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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

We as a community of faith are in the midst of Lent, a season of spiritual renewal. There is more going on than we can be aware of. We are like a farmer's field, receiving the rain and the sun, with the seeds within beginning to sprout and grow. We are like a construction project, where as the building begins to take shape, we begin to see what is being built.

We can be confident that God's Holy Spirit is seeking to move in our hearts and in the midst of our community. How we respond – to listen, to be open to strength and renewal – is up to us.

Ways to cooperate with God in our lives include prayer and reading Scripture, serving others, other disciplines to focus our attention on God with us and loving us, and sharing in worship. Worship together is a particularly powerful way to nurture the seeds that God is growing in our lives, and to discern the construction project that is God's work within us.

Worship can kindle our eagerness for God's presence and action. Each Sunday in Lent, and especially during Holy Week, our worship stirs and forms us more than we may realize. (Sometimes we may only realize how our faith is kindled **after** worship – getting **to** Church takes discipline and the overcoming of inertia.)

I invite you, in the name of the Church, to walk together these in Holy Week services here at St Andrew's.

- To walk with Jesus into Jerusalem and through the drama of the Passion Story (Palm Sunday)
- To explore the different Gospel lenses on the mystery of Easter (Monday)
- To share the Eucharist around the altar with a small group of disciples (Wednesday)
- To remember the love of Jesus for his friends, and his courage and faith, that last night (Thursday)
- To pray with others in the night, remembering Jesus' journey to the Cross and the needs of our world (Thursday)
- To gather with other Christians at Noon to mark the grace of Jesus (Friday Noon)
- To pray for the hard things of this world and to remember Jesus' all-encompassing love nailed to the hard wood of the Cross
- To celebrate the glorious drama of salvation – God's purposes from Creation to Glory (Saturday evening)
- To proclaim the joy of Easter and its meaning for us today. (Sunday morning)

Let us walk together this holy Lenten pilgrimage to the place of our resurrections.

Yours in Christ,  
Martin+



## **Palm Sunday (March 25) - 8 & 10am**

Both services will begin outside around the Cross with the Liturgy of the Palms, then march inside for the Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Holy Communion.

## **Monday in Holy Week (March 26) - 1pm to 2pm**

One hour review of the Easter stories in the Bible

## **Wednesday in Holy Week (March 27) - 12 Noon**

Holy Communion (brief 35 minute service with homily)

## **Maundy Thursday (March 28) - 6:30 pm**

Soup Supper, a very personal Holy Communion experience and the Stripping of the Altar, as we remember Jesus' last night with his friends.



**Prayer Vigil from Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm to Midnight** in the Georgie Chapel

## **Good Friday (March 29) Two Services**



**Ecumenical Prayer Service, 12 Noon**, presented here at St. Andrew's. Co-sponsored by a range of local churches from Presbyterian and Methodist to Assemblies of God and Foursquare. One hour service.

**Dramatic Good Friday Liturgy, 7 pm**, with music and experiential reflection on the Cross.

## **The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, March 30) - 8 pm**

A dramatic Easter service from early Christian times. We gather at dusk to light a great fire, bring in the Easter candle, hear stories of salvation beginning with Genesis, renew our baptismal vows, shout out the joy of Easter and bring in Easter lilies. The Resurrection is proclaimed and a Festive Eucharist is shared.

## **Easter Sunday (April 1) - 8 & 10 am**

Festive worship celebration with Choir. Nursery Care at 10 am.

An Easter Egg hunt follows the 10 am service.



*Plan to attend as many of these holy services and gatherings as possible. Think about who you can invite who might find them meaningful*

## ***To the Parish of St. Andrew's***—by Jean Tudor

It was such a great pleasure to be with you the morning of January 28<sup>th</sup> for the dedication of the Northwest cross for the columbarium. I enjoyed making the cross and I also enjoyed spending time in the columbarium, surrounded by the names of people who had been part of my life in the 1950s and 60s. The columbarium itself is such a bright lovely chapel, with a feeling of serenity within it. What a special place for my parents and their--and my--friends from the past to rest in peace.

I have some thank yous which I must mention. Working with a committee on an art project does not always flow smoothly. However, interacting with Margo Fleshman, Virginia Rothenberg, Linda Brice, Bill Howe, and Martin Yabroff was stimulating, interesting, easy and fun! Thank you to a stellar arts committee for such a good experience. And I thank my family also. My brother Don Cameron gave me help in reading the photos of the construction of the columbarium walls—I'm rather dumb about such things. My brother-in-law Wayne Nelson was invaluable when it came to planning for and then hanging the cross on the wall. His meticulous work was a tremendous boon! In fact I extend the thank you to the whole clan. There are pictures in the midst of the project of sister Peggy Nelson, and my nieces and their families, the Burdicks and the Winns, all helping. I doubt the cross would be on the wall if all these people had not been in on the work! Thank you!

Linda Brice sent me a copy of Don Ramage's reaction to the cross. It was beautiful. And it is exactly what I hope happens when I have finished my work on a piece of liturgical art: that it is taken out of the studio and into a place of worship, hopefully becoming something more than metal and glass in people's lives. Thank you to Don Ramage. This is closure for me on a beloved project done for a beloved church.



Flipping pancakes at the  
Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper



## ***Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil***—by Pam Tinsley

### ***“Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” Maundy Thursday Garden Watch Prayer Vigil***

The Daughters of the King are organizing a Maundy Thursday Garden Watch Prayer Vigil in which all are warmly invited to participate.

The Prayer Vigil begins on March 29 at the close of the Maundy Thursday liturgy after the stripping of the altar (about 7:30 pm) and continues until midnight. Those who participate take turns spending time in quiet meditation and prayer, keeping watch with our Lord. An hour may be kept by one or more persons. For safety, we are encouraging men to sign up for the later hours. Look for sign-up sheet to ensure that we have the entire period covered by prayers. And, drop-ins are *always* welcome!

The inspiration for the vigil comes from the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, when, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asks the sleeping disciples, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray...” (MT 26:40-41). This devotional practice has been a part of Holy Week tradition since the early church. We hope that you can join us in this meaningful experience! For more information, please contact Berna Moody, Shirley Morton, Geri Schlosser, Pam Tinsley or April Wallace.

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## ***St. Andrew’s 11th Annual Quiz Nite***—by Kristina Younger

### **SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, May 5th 5:30pm**

Every spring, St Andrew’s holds a quiz night that is full of fun, 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.

The quiz (a type of trivia quiz) consists of eight rounds of questions on different subjects; each round is scored before the next begins and posted for all to see. Tables are competing against each other for bragging rights and the right to add a token onto a perpetual (and pretty tacky) trophy.

At each table there will be an envelope for any additional funds (optional) a person wants to put toward the dessert dash, which is full of all sorts of wonderful desserts. After shared appetizers and eating dinner with your table-mates, the quiz begins!

Before the last round of the quiz, we hold the dessert auction. The table that has collected the most money in its dessert auction envelope gets first choice of the goodies, then the table with the next highest amount gets to go, and so on... until every table has a dessert to enjoy. An award is also given to the table that has executed its theme the best. All monies raised in entry fees and the dessert auction go into St. Andrew’s general fund.

For more information, please contact Kristina Younger through the Church Office.

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

This year at St. Andrew's we celebrated Black History Month. We were blessed by Annika, Sandy, Lee, Felix, and Margaret by their delicious treats they brought to coffee hour. Our minds were challenged and opened by Sandy's stories and teachings on the book, So You Want to Talk About Race and James Baldwin's teachings in his book, The Cross of the Redemption. We celebrated the rich history of black people in our world through the black history cards during coffee hour. I hope you learned about new things through these different offerings and were able to deepen your appreciation for all the ways that black people have contributed to and enriched our world.

So now the question of what next. When I originally met with Lee, Annika, Sandy, 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. Our hope was that the celebration of Black History Month would be the beginning of finding ways to celebrate different cultures and races and become aware of our own biases.

There are many ways that we could continue this conversation. Some ideas to get your own thoughts brewing: we could make it a tradition of having cultural food options at coffee hour, we could do an adult education hour around power and privilege, we could invite someone from the Diocese to do an intercultural competency training at St. Andrew's. More ideas and thoughts are welcome! I would love to gather a group of 3-6 people. If this possibility of doing more excites you then I would love to hear from you. Let's keep this important conversation going.

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## ***Vestry Viewpoint*** —by Liz Herriges

St. Andrew's vestry is gearing up for a new year of work together. A first meeting with new members Ken Rhodes, Jessica Richards, and Hayley Adams was held mid month. At that meeting the vestry elected Don Ramage to the position of Junior Warden, who joins with Susan Rowe, the Senior Warden, to lead the work of the team.

The vestry will meet together for an extended time in April to continue the work begun at the annual meeting. We'll spend time planning based on the notes and discussions from the annual meeting and set goals for our work this year.

This year the vestry is working as a team of eight rather than a team of nine. We are hopeful that next year we will be able to again have a full team of nine. If you are curious about the work we do or about the purpose of the vestry, please check with a vestry member to learn more and possibly consider joining this team in the future. Vestry meetings are once a month, usually the third Tuesday at 7:00. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

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# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  7pm Choir	2	3 7am SA Meeting
4 8/10 Holy Eucharist	5 1pm Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	6 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	7 Noon Eucharist	8  7pm Glory and Praise Choir	9 10am Weaver's Guild	10 7am SA Meeting
11 8/10 Holy Eucharist  8:45-9:45am Parish Nurse on Duty	12 1pm Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	13 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	14 Noon Eucharist	15  7pm Choir	16	17 7am SA Meeting  9:15am Come & See (Cursillo) Secretariat
18 8/10 Holy Eucharist	19 1pm Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	20 10:30am AA  7pm Vestry 7:45pm AA	21 Noon Eucharist  3-6:00pm Days for Girls	22  7pm Choir	23	24 7am SA Meeting  Noon—4:00pm PEO
25 8/10 Holy Eucharist	26 1pm Bible Study  8pm Men's Al-Anon	27 10:30am AA  7:45pm AA	28 Noon Eucharist  5-7pm Jackson Street Food Bank	29 Maundy Thursday  6pm Soup Supper and Liturgy 7:30pm- Midnight Garden Vigil	30 God Friday  Noon Good Friday Service 7pm Good Friday Service	31 Holy Saturday  8pm The Great Vigil

## March Birthdays

1	Linda Brice Megan Parsons
4	Alex Parsons John Tinsley
10	Fr. Ed Sterling
11	Keith Potter
12	Naomi Shiga
16	Steve Arthur
19	Owen Bradley Miles Bradley
21	Christy McDaniel
25	Elise Wolfer
26	Patty Mannie
28	Margo Fleshman Mark Adams
29	Virginia Rothenberg
31	Rosemary Sissel



## March Anniversaries

3-20-2010	Jeffrey and Mary Boyce
3-21-1992	Tom Egnew and Joan Halley
3-24-1984	Doug and Molly Strausbaugh

### **40 Days of Kindness**—by Cyndi Wolfer, RN, MSN, Parish Nurse

Lent is underway. Often Christians give up something for Lent. Another way to honor Lent is to spend 40 days doing something kind for someone each day. This could be something like leave a generous tip, send flowers to a friend, pay for someone's coffee or lunch, drive nice, or write a positive comment on social media. For other ideas, see my bulletin board at church.

### **Updates of phone, email and addresses**

*Please contact the church Office for details.*

Hayley Adams—new email

Jim Ball—new address

Keith Potter—new phone number

Taschner Family—new phone number



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Kristina Younger

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