

The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Dear Friends,

This January was a very full month. We celebrated the lives and ministries of Jerry Fishel and Ray Wentz with wonderful standing-room-only services and receptions - both such good and faithful leaders among us! We held our annual Parish Meeting on January 22. And we had a lot of rain!!! As far as I have heard, no one in the congregation was flooded or had major damage or injuries. (Please let me know if I am mistaken on this.) Some trees fell, and many had to deal with extended power outages and road closures. but thankfully, we have come through it.

At our annual Meeting, Sheryl Mello was thanked for her faithful three years on the Vestry, and Steve Lefever for his dedicated and faithful service as Senior Warden this past year. Susan Greer and Sara Hector were elected to 3 year terms on the Vestry, and John Wooliscroft was elected to fill a one year vacancy. Jennifer Kennedy and Sue Roe were elected Delegates to Diocesan Convention, with Barbara Banke elected as Alternate.

Our amazing Treasurer (and Parish Secretary) Sharon Fishel presented our 2022 Financial Reports, which show a surplus of \$3,447.71 for the year. Our balanced 2023 Budget includes an inspiring new feature: 5% of all parish operating income is allocated for community outreach! A new Community Outreach committee will be appointed by the Vestry to recommend how these funds will be used. (Copies of these and all the reports for the Annual Meeting are available in the Parish Hall.)

One of the questions for sharing and discussion at the meeting was 'What is most important to you about St. Andrew's?' Here is what we heard:

Friends

Welcoming and open to everyone

Father Martin presiding in our beautiful services

Not too "churchy"

Beliefs are personal and are honored

United by worship, not doctrine

Practices what it preaches – do what Jesus tells us; practice faith

Church is open/ beautiful/ cared for

Church is still here! There are committed persons to keep it here.

St. Andrew's is like a lighthouse/a beacon for the community / a safe harbor

Community history and presence

Like a family

Church encourages what is needed to build faith and honor God in a special way

Finally, it was announced that Rochelle Kelly will serve as Senior Warden for the coming year.

We now have a few weeks in February before Lent begins on February 22. Let us enjoy this Season of Epiphany with regular Sunday worship and, if convenient, Bible Study every Tuesday from 11:00 am to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. No Bible background required.

Yours in Christ,

Martin+

Episcopal News

For additional Epiphany and Lenten resources, visit <https://episcopalchurch.org>. There are many options for self-study, including email notifications, videos, meditations. Visit www.realepiscopal.org to receive



Chocolate Bundt Cake

Cake

1 cup (227g) brewed coffee
 16 tablespoons (227g) unsalted butter, at room temperature
 3/4 cup (64g) unsweetened cocoa, Dutch-process or natural
 2 cups (397g) granulated sugar
 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 2 cups (240g) All-Purpose Flour
 2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract
 2 large eggs, at room temperature
 1/2 cup (113g) sour cream or yogurt, full-fat preferred, at room temperature



Icing

2/3 cup (113g) bittersweet chocolate or semisweet chocolate chips, chopped
 1/4 cup (57g) heavy cream or whipping cream

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

To make the cake: Place the coffee, butter, and cocoa in a small saucepan or microwave-safe bowl. Heat, stirring, until the butter melts. Remove from the heat, and whisk until smooth. Let the mixture cool for 10 minutes.

While the chocolate is cooling, put the sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and flour into a mixing bowl, whisking to combine.

Pour the cooled chocolate mixture into the bowl with the dry ingredients, and mix until thoroughly combined. Scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl, and mix again to incorporate any residue.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the vanilla, eggs, and sour cream or yogurt. Mix into the chocolate batter, stirring until thoroughly combined.

Thoroughly grease a 10- to 12-cup Bundt pan, preferably non-stick. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake the cake for 50 to 55 minutes, until a long toothpick or skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. *Note: a pan with a dark interior will bake the cake more quickly; start checking at about 40 minutes.*

Remove the cake from the oven, wait 5 minutes, and turn the pan over onto a cooling rack. After 5 more minutes, lift the pan off the cake. Let the cake cool completely before icing.

To make the icing: Combine the chocolate and cream in a microwave-safe bowl, or in a saucepan set over medium heat. Heat until the cream starts to bubble around the edges.

Remove from the heat, and stir until the chocolate melts and the mixture is smooth. Spoon the icing over the top of the cake, letting it drip down the sides.

HeeHeeHee!!!

While preaching about forgiving one's enemies, the preacher asked for a show of hands of those who were willing to forgive their enemies. About half of the congregation raised their hands. The minister continued his sermon and again asked for a show of hands. This time, 80 percent of his congregation raised their hands. Not giving up, the minister continued for fifteen more minutes. When he again asked for a show of hands, all members—except one—raised their hands."Mr. Jones," asked the minister, "are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any." "Mr. Jones, that is very unusual. I know you are 86-years-old. Would you please come down to the front and explain to all of us how you have lived so long without making a single enemy in the world?" Mr. Jones teetered to the front and briefly explained, "Its easy. I've outlived every one of them."

ON THE SCHEDULE

Join us at 10 am on Sundays

Watch the sermon on the St. Andrew's Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join in on the Upcoming Church Activities!!

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays from 11 am to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome – no background required. We will begin with Luke's Gospel.

Help **Tedd Parske celebrate his birthday** on Monday, February 13, from 1–5 pm. 16100 Highway 9, Boulder Creek.

Lent at St. Andrew's - 2023

(Lord,) You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the (Easter) 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. (2nd Preface for Lent, Book of Common Prayer, p. 379)

Lent is a season for spiritual refreshment and renewal. It begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22 this year) and runs for 40 days (not including Sundays) until Easter. It is NOT at time for gloom, guilt and groveling. rather, Lent is an opportunity for renewing our priorities, what is most important to remember, and to “clean house”-so to speak - of what anxieties and distractions have come to clutter our lives.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 21 - 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Drop by for this informal time to share fellowship and encourage one another in observing a holy Lent. (Bring your friends and neighbors.) Free-will offering for parish expenses. Please sign up if you would like to help cook pancakes, etc. or see Coordinator Cathy Newfield.

Ash Wednesday - February 22

Two services at 12 Noon and 7:00 pm in the Church
Scripture and prayers, imposition of Ashes (optional), Homily and Holy Communion (no music). All are welcome - invite family and friends. (Possible Ashes to Go at the Felton Safeway - details to be announced.)

Soup Supper and Lenten Class—Wednesdays in Lent

Beginning March 8 (Second week of Lent) - 5:30 soup, 6 pm class
Our Lenten classes, led by Fr. Martin, will include presentation and discussion to explore the basics of Christian life and the Episcopal Church. For those new to the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, for those seeking a refresher course, and anyone interested in exploring more. Topics: the Bible, Prayer, Worship and what we do on Sundays, Ministry (all our ministries), and Holy Week / faithful living.

St. Andrew's Birthdays

February Birthdays

2 — Dena Robertson	13 — Ray Schmidt
4 — Rochelle Kelly	17 — Mike Leslie
4 — Gene Kodner	20 — Teresa Ruff
7 — Alexander Cadell	24 — Angela Bauer
10 — Paula Madonia	25 — Ralph LeRoux

March Birthdays

4 — Gina Carling	16 — Renee Katz
5 — John Brough	16 — Nia Wooliscroft
6 — Sabrina ValdeRuten	24 — Tom Spring
7 — Clark McPherson	24 — Gary McCormick
8 — Aiden LeRoux	27 — Steve Lefever
9 — Elizabeth Forbes	



Special Holidays

- February - Black History Month
- February 2 — Candlemas
- February 2 — Groundhog Day
- February 9 — National Pizza Day
- February 12 — President Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14 — Valentine's Day
- February 20 — President's Day/President Washington's Birthday
- February 21 — Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)
- February 22 — Ash Wednesday



“The purpose of life
is not to be happy.
It is to be useful,
to be honorable,
to be compassionate,
to have it make
some difference
that you have lived
and lived well.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson~

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 21
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
101 Riverside Avenue
Ben Lomond

Donations Are Welcome

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Rochelle Kelly, Senior Warden

Steve Lafever

Cindy Garay

Sue Roe

Susan Greer

John Wooliscroft

Sara Hector

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.

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