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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all those who prepared for and served in and shared our very meaningful Holy Week and Easter services. I am thankful for our congregation and our many ministries. And I am eager to share them more widely, for the sake of those who would be inspired and enriched by them. (Our Worship Commission meets April 12 at 6 pm in my office – all input and reflections on our Holy Week and Easter services are welcome there or to me in advance.)

A key part of our Easter faith is gratitude. Our primary response to Jesus' resurrection and the new life it signifies for us is thankfulness. In a recent blog on her new book: *Gratitude*, Episcopalian Diana Butler Bass writes: "Gratitude isn't just a feeling. It is a choice. A choice to be a person who trusts in the abundance of creation, knows that life is a gift, and acts with generosity and joy in the face of fear and doubt. That choice is personal, but it has public and communal consequences. Most people could guess that gratitude makes one more resilient. And it does. But I learned that gratefulness is essential to resistance – that practicing deep gratitude empowers us to stand against injustice, to stand with those who are being oppressed, and to stand for compassion and peace."

Related to gratitude as central to our faith, I attended last month the Evangelism Matters conference in Cleveland. (Pam Tinsley was also there.) the following way to describe evangelism is worth exploring further here at St. Andrew's: "We seek, name and celebrate Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people – then invite everyone to MORE."

Meanwhile, our next Organ Concert will be on Sunday, April 29. Quiz Night is coming up on Saturday, May 5. And we are seeking to hire a Nursery Ministry – see me for details.

Thankfully yours,

Martin+

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **To my St. Andrew's Friends**—by Pam Tinsley

My internship at St. John's in Olympia began on Palm Sunday. I deeply regret having not had the chance to bid a temporary farewell to you, my dear parish community.

I had been in conversation with Bishop Rickel since Advent about this internship as part of our discernment of my call to the priesthood. The opportunity to serve at St. John's fell into place on Friday, March 2 – just two days before I preached and served on March 4 at St. Andrew's. On March 11 I worshipped “under the radar” at St. John's, and on March 18 I was in Columbus, OH, worshipping with my 93-year-old aunt after participating as a Catalyst at the *Evangelism Matters* conference in Cleveland Heights.

My continuing formation at St. John's will involve serving at both Sunday morning services, sharing in preaching, Eucharistic ministry, pastoral care and discipleship instruction. As excited as I am about this next step in the process, I know that this would never have happened had it not been for the love and support of all of you, my dear parish community. You have walked with and supported me (and Dave) spiritually for nine years, and I simply cannot say how much your love and prayers mean to me. Having not been with you already for three Sundays and now during Holy Week has been difficult. I love you and all that the St. Andrew's parish community represents and means to the wider community. When I think of a church community that lives into its mission statement, without a doubt, St. Andrew's comes to my mind: You know Christ and strive to make Christ known to others!

You all are in my prayers, and I invite you to continue to pray for me. And as scheduling permits, I truly look forward to being with you! You are my parish home!  
With love, prayers and deep gratitude.

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## **Vestry Viewpoint**—by Susan Rowe, Sr. Warden

This year, March ends with Easter, a joyous and busy time at Saint Andrews. For my life outside of church, March ends a busy season recruiting new pharmacy residents, a time when patients are more likely to be ill, and comes upon a time for much needed rest.

Each year, my husband Tom, and I choose to visit my dad and step-mom in southern California, where they spend the winter. Of course there is sunshine and warmth, a nice place to stay, good hiking and scenery, and good food to be had. But that is not why I go.

I think so many of us were so very touched by Rev. Meghan's most recent sermon on death as a means to life with God, her relationship with her mother, and the dementia that will affect their relationship. During coffee hour, I heard from so many who were moved.

My father, and our family, has been struggling with his dementia for several years now. I try to see my father often, always for holidays and other special occasions. Those are hectic and loud times with lots of people, joyous and fun, but poor quality time with my father. This vacation allows quiet times with my father that we enjoy. We are both early risers, hours before the rest of the family. We race to see who gets to make the coffee, who gets to unload the dishwasher, watch the ducks, and share the newspaper. It is such regular stuff, mundane, humble, and yet the memories that I treasure.

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### **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING 2018 SPRING ASSEMBLY**

Cultivation our Future: Junior Daughters

April 21 from 9am-2pm (Registration begins at 8:30am)

St. Columba, 26715 Military Rd. S. Kent, WA

Cost: \$10-includes lunch

Speaker: Marti Rickel

Women interested in Daughters of the King are welcome.

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## **Thank you**—by Jenny Glass

Happy Easter! The daily Lenten meditations from Episcopal Relief and Development have really spoken to me this season- frank conversations about the blessing of training the young in faith and of listening to how their interpretations of biblical stories and beliefs can enlighten us older persons. And then to see it in action yesterday as I loved hearing young Elaina's spot on commentary during the Palm Sunday procession- "Yay," she cried out waving her palm. And it was amazing how all the kids in the older class could remember and piece together the entire Jesus story of entering Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week as described by Mark and be spot-on for many of the connections to the Old Testament.

I have never thought that Sunday school teaching was my calling but after a several years of life as a parent, I realized that this important ministry needs people- whether they believe they have this talent or not. And my few years working with the St. Andrews Sunday school ministry have returned the blessings tenfold- I really appreciated better knowing so many of the youth of the church and have met new people and strengthened friendships as a result of assisting with Sunday school classes.

Thanks to all who provide leadership for our youth, especially our leaders Matthew, Sunday school, and Sunshine, Youth Group, and all the great Sunday school teachers. Last fall, when St. Andrews decided to add the preschool class, we were very short on teachers and assistants and I was concerned about veering away from strict adherence two adults to children ratio in the 'Safeguarding God's Children' guidelines. I thought about speaking up at announcements to ask for more help- but as I looked around the congregation, "altar guild, acolyte, greeter, choir, vestry, lay reader, fellowship"- it seemed like every person in the church was super active in other important ministries, so I decided to stay quiet. Fortunately, St. Andrews didn't have a Sunday school teacher or assistant shortage for long as a variety of individuals took on this ministry in addition to their other volunteerism in the church. My thanks to everyone who has worked or prayed for the youth education ministry here.

I also wanted to sincerely thank Melissa for her time working in the nursery— a resource that I would have loved had it been available when I first came to St. Andrews as a new mother to Marcos. I was grateful to see via the position announcement that St. Andrews still views this as an important ministry of the church. And speaking of my teen, I also strongly appreciate the interest and open welcome that people show him when he makes his rare appearances at church this past year- this is as powerful for him as any sermon or Sunday school lesson could be.

### **Cathedral Day - Saturday April 28, 11:00am – 3:00 pm**

Come one, come all to Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle. Bring your parish banner, join the grand procession and special service of diocesan confirmations. See the newly renovated cathedral! Launch a paper airplane, jump in the bounce house, ogle the organ, laugh with clergy, and much more. Complimentary lunch from food trucks. Please register today (it's free!) at

<https://2018-cathedral-day.eventbrite.com>



## ***From the Curate***—by Meghan Mullarkey

I had the pleasure of meeting with our two current small groups in March as they discern the next phase of their small groups. If you remember our small groups have two phases. The first phase is to share their spiritual autobiography with one another and then if they decide to keep on meeting they can discern together what phase two will look like. This can be so many different things. One group has decided to read a book together and end with a potluck. Another group did a Lenten study together and now they want to practice different spiritual practices together.

This round of small groups ends in May. Small groups will take a break for the summer and then in the fall we will gather interest again and form new small groups. For the next round, if you have already done a spiritual autobiography it will be optional, but some sort of storytelling will occur in the beginning for each participant.

I encourage you to think about joining a small group in the fall if you are looking to get more connected with people who go to St. Andrew's. Whether you have been going to St. Andrew's for years or just started coming small groups are great a way to care for one another, get to know each other on a deeper level, and grow in your spiritual life.

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## ***St. Andrew's Scholarships are available!***

**ST. ANDREW'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE** has a SCHOLARSHIP FUND for promoting education. Application packets are available in the church office or in the entryway of the church, and **must be submitted in completed form** no later than April 20th. There are First-Time Scholarships and Renewal Application Scholarships. Any currently enrolled, or potential student is eligible to apply. Priority will be given to St. Andrew's community members.

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## ***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(\$12) 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.

## **Happy Easter**—by Naomi Shiga

Happy Easter! Spring is here, a time of new beginnings. In keeping up with events in the news and culture at large, this spring it seems that many are especially hungry for newness of thought and action. I've been especially moved by those in the #MeToo movement, and the March for Our Lives protests held widely last month. Perhaps some of you in our chapter were involved. For me it was wonderful to see children who don't even have the right to vote yet engaged, raising their voices in hope to protect the lives of children in our time. I feel like that we can see a better future through their actions.

All of this seems far afield from music. But it is not. When I was 19, I moved to Boston where I spent my first 7 years of life in the United States. Even though I am foreign (my English was much worse then now) and female, the community I found in Boston was made up of people with creative minds—artists, writers, musicians, philosophers—and in my time amongst them I never experienced any kind of segregation. Of course, maybe I was too young and naive to notice anything yet, but I was truly impressed with people's aim in communicating through art and music removed from barriers, preconceptions, and prejudice. When I played music, there was an air that that was all that was needed to communicate.

As a student I had a number of strong female instructors who served as wonderful role models. Through their teaching I learned of the predominance of the patriarchy in the history of Western music. It is unavoidable. But I was fortunate to be studying at a time when scholarship was reexamining the role of women in music. Today we have a much better picture of the contributions of women in the past, and a more open environment for female performers and composers. A simple Wikipedia search on "women in music" is revealing. Yet the playing field is still not entirely even. As I meet female colleagues in conversation, both in person and through social media, issues of inequality in hiring and salaries, and unfair treatment of pregnant women and mothers of young children remain a challenge. Likewise, revelations of sexual abuse of both men and women in the world of classical music show that we are not immune from trends in the culture at large. In the years since my time as a student in Boston, I too have experienced bias, prejudice, and inequality in my life as a musician, and so I feel strongly that it is important for each of us to raise our voices, to demand a higher ethical standard. Ultimately music is about communication, and when barriers are removed and we can truly hear one another honestly, great art can flourish.

**On April 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, I am playing a concert with two fabulous female musicians, Houston Symphony cellist, Shino Hayashi and Noel Burns, principal oboist with our Tacoma Symphony. Together we will present a program of music composed by female composers. We were students at one point, but now we are all mother-musicians and we decided that we would like to do this at this moment. Just like today's youth marching with the wonderful message that we should protect them and future generations, we would like to do something for women now and for women in the future. In preparing this concert, each of us is finding great depth and beauty in the repertoire and we are eager to learn more of these and other women composers. It is a repertoire we are discovering together and are looking forward to sharing. Just last week I played a number of pieces for church services at St. Andrew's, and many people commented how much they enjoyed the music. I hope you can make it, and even bring a friend or two to our concert.

Happy Easter everyone! Enjoy the beauty of Tacoma in bloom. Spring is all around!





## April Birthdays

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| 1  | April Wallace   |
| 3  | Haley Morton  |
| 11 | Holli Greer   |
| 12 | Dianne Koch Stefanko<br>Sandy Dick<br>Abigael Wilhite |
| 15 | Tino Maccarrone<br>Ed Wolfer                          |
| 19 | Carol Gurulé<br>Joe Peer                              |
| 22 | Lynn Nelson   |
| 23 | Doug Strausbaugh                                      |
| 24 | Carol MacKinnon                                       |
| 27 | Annika Jeffers  |
| 29 | Rebecca Nalunkuuma                                    |



## April Anniversaries

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|-----------|---------------------------|
| 4-9-1960  | Bill and Helen Abbott     |
| 4-20-1963 | Rudy and Carol Gurulé     |
| 4-21-2001 | Kurt and Cynthia Johnston |
| 4-23-1960 | Wayne and Peggy Nelson    |

### ***Come Join the Boyce Buns of Bounty!***—by Mary Boyce

[www.firstgiving.com/team/371185](http://www.firstgiving.com/team/371185)

Some of the best moments come while sharing a meal. Did you know 1 in 7 people struggle with hunger in Washington state? Jeffrey and I have a team to support The Hunger Walk on May 5th. This is a fundraiser for the Emergency Food Network, which provides to 68 food banks, meal sites, and shelters in Pierce County. Please consider supporting this cause either by joining our team and walking with us, or coming along on your own, or by contributing food or money. For each \$1 donated EFN can purchase \$12 worth of food!!! If you would rather give food items, I've put together a few sample ideas - Kids Lunch, Family Dinner, Baby Bundle, etc - on flyers. The flyers, along with collection bags, and a return bin may be found at the church. Look for the multicolored gift bags and the big fork logo. With a little bit of help from a few many may be blessed. More information at [www.efoodnet.org](http://www.efoodnet.org).

Thank you for your generosity and support. Mary Boyce

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

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