noon Eucharist 6pm Vacation Bible School | 21 6pm Vacation Bible School | 22 | 23 7am SA Meeting |
| 24 8/10 Eucharist 11:30am Daughters of the King Study Group 4:30pm Ultreya 31 8/10 Eucharist | 25 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 | 29 | 30 |

ULTREYA/PRAY AND PRAISE POTLUCK July 24th 4:30 PM
St. Andrew's Puddicombe Hall
 A time for community prayer and singing.
 Contact Pam Tinsley or Reberta Skinner for more information.

August 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 2 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA | 3 Noon Eucharist | 4 | 5 | 6 7am SA Meeting |
| 7 8/10 Holy Eucharist Blood drive 11:30am Daughters of the King Study Group | 8 6:30pm Alzheimer Support Group 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 9 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA | 10 Noon Eucharist | 11 | 12 Parish Campout at Belfair State Park | 13 7am SA Meeting Parish Campout at Belfair State Park |
| 14 8/10 Holy Eucharist Parish Campout at Belfair State Park 8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty | 15 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 16 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA | 17 Noon Eucharist | 18 | 19 | 20 7am SA Meeting |
| 21 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:30am Daughters of the King Study Group 1:30pm Baseball at Cheney Stadium | 22 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 23 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA | 24 Noon Eucharist | 25 6pm Worship Committee | 26 | 27 7am SA Meeting |
| 28 8/10 Eucharist | 29 8pm Men's Al-Anon | 30 10:30am AA 7:45pm AA | 31 Noon Eucharist 5-7:15pm Youth Group 5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank | | | |
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Women of the Bible—A Summer Bible Study—by Pam Tinsley

When we think of prophets in the Bible, we usually think of Isaiah or Jeremiah, but do you know about the great prophet Anna? When you think of the leaders of the early Church, certainly Peter and Paul come to mind, but do you know about Lydia, a successful businesswoman whose support allowed the early church to flourish?

Join facilitator Pam Tinsley and the Daughters of the King for a four-session introductory study about women in the Bible. We will hear about their stories of faith and how their stories – and lives – are relevant to ours today.

The Daughters of the King will offer this short, summer study on four Sundays from 11:30 to 12:30 in the Georgie Chapel: July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 21. We will be reading excerpts from *Women of the Bible* and scripture to introduce us to these remarkable women, and gently used copies may be purchased through April Wallace for less than \$10. Pam will also draw from other resources. Each class is structured around a theme, and you need not attend all four sessions in order to have a deeper appreciation for the role of our biblical forbears.

The Midsummer Organ Party has been cancelled until this Fall. Watch for the announcement in the September Tartan.

Geiger-Montessori School on Jackson Street donated 142 pounds of food they collected for the Jackson Street Food Bank. Thank you!



July Birthdays

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| 3 | Michael Dick |
| 4 | Dominic Johnston Lucy Abbott |
| 8 | Susie Cameron Tom Rowe |
| 11 | Judy White Dennis Kerr |
| 12 | Rachel Sawyer |
| 16 | Kiera Beckham |
| 19 | Michael Taft |
| 20 | Dave Tinsley |
| 21 | Bill Brice Beth Broadhead |
| 22 | Tom Baker Maggie Burdick |
| 28 | Sarah Broadhead |
| 29 | John Hickman |
| 30 | Molly Strausbaugh |

August Birthdays

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| 1 | Matthew Wolfer |
| 2 | Theresa DeGennaro |
| 4 | Fran Christianson Wynn Hoffman Grace Beckham |
| 7 | Don Bishop |
| 8 | Vera Heritage |
| 9 | Sunshine DeGennaro |
| 12 | Emily Yabroff Bradley |
| 15 | Cynthia Johnston |
| 17 | Derek Ramage |
| 18 | Don Ramage Joanne Ames |
| 25 | Thomas Yabroff |
| 26 | Nita Cameron |
| 28 | Margie Hoffman Ellie Sawyer |
| 30 | Alex Yabroff |
| 31 | Martin Yabroff |

July Anniversaries

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 7-9-66 | Dave and Sue Lester |
| 7-14-73 | Tom and Marilyn Henderson |
| 7-18 | Steven and Kayla Beesley |
| 7-29-10 | Tony and Dianne Stefanko |

August Anniversaries

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|---------|----------------------------|
| 8-3-91 | Brian and Karen Burdick |
| 8-3-80 | Dave and Pam Tinsley |
| 8-5 | Tom and Marilyn Baker |
| 8-16-08 | Matthew & Margaret Moravec |
| 8-17-03 | Wayne and Patty Mannie |
| 8-21-71 | Bill and Jean Lubken |
| 8-28-68 | Tim and Mary Lowenberg |

Vacation Bible School—by Matthew Moravec

Invitations are out, kids are signing up, and volunteers are preparing for this year's VBS. On July 18-21, 6-8 pm, children and youth will visit ancient Egypt! There they will enter into Joseph's story of hope, perseverance, and forgiveness. Please pray that they will grow in knowing, trusting, and loving God through their experience

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