



June 2011



A Message to the Parish by Fr. Martin Yabroff



*Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth
were born, from age to age you are God.
So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to
wisdom.*
— Psalm 90: 1-2, 12

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, June 12 – the Feast of Pentecost – we will celebrate our children and youth ministries, thank our Sunday School teachers, award scholarships to nine college students, celebrate the ministry of Megan Parsons as our Sunday School Administrator, and remember the Holy Spirit which moves and guides and teaches us all. And for fun, wear something red to church.

On the Sunday before, June 5, there will be an important meeting after our 10 am service of all Sunday School teachers, parents, and all who are interested in our Sunday School ministry. Megan Parsons has served faithfully as our Sunday School Administrator for almost three years, working hard to organize and inspire our children with the love of God and in knowing the stories of our faith. I am very thankful for all she has brought to our parish. Megan is well and is not going anywhere, but she and I have agreed that this Summer is a good time to “pass the baton” to new Sunday School leadership. So I, Megan, and Norbert Herriges (Vestry Liaison for Sunday School) are convening a meeting to talk about our hopes and plans for Sunday School at St. Andrew’s. Please plan to attend, or share your ideas with one of us.

Our Sunday School classes for most children will take a Summer break, beginning again the Sunday after Labor Day. A class for our youngest children will continue during the Summer, with a Bible story each Sunday. Please see Megan or me if you would like to lead a Sunday class for some amazing kids.

Our choir will sing through Trinity Sunday, June 19, then also take a Summer break. Please join me in thanking our Choir and Jonathan for wonderful music and anthems this year. The Glory and Praise group has also grown and led meaningful worship. They

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will offer music on the second Sundays of June and July, then have August off. Thank you Molly, Virginia, Dave, Thomas, Steven, Alex, David, Merle, and Kristen.

Holy Conversations will lead our next discernment experience on Sunday, June 26, with conversations after each service. Look for more information soon.

Skip Broadhead has led us well through the beginning of this inquiry and will continue on the team; Linda Brice will now chair the Holy Conversations team as we seek God's will and priorities for St. Andrew's in the coming years.

I am very excited about two regional Ecumenical services in June: On Ascension Day, June 2, we gather with all the Lutheran (ELCA) and Episcopal congregations for the 4th Annual Ascension Day Joint Service at Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood. Our Bishop Rickel will preach.

Then on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 pm, here at St. Andrew's, we will host the 2nd Annual Joint Episcopal – United Methodist communion Service. Bishop Rickel and United Methodist Bishop Grant Hagiya will preside at this special service. Invite your friends!

As we begin this Summer and the Season of Pentecost, let us remember God, our refuge and strength. Let us rest and let us grow, like the gardens and trees around us. Let us ponder where we are and whose we are, and look ahead to the life God opens before us.

Lord, teach us to number our days, to live these days well and wisely, that we may grow in peace and joy and the fullness of life. Amen.

Senior Warden Musings

by Ken Rhodes

Who does not love flowers? I would have to think that almost everyone loves to look at, and appreciate God's gift in the form of the myriad of colors and shapes and sizes of flowers. They brighten the gardens, our tables, pathways and light posts downtown. Whole parades are dedicated to them. Did you know that gardening is BY FAR the leading hobby in this country both in amount spent and people engaged?

I have always been fascinated by the perennials, those that come up each year without having to be replanted. There is a particular bunch of flowers here at St. Andrews that I am fond of. They are right under the lacy maple to the right of the entry doors. They start to show in mid February with new green shoots. Now, what kind of self-respecting flower shows up in February in the cold and dark and damp?

Most varieties wait until April or May (this year, maybe June or July!) The blossoms are a sort of miniature daffodil and I think they are called Narcissus. With the cool and damp weather this year, they were in bloom from early March almost to mid-April, almost 6 weeks. This is a very long time to be in bloom.

The thing I associate with this little bunch of yellow flowers is that they always show up around the time of the beginning of the Lenten season. Each Sunday on the way to church or each Thursday on the way to Choir practice, there they are. They require almost nothing from us, perhaps a little water in summer and a little weeding occasionally.

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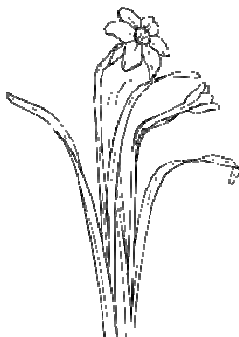
They are not gaudy or fragile, just a simple, sturdy, small bloom that is faithful to its destiny each year. By May, they are almost entirely gone from view with only dry stems and almost nothing else to see, yet they are still under the soil, waiting to appear once more in about 10 months. We have planted other plants nearby and most only last a year or two. I have seen and watched this bunch going on 10 years or more.

Now, what would happen if someone decided they wanted a small bouquet for a table decoration and saw those yellow blooms? Cut off from nutrients and support and water, they would last maybe 3 or 4 days. They would start to wilt, turn brown, and soon they would be in the yard waste recycling bin. The remaining leaves would have nothing to do except get ready for the next year. Left in place, however, they support and nourish the small blaze of color in an otherwise bleak time.

Occasionally, I am gone from St. Andrews for one or two weeks due to work or vacation. I have felt sometime like that picked Narcissus, cut off from support and nutrition. When I return, I am warmed and comforted when I pass through the red doors. I am ready to re-enter the journey to know Christ and to make Christ know.

Bless all of you in your own growth.

Ken Rhodes



A Letter from our Seminarian

by Jessie Smith

Greetings Friends,

I am writing from the World Council of Churches International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in Kingston, Jamaica. I am here as a delegate from the Episcopal Church, and representing the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. This gathering of Christians from around the world is an incredible opportunity to come together as one body of Christ and to identify injustice and oppression in this world. This gathering, as with all of the WCC's peace work, envisions not just an absence of violence or conflict, but also Just Peace (as opposed to just war). Pursuing Just Peace is no small task, but gatherings like this provide churches with resources to how to work for just peace in their own communities and on behalf of their brothers and sisters around the world.

Right before coming to Jamaica, I finished my last semester of my second year at The Seminary of the Southwest.

The semester went well. Much of our academic work at this point in our formation ends in the delivery of sermons, so I am beginning to craft my own process and style for preparing sermons. Also, this past semester I studied the theologian F.D. Maurice at some depth and came to a new appreciation of the diverse and sometimes radical history of thought in the Anglican Church.

Aside from classes, I have continued to facilitate the local Episcopal Peace Fellowship meetings and work nationally with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) board. If you haven't before, I would recommend checking out the EPF website. We are doing some exciting things right now, including a young adult retreat this

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Fall. Perhaps you might consider becoming a member or maybe St. Andrews would like to become a Peace Partner Congregation?

From Jamaica, I will be directly traveling to Palestine where I will be working with the Christian Peacemaking Teams (CPT) in Hebron, West Bank and connecting with our Anglican and Lutheran brothers and sisters in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The Seminary Consultation on Mission awarded me a grant to travel to this region and bring back stories and accounts of the Church in Palestine. During the month of June, I will be working with the CPT in Palestinian communities that are experiencing harassment (beyond the structural oppression of the Israeli Occupation) from settlers in the area.

This is not easy work, and I go into it knowing you, my community, support me in prayer. So please remember me, CPT and all those involved, on all sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in prayer. As always, I am very thankful for your support of my education and formation toward ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. Your support has helped me to stay out of debt and devote my time and energy to seminary and the work of the church. Thank you for your support.

Along with schoolwork, the end of my semester was full of wedding planning! As many of you know Joshua Ensley and I are getting married 30 July, 2011 in Austin. All of you, my St. Andrew's family is welcome to join us in Austin for the celebration, but if you can not make it, know you are well represented, as Fr. Martin will be presiding at the wedding. (Fr. Ed will be there also.)

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Just as I did when I left Tacoma for my journey to Austin and seminary, I have started blogging again. If you are interested in learning more about my time in Kingston or Palestine check out my blog, "The Root of Jessie" (<http://therootofjessie.blogspot.com>), or stay tuned to Facebook. I look forward to visiting St. Andrew's this fall when I travel to Washington for candidacy interviews.

May the peace of Christ be with you all this summer!

St. Andrew's Quiz Night

by Liz Herriges, Fundraising Chair

A good time was had by all at our recent Quiz Night fundraising event. The Merry Widows took the prize for the best table, and a close battle throughout the quiz ended with the Garden of Weedin' squeaking out a win to take home the spectacular trophy. The Take Me Out to the Ball Game table led us all in the National Anthem, and Santa arrived just at the end of dinner to pass out presents for all those at the Magic of Christmas table. Other tables included the Barbecuers, Just Cruisin', the Orient Express, Men in Kilts, and the Rise and Shine table who woke up sometime late in the evening.

Thank you to all who contributed to Quiz Nite. A total of \$1,919.66 was made this night, which will go to the St. Andrew's general fund (with 10% to our Community Outreach Fund).

We are thankful once again to Lucy Gowan, our wonderful quiz master, who came from California to question us all.

Thanks also to Marilyn Baker and to Eve Yabroff for their work in organizing the event.

Building and Grounds

by Bill Brice

Last month we did our Spring Clean-up but there is still lots of work to be done. Since it is spring and we are starting to see the sun, everything is growing; especially the weeds. If you are so inclined, pick a flower bed and start weeding! We especially need to do work in the planting strips along Jackson and 12th.

By the time you read this, we will have cleaned the carpet in Puddicombe Hall. This cleaning was paid for in part by a donation from the Tuesday night AA group. Thanks to the AA group for their help.

I am currently getting bids for the Sacristy roof, which has been leaking for some time. This is a Building Fund item and will not take money from our operating funds.

If you see something that needs to be fixed, please let me know.

Episcopal Church Women

by Virginia Gaub

The traditional June event for our Women of St. Andrew's group is to go out to Lunch together. This event is for fun and fellowship; we will order with separate checks.

The event will be held at Ben Dew's Clubhouse Grill, 6501-6th Ave, Tacoma, telephone (253) 564-4442.

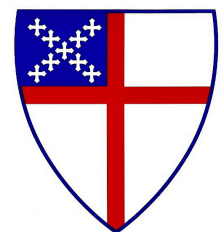
Car pools will leave the church after the noon Eucharist is complete. You can also meet us at the restaurant at 12:45 P.M. in the Banquet Room.

Please RSVP to either the church office (253-564-4402) or Virginia Gaub no later than Monday June 6th.

SPECIAL JOINT SERVICES



4TH ANNUAL JOINT EPISCOPAL -LUTHERAN ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



Ascension Day, Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. with combined choirs from our Region's Episcopal & Lutheran churches. Lutheran Bishop Hofstad & Bishop Rickel will preside. Bishop Rickel will preach. Christ Lutheran Church, 8211 112th St SW, Lakewood.

2ND ANNUAL JOINT EPISCOPAL - UNITED METHODIST COMMUNION SERVICE

June 14, Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.
Both Bishop Rickel and Bishop Hagiya presiding.
at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Tacoma
Invite others to worship with us!



2011 St. Andrew's Scholarship Recipients

by Margie Hoffman

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients!

Theresa DeGennaro As a student at Tacoma Community College, Theresa continues work for an Associate in Arts and Sciences. She hopes to become certified in Dance Education and continues in her dance studies as well as performing company. Theresa is the daughter of St. Andrew's members Rio and Sunshine DeGennaro.

Esther Kolkman Esther attends Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas where she is working on her degree in Civil Engineering. She is also a valued member of the SMU rowing team. As a third year student, she looks forward to more focused engineering classes! Esther is the daughter of St. Andrew's parishioners John and Donna Kolkman

Peter Kolkman Curtis High School graduate Peter Kolkman heads to Washington State University next year to pursue an interest in the financial world. He hopes to graduate with a degree in finance and a minor in economics, perhaps ending up as a stock broker. Peter has been very active in the St. Andrew's youth group, and also serves as an acolyte. He is the son of John and Donna Kolkman

Anna Strausbaugh Central Washington University has been home to Anna in her educational pursuit. She is concentrating on a certification for the Geographic Information Systems, and hopes to graduate at the end of the fall quarter. She is the daughter of St. Andrew's parishioner's Doug and Molly Strausbaugh.

Derek Strausbaugh Derek has attended Whitworth University in Spokane for the past year, and is working through the basic requirements. He is experiencing the many choices available for careers, but states that he will always have music in the plan because "...music is one thing that I will never be able to live without". Derek is the son of Doug and Molly Strausbaugh.

Andrew Yabroff Andrew is a Theater Arts major at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon. He is currently well on his way to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Performance with experience in many plays, projects, one acts, and scenes. Fr. Martin and Eve Yabroff are the proud parents of this aspiring thespian.

Ian Anderson Lake Stevens High School graduate Ian Anderson hopes to work on a degree in teaching music. He is headed to Edmonds Community College this fall to begin studies in the basic requirements. Ian holds a "third generation" St. Andrew's connection, with grandparents John and Polly Hickman, and mother Beth Hickman Anderson.

Sara Bishop Sara will be returning to Whitworth University where she is working on her degree, and then hopes to attend graduate school for a Masters in Marriage and Family Counseling. She is the granddaughter of St. Andrew's parishioners Don and Betty Bishop.

Ian Bishop Ian is a student at Seattle Pacific University where he is working on a B.A. in physical science and then will attend the University of Washington for a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering. He is the grandson of St. Andrew's parishioners Don and Betty Bishop

June Birthdays

- 2 Annie Yabroff
- 3 Connor Rainer
- 8 Cathy Lowenberg
- 13 Shirley Morton
- 16 Kaylie Rainer
- 17 Beth Hickman Anderson
- 21 Chad Moody
- 22 Joan Halley
- 25 Kit Adams
- 27 Helen Hickman



Parish Life



Celebrating June Anniversaries

Special Thanks to our Ushers

We would like to thank those who answered the call for volunteers, joining the other faithful team members.

Thanks to Kristen Mellis who is already doing a great job. Also thank you to Norbert and Liz Herriges and Sam and Margo Fleshman who will join the Greeter-Usher team in the Fall.

Linda Brice, Coordinator

- 6-2-71 Mike and Connie West
- 6-5-76 Bill and Linda Brice
- 6-6-53 Don and Nita Cameron
- 6-12-54 Don and Betty Bishop
- 6-12 Rio and Sunshine DeGennaro
- 6-13-64 John and Polly Hickman
- 6-14-80 Martin and Eve Yabroff
- 6-15-73 Steve and Anna Arthur
- 6-24-95 Ed and Cindy Wolfer



The Quiz Night winning team, "The Garden of Weeden"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Noon Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Group	2 7pm Episcopal-Lutheran Ascension Day Service 7pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 8/10 Holy Eucharist 11:30am Sunday School Meeting 1:30pm Rainier Region at St. Joseph-St. John, Lakewood	6 1pm Bible Study 4:8pm Joeseppi's Take Over Nite 7pm Alanon	7 10:30am AA 7pm AA	8 Noon Eucharist 12:45pm ECW Lunch at Ben Dew's Restau- rant	9 6pm Celtic Faire Meet- ing 7pm PFLAG 7pm Glory and Praise Choir	10 10am-2pm Weaver's Guild	11
12 Pentecost 8/10 Holy Eucharist	13 1pm Bible Study 6:30pm Alzheimer's Group Meeting 7pm Alanon	14 10:30am AA 7pm Episcopal- Methodist Service 7pm AA	15 Noon –Eucharist 7pm Holy Conversations Meeting	16 7pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 8/10 Holy Eucharist	20 1pm Bible Study 7pm Alanon	21 10:30am AA 7pm Vestry 7pm AA	22 Noon –Eucharist	23	24	25
26 8/10 Holy Eucharist 8/10 am Holy Conver- sation at coffee hour	27 1pm Bible Study 7pm AA	28 8:30-11:30pm Diocesan Insurance Meeting 10:30am AA 7pm AA	29 Noon –Eucharist 4:45-7pm Youth Group 5-7pm Food Bank	30		

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

By Sunshine DeGennaro, Youth Director

Well, it looks as if we may have a bit of Spring weather as our Summer begins! The Youth closed out the school year with the 30 Hour Famine. We once again joined with Mason United Methodist Youth Group.

This year it was decided that both groups would donate all of their funds to Haiti. We learned a lot about Haiti and what World Vision is doing currently in Haiti. Lindsey, our speaker from World Vision (WV) let us know that World Vision was established (over 30 years) in Haiti when the 2008 earthquake hit. This allowed them to respond within hours. Knowing that the communities would need not only water, food and shelter but also emotional support, WV set up child friendly spaces where children could come and play, color or just talk with an adult as the grownups around them sorted out what needed to be done.

Today W V is working on transitioning people out of tents into permanent homes. Because over 2.4 million people in Haiti can't get enough daily calories, food is still a high need. Our youth doing the 30 Hour is a small way to support the development of Haitian communities.

At the end of our 30 Hour, we asked the kids to write out what they liked and/or disliked about the weekend. Here are a few of their comments:

- This experience was very fun! It was fun because I got to hang out with my friends and do fun activities. The movie was really, really long but good to watch because of how real it is. The hardest part was not necessarily being ridiculously hungry but knowing that you can't get up and get something to eat.
- This was my first time doing a 30hr famine. I learned a lot about Haiti and how people live in 3rd world countries. Hunger is a very serious, very sad situation that is real. The experience I had was very mind changing. The movie we watched was really long. We should have started it earlier because everyone was tired. Building the Cardboard City was fun, even if it fell apart a little. Overall I enjoyed this a lot. I would participate again next year.
- I learned that the devastation in Haiti is incomprehensible to me. It's crazy. I liked building our cardboard houses, the movie we watched, and the tribes. The scavenger hunt was actually quite fun. People are really funny. Sleeping on the floor hurt but wasn't the worst thing ever.

(Note, the movie was less than 2 hours long. We learned that time may have a different meaning when one is hungry.)

For the summer we will not have our regular Wednesday groups. We will however gather to do a variety activities that include (but not limited to):

- Painting Tacoma Beautiful
- Mother Earth's Farm
- Emergency Food Network
- Movies and other social activities

Check out the bulletin board in the back for information on upcoming activities

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