

The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Dear Friends,

Our calendars tell us that it is June, that the Summer season is upon us. (The weather outside is not speaking in the same voice – still rather cool and grey.) But as we enter this Summer season let us try to live it with gratitude for all our blessings, with awareness of the beauty of Creation and our place in it, and with open-ness to the rest, renewal and recreation that Summer can bring to our lives and households.

There may be some Summer travelling ahead for you. Certainly school being out changes pace for families. And even for those who are retired from outside work, Summer can bring times to enjoy the weather, to be about projects you have been wanting to focus on, and to gather with family and friends.

A key part of Biblical living is practicing or remembering the Sabbath. Sabbath does not mean just not working. It means remembering that this is God's world and that we live and work and rest in it. Sabbath is really a rhythm of work and rest, doing and receiving and marveling at Life.

I would like to share with you the following reflection by Donna Schaper (a U.C.C. pastor, wife, mother of 3, author and church executive) :

Sabbath is a way of living, not a thing to have or a list to complete. By observing it we become people who both work and rest, and who know why, when, and how we do either. We also recognize the occasions on which we do both at the same time. We know how to pray, how to be still, how to do nothing. Sabbath people know that "our" time is really God's time, and we are invited to live in it. We are living our eternity now – this Tuesday and Wednesday, this Saturday and Sunday. When we keep Sabbath, we pay attention to God's invitation. We separate time into parts precisely to hold time together. ... Sacred time is not when we get our work done but all time, which we keep and honor by Sabbath living. We dishonor time by not taking our time. Not to keep Sabbath is like receiving a beautiful gift and forgetting to say thank you. It is like staring at a banquet and complaining that there is nothing good to eat.

(Sabbath Keeping, p. 8)

Here also is the prayer in our Prayer Book (p. 825)

"For the Good Use of Leisure": O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I pray that our June and July will have the quality of sabbath living. We will talk more about this on certain Sundays this Summer. Meanwhile, I want to again encourage everyone, in light of the above reflections, to share in Sunday Worship as often as possible, and also to consider our Tuesday Bible Study from 11 to Noon.

And do reach out to those members of our St. Andrew's family whom you have not seen recently. Pick up a Parish Directory and call some folks to check in and rekindle relationships. This is a great time for leisurely reconnecting.

I continue to be thankful to serve with you all here at St. Andrew's.

Yours in Christ,

Martin+

Notes from the Garden

This past Sunday there was a silent break while Sharon adjusted the camera to record Father Martin's sermon. I took advantage of the opportunity to appeal to our congregation to purchase the remaining plants from our annual sale in support of the Garden Guild. I said a little about how garden guild members (specifically volunteer Ellen Quigley and I) had gone about preparing for the sale.



During coffee hour immediately following the service, a few people noted that it was interesting to hear the history of those remaining little creatures — tomatoes, squash, mini pumpkins, and green beans and peas. Yes, I said creatures. To me they are very much alive and have been my dependents since early February.

Ellen and I went over plant catalogs to choose what we would grow. She loaned me some hanging lights and I bought some warming pads — remember this past winter? We bought planning mixture (very lightweight to encourage sprouting). We were excited when the seeds we had bought online arrived, and we commenced carefully planting them. And they came up! But later a number of our infants froze despite our care. (You do remember this past winter, right?)

We struggled on toward Plant Sale day, which is usually the last weekend before Mother's Day, but for several good reasons was delayed by two weeks to May 20/21. By that time there had been a number of other plant sales, and despite the great sign made by my son Jed and Cathy's announcement on our Glen Arbor signboard, and despite online advertising on neighborhood posts and Facebook, very few people came the first day and we made only \$24.

The next day was better, but still left us short of previous years' sales. So I stood up in church and begged this past Sunday, and Father Martin chipped in with an appeal to not let those little plants perish in their little pots. Yay, some people bought plants and some of them didn't ask for change! (By the way, general contributions can be made to the Garden Guild. They should be specified for that purpose and given to Sharon.) The funds are used for garden supplies and to purchase new plants as needed.

In next month's Piper, questions will be answered about various plantings we have, including our mostly medicinal bed you see as you walk from the Sanctuary to the Parish Hall.

Episcopal News

For Episcopal Church resources, visit <https://episcopalchurch.org>. There are many options for self-study, including email notifications, videos, meditations. Visit www.realepiscopal.org to receive information on the Diocese of El Camino Real.

Garden of Eatin'

Lavender Lemon Bars

From Sue Roe, taken from Rusty Acres Herb Farm Website. The lavender gives these lemon bars an interesting flavor.

1 Cup Flour
1/2 Cup Butter
1/4 Cup Powdered Sugar
2 Eggs
1 Cup Granulated Sugar
1 Tbls. Culinary Lavender (dried lavender flowers)
1/2 Teas. Baking Powder
2 Teas. Grated Lemon Peel
2 Tbls. Lemon Juice



Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix flour, butter, and powdered sugar. Press into ungreased 8 or 9 inch square pan, building edges up a bit. Bake 20 minutes.

Beat remaining ingredients until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Pour over hot crust. Bake for 25 minutes or until no indentation remains when touched lightly in center. Cool and cut into squares.

HeeHeeHee!!!

Late one night at the insane asylum, one inmate shouted, "I am Napoleon!"

Another patient asked, "How do you know?"

The first inmate said, "Because God told me!"

Just then, a voice from another room shouted, "I did NOT!"

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.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has been meeting regularly to explore organizations and programs that St. Andrew's may support during the next year. We welcome your recommendations on any non-profit organizations that might benefit from our donation and involvement. If you would be interested in attending the meetings or becoming a member of the committee, please reach out to Joan McVey or Susan Greer.

Fundraising Committee

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the fundraising committee that will plan fundraising activities throughout the year. We are coming into the time of year that we traditionally host activities – we appreciate your interest and involvement. Please let Rochelle or Susan know if you can be a part of this important activity.

2023 Vestry Members

Rochelle Kelly, Senior Warden	Sara Hector
John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden	Steve Lafever
Susan Greer, Clerk of the Vestry	Sue Roe
Cindy Garay	

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.



St. Andrew's Birthdays

June Birthdays

2	Corinna Stevenson	11	Dawn Townsend
4	Laura Lewandowski	14	Bonnie Wolfe
8	Franceska Lewandowski	18	Joe Mello
9	Karen VanGroningen	21	Roxanne Spring
10	Jamie Mello	25	Duquan Ruff

July Birthdays

8	— Sue Roe	19	— Julian Katz
13	— Deidre Guindon	30	— Peggy Dwyer
18	— Miles Redman	31	— Erin Newfield

August Birthdays

14	— Mark Carling	26	— Colin Whitby-Strevens
14	— Finn Katz	27	— Rob Carling
15	— Diane Dearing	29	— Jennifer Kennedy
17	— Shirley Greenwood	30	— Susan Greer
18	— Becky Rooks	31	— Father Martin Yabroff

A Special Note to Jean Templeman

We would like to express our most sincere thank yous and appreciation to you for the many years you devoted hours to organizing the Coffee Hour volunteers. You did a monumental job ensuring that we all had wonderful food to enjoy every Sunday after the church service.

The Congregation of St. Andrew's

Coffee Hour Organizer

- June 18 - Eve Yabroff (253) 225-8683
- June 25 - Jennifer Kennedy 251-1471
- July 2—Barbara Banke 345-2992
- July 9— Janet Parske 246-1839
- July 16—Eve Yabroff (253) 225-8683
- July 23—Jennifer Kennedy 251-1471
- July 30—Rochelle Kelly (408) 691-2571
- August 6—Susan Greer (207) 624-2569
- August 13—Jane Pomeroy (408) 472-1586
- August 20—Ellen Terry (415) 516-9123
- August 27—Shirley Greenwood 423-8290
- Sept 3—Barbara Banke 345-2992
- Sept 10—Eve Yabroff (253) 225-8683
- Sept 17—Jennifer Kennedy 251-1471
- Sept 24—Rochelle Kelly 408-691-2571

- If you are unable to serve on any date,
- please call someone else on the list and also call Sharon Fishel at 831-247-5572.

The Mountain Community Theater will be using the parish hall for rehearsals on the following dates. If you know of any conflicts, please let Sharon know.

June 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29

July 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19

July 20, 24, 25, 26, 27

August 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10

Aug 14, 15, 16, 17



(the following is the record of the first general convention of the episcopal church in the United States of America - 1785)

On motion, Resolved, That the fourth of July shall be observed by this Church forever as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the inestimable blessings of religious and civil liberty vouchsafed to the United States of America.

WHO SHALL WE BE?

(A Good Question!)

This week I had an occasion to correspond with the Public Policy office of the Episcopal Church. Later this week I was notified by the House of Deputies that our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry had been released from the hospital. This all led me to watch an online sermon he preached titled, "Who shall we be?" The entire experience compelled me to write an article for the July Piper. We celebrate the Fourth of July every year with parades, picnics, fireworks, and other celebrations as a reminder that we live in a free country. That freedom cost us dearly and continues to do that. We are not a perfect nation. We still have wounds to heal, problems that bind us, and forgiveness to impart. However, as we ask the question, Who Shall We Be? The answer is what will keep us a free nation under God with liberty and justice for all. One answer is found in the prayer Pastor Martin reminds us of, The Lord's Prayer. This perfect prayer says, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven." Who shall we be? God calls us to love our neighbors and create a paradise of love on Earth. Everyday something happens to deter that ideal world.

Laws are passed all the time. Enforcement of those statutes attempts to legislate behavior. However, laws are broken every day --- some are small infractions, while others result in death, mayhem, and chaos. Nations fight, kill, and attempt genocide. Hate groups march while singing Glory Glory Hallelujah.

Robin Williams wrote a humorous yet true ten reasons to be an Episcopalian. I only have one reason to be an Episcopalian. It is the Episcopal Church where the Lord's Prayer is a model for the answer to the question of "who shall we be?" The Episcopal Church accepts all people, our communion is open to all, we are one church that loves, heals and forgives. We have our problems too. Wherever there are people, there are problems. However, and that is a big however, we move forward in our love and acceptance of all people. "Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven." Without the churches teaching the way of love, the world would sink farther into the abyss of chaos and anarchy. We have but one ruler – Almighty God! We have but one commandment, "Love thy neighbor." As this church brings people to the cross, to the joy of God's love, more and more people find acceptance better than hate, love better than indifference, and peace better than violence. Who shall we be? We shall be and will be a beacon of hope in this fragile world! Glory, glory hallelujah. His truth is marching on ... and on ... and on! Happy fourth of July. Steve LaFever



*Join us on Sundays at 10 am for worship services.
Videos of sermons are available on St. Andrew's
Facebook page.*

*Bible study on Tuesdays at 11 am. Join for study and
camaraderie.*