



January 2018



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, speaks again and again about the Jesus Movement. So what is this 'Jesus movement'?

*It was a movement of people for whom Christ was the center of their lives, such that his life breathed through their lives. And though mortal and sinful and fallible, they found themselves*

*Loving like Jesus,  
Giving like Jesus,  
Forgiving like Jesus,  
Doing justice,  
Loving mercy,  
Walking humbly,  
With God  
Just like Jesus.*

*They became the Jesus Movement, the Body of Christ, the hands, the feet, the heart of Jesus in the world in their time. And therein is our origin and our identity as baptized disciples of Jesus of Nazareth today, in the Episcopal way of following him. (from "An Introduction to the 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention")*

We as a congregation say that our mission is "to know Christ and to make Christ known". I believe that means that we intend to be part of the Jesus Movement. And I believe that now is the time for us to live this Jesus Movement so that our lives and households and community are changed and transformed. To engage the Jesus Movement so that people around us – families, friends, and the communities and Tacoma, University Place, Fircrest, and beyond – know that Jesus is significant here.

We had wonderful Advent and Christmas services – many worked hard, sharing in loving and generous service to welcome others and celebrate the beauty of these stories and miracles. We now must use these inspiring Christmas memories to look ahead – how will the world know and celebrate what we are coming to appreciate? That is, how shall we proclaim the Good News of Christmas?

We have made generous pledges towards our ministries in 2018 – how shall our giving and our serving not be hidden under a basket but shine for all to see?

We have ministries ahead, from learning about Black history to going deeper in faith with Bible Study and community service – how shall we live our Baptismal identity as disciples of Jesus?

I do not have detailed plans for us all. I challenge myself and all of us together to listen to God and one another and seek how this New Year will be our year of embracing the Jesus Movement in creative ways.

The world is changing. The church is changing as well – patterns of attendance and participation, assumptions about God and about Jesus, expectations about what Christianity is about. Let us follow Jesus, and see what happens.

I want to thank you for your support of Organ Concert Ministry in 2017. Already in the midst of our third season, there are already many wonderful memories!! Every time I go local art/music events in Tacoma and even in Seattle, I meet friends who tell me how wonderful our concert series is. I feel we are on the arts map and I am so excited to talk about St. Andrew's to the people who don't necessarily go to church.

Our next concert is scheduled to take place January 21. It will be played by an internationally known performer, Julia Brown from Eugene, Oregon. She is especially renowned as a recording artist with a number of excellent CDs and award winning recordings of North German masters. After the fun and busy days of the Christmas season, let's have a time of reflection and great music on our organ at St. Andrew's. Julia's music has power to open up your soul, so you don't want to miss this very fine performer. Please be there on January 21 at 3:00 p.m. And invite your friends who might be new to our series. It is a great chance to introduce our church. And as always, the concert will be followed by another of our famous concert receptions. Don't miss it!

Sarah Broadhead and Izumi Shiga Wohlers



### ***Celebrating our new Columbarium Art Installation***

Our Vestry, guided by a Columbarium Art committee (Margo Fleshman – chair, Linda Brice, Bill Howe, Virginia Rothenberg, Martin Yabroff) commissioned artist Jean Tudor to create an amazing Celtic Cross with a central emblem invoking the mountains and waters of the Northwest, for our newly renovated Columbarium. We will dedicate this cross on January 28. Donations are still welcomed.



Installing the cross in the columbarium.



Jean Tudor, Artist

## ***Healing the Spiritual Wounds of War***

WHEN: Sunday, January 21st, 2018, 2:00 pm

WHERE: Christ Episcopal Church, Puyallup

210 5th Street SW, Puyallup, WA 98371

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How can your church care for the spiritual wounds of war? Iraq war veteran and Episcopal priest, David Peters, will present the unique power churches have in healing moral injury and the spiritual injuries associated with PTSD. Veterans and those who care for them are invited to this educational and inspirational presentation.

### **SPEAKER:**

The Rev. David W. Peters served as an enlisted Marine and Army Chaplain, deploying to Baghdad, Iraq in 2005-2006. His books, *Death Letter: God, Sex, and War* and *Post-Traumatic God: How the Church Cares For People Who Have Been to Hell and Back* vividly describe his own path to healing after war, a path he regularly invites his fellow veterans to consider. David blogs for the Huffington Post, and Oxford University Press. At present David serves as the Prior of the Hospitallers of St. Martin and as Associate Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Austin, TX. David is one of five Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) Fellows and he will be using his grant to travel around the country offering healing services for veterans. He enjoys long-distance running, walking and bicycling around Austin, TX, reading novels, and extra-dark chocolate. He is married to Sarah Bancroft and has three sons.

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### ***Small Groups: Kick off Meeting***—by Meghan Mullarkey

There will be an initial meeting with everyone who signed up to be in a small group on **January 14th in between services at 9:15am** downstairs in the Puddicombe Hall. Please let the Rev. Meghan know if you cannot be there.

The Rev. Meghan will go over any questions that people may have and also clarify the spiritual autobiography and how the first phase of the small groups will go. Then your small group will together discuss when to meet and whether or not you want to meet at the church or in someone's home. Bring your calendar to this meeting!

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### ***St. Andrew's 2018 Annual Meeting***

Sunday, January 28 – 9:00 am

Beginning with worship all together (8 & 10 am congregations!)

then continuing downstairs for no more than 1 hour

All are invited to gather in the name of the Lord to praise God, celebrate God's love, welcome one another in Jesus, and seek the Holy Spirit as we choose leaders (Vestry, Delegates, etc.), hear reports, and listen to one another.

## **Celtic Faire Auction Thank you**—by Kristina Younger

This is the time of year in which one reflects with the gratitude upon the blessings one has received. Recently, Time Magazine wrote about the “Surprising Health Benefits of Gratitude”. Is it surprising that gratitude benefits one’s health? No. Being appreciative for all the things in one’s life is crucial. The Scots have a Gaelic phrase: “*mòran taing*” which means “much gratitude”.

A few months ago, I met with a group of high school students for a discussion group. The topic was “thankfulness”. Each was to tell what they were thankful for. Several of the teens said they had nothing for which they were grateful. I pressed them, yet they said “nothing”. I found this pneumonia disheartening. I hope this season, you find many things for which you have *mòran taing*.

This past few months, I have experienced *mòran taing* at St. Andrew’s Church through my involvement with the Celtic Faire. It is truly the St. Andrew’s family coming together in this annual celebration. I personally want to thank everyone who assisted in any way with the Celtic Faire on before the event, Saturday and/or Sunday. It is really a group project.

A highlight of the event was on Saturday when a local non-Parish family told me each year they get so excited when they see the banner go outside on the building announcing the dates. They start to think about the food, entertainment, etc.

This year was my second year coordinating the auction during the dinner on Sunday night. Each year, I learn more and already have plans for next year. *Mòran taing* to all who assisted in some small way. I would list you all by name, but two issues: There are so many names, it would take several pages and I am fearful I would forget to mention someone. However, one person who needs to be mentioned is Jean Lubken. She procured most all the donations from local businesses. Below is a list of some of the businesses that donated. Please consider patronizing them to show your appreciation.

At Your Service Plumbing  
Body Wise Massage  
Brassfields  
Chef's Cut - Beef Jerky  
Farrelli's Pizza  
Fort Fido  
Forza Coffee  
Griot's Garage  
Grassi's  
Stake 571 - Burger & Whiskey Bar (at Point Ruston)  
Starbucks (University Place)  
Symbols Spa'lon  
Trader Joe's

## ***Celebrating Black History Month***—by Meghan Mullarkey

This year at St. Andrew's we are going to celebrate Black History Month, which is in February. Black History Month started in 1926, originally as a week, by an African American historian, Carter G. Woodson, who noticed that because white people in the United States often wrote the history books, they often did not acknowledge the accomplishments of black people.

In the month of February, we want to highlight the different ways that black people have enriched the world through art, politics, inventions, science, activism, and more. We will have flashcards out that highlight and discuss these achievements to discuss during coffee hour. Our hope is that you will be sparked to look into the people you learn about further and to discuss what you learn with others. Also, during coffee hour on three different Sundays, Annika, Lee and Sandy have offered to prepare a food item that represents their black culture.

We are also encouraging congregants to read and discuss The Cross of the Redemption (Non-Fiction) by James Baldwin or Beloved (Fiction) by Toni Morrison. We also hope you will watch the movie, "The Tuskegee Airmen" which is based on the true story of the first African-American combat pilots in the United States Army Air Corps, that fought in World War II.

After meeting with Annika, Sandy, Lee, and Reberta we all left with the question, how do we intentionally integrate difference into our everyday life? We agreed that we all have more learning to do. As our baptismal vows ask, will we strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? What does it look like to put our "we will" into action. We would love the celebration of Black History Month to be the beginning of finding ways to celebrate different cultures and races as a continual reminder to open our mind to difference and deepening what it means to respect the dignity of every human being.

A stop at Starbucks before attending the Tacoma Youth Chorus Advent Concert at Mason Methodist Church, Tacoma.



Cooper Burdick and Izumi Shiga Wohlers presenting the offering at the 8:00am service.



## January Birthdays

3	Anna Strausbaugh
4	Kurt Johnston
11	Kathy Arthur
13	Bill Lubken
18	Cascade Mullarkey
20	Eric Younger
27	Colin McDaniel
16	Kyle Girard
31	Evalynn Bolles Wayne Mannie



## January Anniversaries

1-3-1994	Megan and Steve Parsons
1-6-2007	Bob and Michelle Beckham
1-6	Greg and Ingrid Gaub

### ***New or changed addresses***

*Contact the Church Office for details*

Becky Gregg—new address  
Steven and Kayla Beesley



Colin and Charlie McDaniel and Izumi Shiga-Wohlers decorating the Christmas tree



Carol MacKinnon and Linda Brice adding decorations to the tree

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to know Christ and to make Christ known.

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