



March 2011



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tartan

## A Message to the Parish by Fr. Martin Yabroff



Dear Friends,

We begin this month the season of Lent, an often misunderstood season of refreshment and renewal. As a way to describe what this holy season can mean for us, consider the two “prefaces” in the Book of Common Prayer for Lent (p. 379). (These prefaces are included in our Sunday Eucharistic worship to express the theme of the season.)

*. . . Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.*

*You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.*

The first preface reminds us of the strength we can find in Jesus our Lord which enables us to triumph over the difficulties of our lives. The second reminds us to observe Lent with joy because of the grace of God we can experience through faithful living and the celebration we look forward to in Easter. Strong faith and eager joy – it is going to be a renewing and holy Lent!

We began on Ash Wednesday, March 9, with three services of Ashes and Holy Communion. (We actually began the night before with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, presented by St. Andrew's Youth.) We are distributing a new Lenten devotional booklet with meditations by Henri Nouwen for every day between Ash Wednesday and Easter. This allows everyone in our congregation to study and pray together whether or not we can make it to church at the same time.

Our Sunday services will include Gregorian chant for our psalm, Eucharistic prayer C in which we tell the story of salvation

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together, and a more somber setting without flowers or “alleluias”. (We set aside or “fast” from such good things to focus our attention and to enjoy them more at Easter.)

Our Epiphany class on the Anglican Communion Covenant was great – a summary letter is included in this Tartan. In response to a survey of the 28 persons who attended at least one of the Epiphany classes, we are offering a Lenten Study on how we live out our faith. (*See schedule on page 4.*)

Our youth confirmation course: “Confirm Not Conform” is off to a good start. An adult course will begin later this Spring. And the Vestry has appointed a Holy Conversations spiritual/strategic planning team to help us discern God’s guidance for St. Andrew’s. They are: Linda Brice, Skip Broadhead, Patty Mannie, Kristen Mellis, Pam Rhodes, Marian Warren, Martin Yabroff.

Finally, I want to invite you to observe a holy Lent by attending worship as often as possible, reading a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) in a modern translation between now and Easter, making regular times for prayer and quiet reflection with God, and taking opportunities to serve others.

Open your hearts and minds even more to Jesus our Lord, and to the joy of the Holy Spirit in and through our trials. God offers us all the grace of this season. Let us let go of our anxieties and receive what God is offering.

## ***Anglican Communion***

by The Reverend Martin Yabroff, Rector

In January and February, St. Andrew’s held an Epiphany Study on the Anglican Communion Covenant . The course was led by two respected parishioners: Thomas Egnew, Ed.D., and Samuel Fleshman, J.D. Five sessions were held, with an average attendance of 19 (a remarkable turnout for a congregation with an average Sunday attendance of 106). It was the best attended adult study at St. Andrew’s in the last three years.

Discussion centered on how Christians of differing backgrounds and experiences can worship and serve together. The Anglican Communion was seen as a “conversation” (cf. Bruce Kaye, *An Introduction to World Anglicanism*) and a community rather than a hierarchical structure. The Covenant was recognized as a way to unite diverse churches and provinces in very different contexts.

We found ourselves generally comfortable with the descriptions of our common Christian faith and our shared Anglican mission. The discussion of Section Three centered on “open-ness and patience” we shall all seek to have as we remember “the love of Christ” and “the bonds of affection” which unite us as we seek “to uphold the highest degree of communion possible.”

When we came to Section Four, we discussed how it was better to be at the table, even when others refuse to join you, rather than to avoid opportunities for fellowship at whatever level is possible. We were also mindful that our Presiding Bishop has been re-elected to the Primates Standing Committee.

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At our final meeting, 16 of the 17 participants present affirmed that the Anglican Communion Covenant should be adopted by the Episcopal Church. Our parish, and the participants in this Epiphany class, differ greatly on many issues facing the Anglican Communion, including theological views of gender and sexuality. Nevertheless, we believe that it is better for the Episcopal Church and for the Anglican Communion to adopt the Covenant and remain together at the table, pursuing “the highest degree of communion possible.”

A letter was sent to the diocese Deputation, our Bishop, and the General Convention to support the adoption of this Covenant, trusting God’s grace and guidance for us all.

## **Senior Warden Musings**

by Ken Rhodes

When I was a young boy going to Sunday School each week, I recall several conversations about church being the ‘House of the Lord.’ I remember thinking, “Wow, that’s cool! God lives right here in our church.” Nobody ever seemed to correct this notion of mine, although I was never sure of where or when He slept.

Flash forward about 50 years and my wife, Pam and I were able to go to Italy for two weeks. One of the things we wanted to do, beside eating great pasta and drinking great wine, was to visit some of the great churches of Italy. All of these buildings were magnificent, humbling and inspirational. We reveled in the artwork, the architecture, the furnishings and the history. Oddly,

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however, the only place I personally felt the presence of God was in Venice at St. Mark’s Cathedral. The bones of St. Mark are interred there in a gold box behind the main altar and you can almost touch it. It’s the actual bones of “THAT GUY!” The Second Guy! I remember feeling a calm euphoria, if that is possible.

After pondering this experience for several years, it occurred to me that I remember the same feeling I had once in a most unexpected place. In the area of the Island of Maui, called Kula there is a tiny Episcopal Church called St. John’s. We knew it was an Episcopal church even before we saw the sign, as it had a labyrinth in the parking lot. It had hard benches, few decorations and was about 180 degrees from St. Mark’s Cathedral in Venice.

One interesting fact is that this church never closes. There are no locks on the doors or windows. You can come in anytime of the day or night to sit or pray or sing or just rest. I can recall standing on their porch, looking down at the Maui valleys, seeing the sun and the Norfolk pines, the fragrance of nearby eucalyptus trees blowing in the warm breeze. Yes, indeed, God must live here. I felt His presence in this place also.

More and more these days I have come to realize that God does not really live at these churches. He lives in the hearts and hands of every volunteer, every Sunday school teacher, choir member, every EM, Acolyte, every Food Bank worker, every pledge giver, every Altar Guild worker, floor sweeper and lesson reader.

We are blessed with many here at St. Andrew’s who hold God in their hearts, and are happy to show it to us.

Thanks be to God for all of you.

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## St. Andrew's Lenten Study

This Lent, St. Andrew's will offer the six week course "Baptismal Ethics in Action". We will meet in the Ada Webb Room on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Come to whatever sessions you are able or choose to attend. Led by Fr. Martin and other members of St. Andrew's.

The course is from "Via Media: A place to ask 21<sup>st</sup> century questions".

([www.everyvoice.net](http://www.everyvoice.net)) Via media is video enhanced curricula designed to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and to present the Episcopal Church in a contemporary context. It celebrates who we are as American Anglicans and invites others to "come and see," offering seekers both the content and the context for conversations about Christian faith from an unabashedly Anglican perspective.

**March 14 Communion: An Ethical Choice** Session One is designed around the first question in the Baptismal Covenant: "Will you continue in the Apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?" It focuses on how we are shaped by a Eucharistic community, and how we stay in community even when we disagree.

**March 21 Repentance: An Ethical Journey** In Session Two, participants will have an opportunity to focus on the second question: "Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, when you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?" Participants will have the opportunity to explore how our own paths are filled with moments of redemption and healing, and how we can apply those values to our global community.

**March 28 Witness: An Ethical Example** We find in Session Three examples of the way some Episcopalians live out their faith in the world, as they answer the question: "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?"

**April 4 Service: An Ethical Imperative** Session Four reminds us of Jesus' own commandment to love our neighbors. In loving them, we serve them. It begs the question, if we are to serve our neighbor, then just who ARE our neighbors? In the Baptismal Covenant this is stated as: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

**April 11 Respect: An Ethical Right** Session Five is about human rights and responsibilities. During this session participants will encounter the tension in which we often find ourselves living as Christians in the world around us. We are asked: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" Our answer to this question helps to guide us on our path through life.

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## ***Faces in the Pews: Devena Thomsen***



Devena Thomsen

This month we are spotlighting Devena Thomsen. You may know Devena as “the Cookie Lady” of St. Andrew’s and the source of all the wonderful

cookie recipes in the book we have been selling, but here are a few other aspects of Devena’s life both inside and outside of St. Andrew’s.

Devena is a native Washingtonian who grew in Elma. She lived in Pullman during college. While in college at WSU she met her husband, Don. They were married during those college years and moved to Colville for a year after college. When Don went into the Army they moved to San Antonio. From Texas they came back to Ft. Lewis, and then moved to University Place. They moved into her present home two weeks before their oldest child was born, almost 54 years ago.

St. Andrew’s was the closest Episcopal Church when she and Don moved to University Place and Devena has been here ever since. Most Sunday’s you will find her at the 8:00 clock service.

Along with Don, who passed away over two years ago, she raised two sons and a daughter, all of whom grew up in St. Andrew’s: Mikal and Lynn have two sons: Sam, 18, and Pete, 14; Tim and Kay have two daughters: Chloe, 17, and Bailey, 13; Daughter Jean and her husband, Chuck, have no children.

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## **> *Faces in the Pews***

Her career outside of the home was as a secretary / administrative assistant. After holding positions at both PLU and UPS, she retired about 20 years ago. . She says her favorite things are being with her family, traveling, her cats, chocolate, baking, and reading.

*“I truly feel blessed to be a part of St. Andrew’s. Through the years I’ve been involved in many aspects of the Church, including, among other things, teaching Sunday School (long ago!) for several years, doing altar flowers, and participating in ECW, to baking cookies for the office. This is such a loving, caring compassionate congregation.”*

## ***St. Andrews Scholarships***

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. Funds will be disbursed in May of 2011 for educational programs taking place between June 2011 and May 2012.

## Youth Group

By *Sunshine DeGennaro*  
Youth Director

The Youth Group has had a busy winter gathering bags of items for the Battle of the Bags. This was our "contest" with Mason Methodist Youth. By collecting items to donate to the Goodwill truck that collects the second Saturday of each month across from the YWCA we can support both the Goodwill and the YWCA. The Goodwill values the items donated to that specific truck and vouchers are then given to the Y to assist the women living there.

Thanks to all of you, we collected 95 bags! Check out the pictures on our board in the Ada Webb room! A special thanks to John Kolkman and Cindy Wolfer for helping to transport the bags down to Goodwill. Cindy Wolfer is also working on arrangements for a speaker from the YWCA to come and talk to the Youth Group about the services that the Y provides for victims of domestic violence.

We are still working on blankets for the homeless. To date we have several done and they look great! Thanks again for all of the fabric.

A big "Thank You" to Devena Thomsen for the wonderful cookies that she made for the kids. As far as they are concerned she has "rock-star status"!

As always, thanks for all of the support.

## Youth Education, Service, and Mission Opportunities

Episcopal Service Corps (ESC) is recruiting young adults to serve in the 2011-2012 program year. ESC strives to raise up a new generation of leaders, formed by service to the poor, living in community and guided theological reflection. churches. ESC can be an important component of overall formation for ministry. For more information, visit [www.episcopalservicecorps.org](http://www.episcopalservicecorps.org).

The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) will gather June 22-26 at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Part of the focus for this triannual event will be on mission and service, and participants may stay on through June 30 for a mission trip through the Diocese in Minnesota. More information about EYE can be found at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

Applications are due by March 15. For additional information contact Kathy Hamilton at [khamilton@ecww.org](mailto:khamilton@ecww.org) or at 206-325-4200/800-488-4978, ext. 2032.

Applications should be mailed to Kathy Hamilton, 1551 10th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102.

## ***Episcopal Charities Appeal – Changing Lives!***

by Linda Brice, Diocesan  
Episcopal Charities Appeal Chair

In 1988, the Diocese of Olympia, concerned about the need for sufficient funding for many Episcopal ministries and non-profit agencies in our communities, formed the Episcopal Charities Appeal (ECA). ECA provides funds to agencies, which provide ecumenical Christian responses to human needs.

ECA conducts two annual appeals to Episcopal households and local congregations to provide financial support. Since 1998, ECA has raised and distributed over \$1.4 million and currently supports 32 ministries in western Washington.

In 2006 my friend, Carl Knirk asked me to sit on the ECA committee. He promised me that I would meet great people, have fun, and change lives. So I said yes, and he was right!

This year I began a term as the chairperson of ECA. We have 15 members on our committee, clergy and lay, each eligible to serve 2-three year terms. Our committee is blessed in many ways. Our committee not only gets to see the generosity of those in our diocese who donate to ECA, but we also get to see how lives are changed through those donations.

Each year our committee takes a “road trip” to a church in our diocese. We then invite agencies in that area, who have received an ECA grant, to join us for lunch and give an update on their agencies. We have been to Olympia, Tacoma, Vancouver, and this year we met at St. Augustine-in-the-Woods in Whidbey Island.

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At St. Augustine’s we were joined by 3 agencies:

- Helping Hand, which provides assistance to those in need on South Whidbey
- La Iglesia Episcopal de la Resurreccion, which ministers to the needs of non-English speaking people in Skagit Valley, mostly migrant workers and their families
- Matthew House, located in Monroe, that for over 30 years has provided a variety of services to families of prisoners at the Monroe Reformatory, and other prisons throughout the state.

To say that we were blown away by the witness of those who are leading the agencies is an understatement. The lives that have been changed, really changed, by ECA funds and other funds given to these agencies is nothing short of a miracle.

In 2010 ECA distributed \$68,000 to 32 agencies in our diocese. At St. Andrew’s, our very own **Jackson Street Food Bank** is one of the agencies we have donated to over the years.

Lives have changed—and not just those who receive the grants. My life has changed by the experience of meeting people who have received ECA funds, and through prayer, through hard work and by the grace of God, have made a difference in their communities.

This year when you receive your Lenten Episcopal Charities Appeal brochure please prayerfully consider making a donation.

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## **United Thank Offering**

The United Thank Offering has a long legacy in the Episcopal Church. It was started in 1889 by two women and has been carried on through the years in Episcopal churches. It was started to show the connection between giving thanks and giving money, combining prayer with sharing.

Grateful hearts are the reason the UTO is able to continue to award grants which are gifts of love and thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Grants applications are carefully and prayerfully screened by an appointed diocesan committee. They visit the grant sites and determine what changes these gifts of love would make possible.

The ingathering at St. Andrew's will be on Sunday, April 3rd. Blue boxes and envelopes will be available in the narthex.

## **Recycling at St. Andrews**

Just a reminder that St. Andrew's tries to do our part with the environment through the recycling of many items.

Besides the paper, plastic and metal that is picked up curbside, we also are able to recycle electronics with a company that pays us a return for each item we send in. Inkjet cartridges are the most prolific item and we send in a shipment about every 3 months. Copy machine toner cartridges, cell phones, iPods, and Laptop computers can also be recycled.

Please remember St. Andrew's if you are disposing of any of these items.

## **Mothering Sunday**

*April 3, Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*by Virginia Gaub*

In the British Isles, the fourth Sunday during Lent, is celebrated as *Mothering Sunday*. This is a day comparable to the Mothers Day celebrated in the United States in May each year. But Mothering Sunday has more ancient roots.

Beginning as early as the sixteenth century, people celebrated by returning to their "Mother Church" on the fourth Sunday during Lent. The "Mother Church" was the largest local church or the nearest Cathedral. Historically, the Epistle for the Fourth Sunday in Lent has given a special place to the theme of maternal love. Also since there has been traditionally a lightening of Lenten vows on this particular Sunday, in celebration of the fellowship of family and church, the name of Refreshment Sunday began to be used.

### **Bake Sale**

Here at St. Andrew's, we are having a mid Lenten break this year by having the ECW sponsor a bake sale on April 3, which is the fourth Sunday during Lent. The baked goods will be available after both services for your donation contribution to support the welfare activities of the ECW.

Anyone and everyone is encouraged to contribute baked goods to be available for that time.

As a special treat, this year Geri Schlosser has volunteered to provide a Simnel cake, the traditional British cake served on Mothering Sunday, for all to taste.

## Save the Dates

### Blood Drive

The next Cascade Regional Blood Bank Blood Drive is on Sunday, March 20th, 9:15AM-12:15PM, at The Temple Beth-El, 5975 S. 12th St.

Please call Susie Cameron with any questions. Also call if you plan on donating that day.

### St. Andrews Spring Cleanup

By Bill Brice, Buildings and Grounds Coordinator



St. Andrew's spring cleanup will take place on 4/10 after the 10 o'clock service.

Work to be done generally includes clean up inside and out, window washing, clean up of landscape areas and other things that need refreshing.

Let us know if you have specifics you want to be included.

We will post a list a week or so prior to the clean up date so you can pick a specific project.



### Ultreya—March 27th 4pm

All are invited to attend the Ultreya, a function of Cursillo. We will begin with music, followed by a talk, with reflection and conversation regarding the talk.

Cursillo members from other churches are also invited. For those who can stay, please join us for a potluck—bring a side dish to share—we will begin the potluck at 5:45pm.

If you have questions about Cursillo or Ultreya, please ask Dave or Pam Tinsley, Virginia Gaub, Kurt Johnston, Linda or Bill Brice or Reberta Skinner, to name a few.

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am AA  7pm AA	2 Noon –Eucharist  6:30pm Connections Meeting	3  7pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 8/10 Holy Eucharist  Noon-Confirmation Class	7  1pm Bible Study  7pm Alanon	8 Shrove Tuesday  10:30am AA  1pm Finance  7pm AA	9 Ash Wednesday  Noon –Eucharist   6:30pm Youth Group	10  7pm Discernment Meeting  7pm Glory and Praise Choir Rehearsal  7pm PFLAG	11  10am-2pm Weaver's Guild  Vestry Retreat	12  9:30-Noon Rainier Region Quiet Day Noon Rainier Region Meeting  Vestry Retreat
13 8/10 Holy Eucharist  11:30am Outreach Com- mittee Meeting	14  1pm Bible Study  6:30pm Alzheimer's Group Meeting  7pm Lenten Study 7pm Alanon	15  10:30am AA   7pm AA	16  Noon –Eucharist   6:30pm Youth Group	17    (NO Choir Rehearsal)	18	19
20 8/10 Holy Eucharist  Noon- Confirmation Class	21  1pm Bible Study   7pm Lenten Study 7pm Alanon	22  10:30am AA   7pm AA	23  Noon –Eucharist   6:30pm Youth Group 7:15 Worship Commission	24    7pm Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 8/10 Holy Eucharist  4:30pm Ultreya	28  1pm Bible Study  7pm Lenten Study 7pm Alanon	29  10:30am AA   7pm AA	30  Noon-Eucharist   5pm Youth Group 5-7pm Food Bank	31    7pm Choir Rehearsal		

## March Birthdays

- 1 Linda Brice  
Megan Parsons  
Stephanie Ubungen  
4 Alexander Parsons  
5 MacKenzie Gaspar  
9 Kari Gaspar  
10 Edward Sterling  
11 Keith Potter  
16 Polly Hickman  
Steve Arthur  
17 Gina Pickford  
25 Elise Wolfer  
28 Margo Fleshman  
28 Mark Adams  
29 Virginia Rothenberg



Parish Life  
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*Celebrating March  
Anniversaries*

## Directory Changes and Corrections

Please note these Changes and Corrections  
in your St. Andrew's Parish Directory

## March

## Anniversaries

3-24-84 Doug & Molly Strausbaugh  
3-21-92 Tom Egnew & Joan Halley

**Peggy Schnack**  
Address & phone

**Kristen Mellis**  
new address & e-mail

**Jean Padmore**  
phone number

**John, Nikki and Soleil York**  
Address, phone & e-mail

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