



February 2012



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish

by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

We had a good Annual Meeting this last Sunday, with both 8 am and 10 am congregations together for worship (who are all those other people?), and some 65 downstairs for the business meeting, which again this year lasted less than one hour. Elected to the Vestry were Kurt Johnston, Carolyn Mayer, and David Tinsley. I have appointed Marian Warren as Senior Warden for the coming year. The Vestry will elect the Jr. Warden at their next meeting. Skip Broadhead is now our Treasurer.

Our Delegates to Diocesan Convention for this year will be Bill & Linda Brice, Pam Tinsley, and Jeffrey Boyce. Alternates are Reberta Skinner and Don Ramage (2 year terms), and Skip Broadhead and Geri Schlosser (1 year terms). Bill Brice and Kurt Johnston were elected to terms on the Endowment Committee.

If you have not yet done so, please read the Annual Meeting Report with its many good articles and all the (very good) Financial Reports. Highlights of the meeting downstairs were thanking the outgoing Vestry members and others changing ministries, and the presentation of initial conceptual studies of restroom and elevator improvements.

Our Epiphany class, presented by the Rev. Dr. Jeff Sharp, **"Everyday Epiphanies: Seeing the Sacred in Every Thing,"** is excellent. Remaining meetings are in the Ada Webb Room on Mondays, February 6 and 13.

Ash Wednesday will be on February 22 this year. We will offer 3 services of Ashes and Holy Communion at 7:00 am, 12 Noon and 7:00 pm (with music). Our Youth Group will offer a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

We will offer a Lenten program of Soup/Bread Supper and Discussion program – dates and details to be announced soon.

**Please remember the Mary's Hope Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 18,** on spiritual healing for survivors of childhood trauma. It is not

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just for survivors but also for those who care for or about them. Pre-registration and \$125 required. For more information, see [www.maryshope.org](http://www.maryshope.org).

Last week I had the privilege of leading our diocesan Governing Bodies in Bible Study that we would appreciate our **ministries together and God's grace** which leads us forward in mission and service. We ended with the General Thanksgiving on p. 836 of our Prayer Book. I commend it to you as pastor of **St. Andrew's**:

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.*

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

## *From the Senior Warden*

by Marian Warren

Yesterday, following St. Andrew's Annual meeting, Father Ed laughingly told me that in the rector's absence, the senior warden is responsible for the ecclesiastical matters of the church. So I came home and checked the spelling of the word "ecclesiastical" as well as the meaning of the word!! I checked out my dog-eared trusty Vestry Handbook and behold! He was right. I knew who I would be contacting should the occasion arise. Leave it to Fr. Ed to make sure I had a challenge to face.

I am pleased to be selected as Senior Warden and hopefully can be worthy of the calling. I was okay yesterday and then today received a message from the Parish Secretary telling me the honeymoon was over and I needed to write something for The Tartan. Being totally unaware there was a honeymoon I really didn't enjoy one but I will tell you I think honeymoons are supposed to be more than 24 hours...unless in times of war.

Nonetheless, I plunge onward. And we are not at war. In fact I thought the gentle folk who attended the meeting yesterday were a happy bunch. I was just sorry that some people I wanted to see were not there. My loss. Which brings me to a point I have been thinking about. There are members of our parish family who are unable to attend some functions due to various reasons...night driving, parking issues, weather. I am wondering whether each of us could "take on" someone who would like to participate but is hampered by the drive. Could we all attach ourselves to someone who *might* need help getting to an event other than Sunday morning? I think of a time ahead when I might like to come to St. Andrew's but am not able. I would welcome a ride

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from a kind fellow parishioner. Could you look around you and ask a person whether you could bring them with you? I know some of you do that already and I know it is appreciated.

I am excited about the coming year. I have huge shoes to fill...no offense, Ken... in following such a competent warden but I am glad to say he will still be within reach. I look forward to working with my cohorts from last year and thrilled with the new additions. Please feel free to contact me with your voice in matters that are important to our parish. Ecclesiastical or not, I am ready to serve.

## Youth Group

by Sunshine DeGennaro

The Youth have two events for February:

### Souper Bowl Sunday

On February 5th, we collected money for the Souper Bowl of Caring. The Souper Bowl is a way to learn about local hunger and do something about it. All money collected is given to the Jackson Street Food Bank. You can go to [souperbowl.org](http://souperbowl.org) for more information about this program.

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

On the 21st, Shrove Tuesday, we will hold our annual pancake dinner. We will serve from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Donations accepted. Youth members and parents helping should try to be in the kitchen no later than 3:30pm. Contact Sunshine if you have any questions.

## Outreach Committee Scholarships

Apply now for 2012-2013 Academic Year

by Margie Hoffman

The Outreach Committee is pleased to once again offer St. Andrew's Education Scholarships. The scholarships may range from \$100 to \$1000, and are awarded annually. Any currently enrolled, or potential, student is eligible to apply. Candidates may seek funding for course work in a high school, vocational school, college program, continuing education program, re-training program or additional degree program.

Priority consideration will be given to the St. Andrew's community. Application packets are available in the church office (564-4402) and must be completed according to the instructions contained inside the packet. Incomplete packets or packets received after the deadline will not be considered for funding. All information submitted in these applications is held in strictest confidence, and cannot be released without specific written permission from the applicant. Funds will be disbursed in May of 2012 for educational programs taking place between June 2012 and May 2013.



Our final Epiphany Adult Education class "Everyday Epiphanies - Seeking the Sacred in Every Thing" will be Monday, February 13 from 7 to 8pm

## *Thank you Office Angels and Fabulous Folders*

By Linda Brice

St. Andrew's church office would not run as smoothly, or be as much fun if it were not for those individuals who give of their time and talents to volunteer each month.

I would like to thank those who volunteer each Tuesday in the church office to greet people, answer the phone and do other duties as assigned.

A Big Thank You to:

Margo Fleshman  
Virginia Gaub  
Ann Morgan  
Doris Sanders  
Devena Thomsen

I would also like to thank our Fabulous Folders who prepare our monthly newsletter for mailing:

Lynn Bourcier  
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Doris Sanders  
Peggy Woods

Thank you also to Don Dildine for preparing our bulk mail each month and delivering it to the Post Office, and to Mary Long for organizing the Sunday bulletins each week.

And last but not least, Thank You to Devena Thomsen for keeping our energy up with her weekly fresh baked cookies!! All of these tasks are important and vital ministry in our church. Thanks to all for their dedication to these ministries!

## Organ Culture in Japan Presentation

by Naomi Shiga

When many of us in the Pacific Northwest think of Japanese culture, we think of things such as green tea, sushi, and sumo wrestling. The first thing that probably doesn't come to mind is the organ. But in fact, Japan is home to a vibrant community of organs and organists.

At this month's Tacoma chapter meeting Naomi Shiga and Jonathan Wohlers will introduce the rich organ culture of Japan in a presentation entitled "Organ Culture in Japan: history and present day." The lecture will include first hand accounts by Jon and Naomi who are frequent performers there.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the organs used by our neighbors across the Pacific in Japan.

Feb 13, 2012 Mon 7:30 p.m.

**at St. Andrew's in Puddicombe  
Hall (downstairs)**



## From our Seminarian

by The Rev. Jessie Vedanti

Returning to Tacoma and visiting St. Andrews the weekend before my ordination, was the warmest most intimate time during my visit to Washington. I am very grateful for your welcome, congratulations, words of encouragement and celebration. Your love and support over these years of discernment and seminary have played an important role in my life. One of the gifts that the community of St. Andrews is equipped to offer to individuals and to the church is to help discern and support future clergy. You generously offer this gift well and I am grateful for your including me in your ministry.

The service on that Tuesday was beautiful, moving and scary as I enter into a new order of living, accepting this next step in realizing the fullness of God's calling in my life. To everyone who made the drive to St. Mark's Cathedral on the night of the ordination, despite the weather, Thank you! Your presence there meant a lot to me, as not many of my family members were able to fly out to attend.

My first Sunday back at my field parish in Austin, I was glad to put on one of the stoles that was a gift from St. Andrews. Your love and support throughout this process will be remembered when I put on those stoles throughout the rest of my ministry.



Our seminarian Jessie Vedanti, wearing one of the stoles presented by the parish as an ordination gift.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Eucharist  4pm Youth at Mason Methodist	2  7pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 1:2:30 pm Mary's Hope
5 8/10 Holy Eucharist	6 1pm Bible Study  7pm Adult Ed Class  8pm Alanon	7 10:30am AA  7pm AA	8 Noon Eucharist  12:45 Episcopal Church Women 6:30pm Connections Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group	9  7pm Glory and Praise Rehearsal	10  10am Weaver's Guild	11  10am Weaver's Guild
12 8/10 Holy Eucharist	13 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Alzheimer's Meeting 7pm Adult Ed Class 7pm AGO Meeting 8pm Alanon	14 10:30am AA  1pm Finance  7pm AA	15 Noon –Eucharist  6:30pm Youth Group	16 6pm Discernment Meeting 6:30pm Worship Meeting 7pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18  9am–3 pm Mary's Hope Seminar on Spiritual Healing
19 8/10 Holy Eucharist	20 1pm Bible Study  8pm Alanon	21 10:30am AA  5pm Pancake Dinner  7pm Vestry  7pm AA	22 Ash Wednesday 7am Ash Wed. Service Noon Ash Wed. Service 7pm Ash Wed Service	23  7pm Choir Rehearsal	24  Vestry Retreat	25 Vestry Retreat
26 8/10 Holy Eucharist	27 1pm Bible Study  7pm Alanon	28 10:30am AA  7pm AA	29 Noon-Eucharist  4:45pm Youth Group  5-7 Jackson Street Food Bank			

## January Birthdays

9	Jim Backus Derek Strausbaugh
13	Kenneth Dick
14	Rena Girard Fran Hurlow
15	Darlene Howe
16	Joe Wilhite
17	Bill Howe
27	Mary Lowenberg
28	Peggy Nelson



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## Celebrating Anniversaries

2-6-88	Michael and Diann Rainer
2-11-61	Sam and Margo Fleshman

*Please inform Linda Brice of any additions or changes to birthdays or anniversaries.*



LENT begins this month. Here are some dates to mark in your calendars:

Ash Wednesday 3 services of ashes and Holy Communion	February 22 7:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm (with music)
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm
Lenten program of Soup/Bread Supper and Discussion program	<i>Watch for dates and details to be announced soon.</i>

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