

The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Dear Friends,

We began September welcoming a number of visitors to our Open House /Welcoming Service and that afternoon's local history presentation. Alcoholism Awareness Sunday was powerful for many. A small group got a lot done on our gardening work morning. And the Blessing of the Animals was a wonderful outdoor service.

Looking ahead, sign up to enter your favorite chili recipe for our Chili Cook-off on Sunday, October 15 after church, and (everyone) plan on a delicious lunch. Bring candy and sign up to help with our Halloween hospitality on the 31 st .

November highlights will include our Bishop's Visitation on Sunday, November 12, thoughtful conversations on stewardship and our mission as St. Andrew's, and an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm.

Our Kirking of the Tartans will be on Saturday, December 1.

An important part of our Bishop's Visitation is to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of baptismal Promises. Please contact me soon if you might be interested in reaffirming your faith and your participation in this Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. Read more about Confirmation in the Book of Common prayer, pages 412-421 and 860. We will have a series of conversations and discussions in preparation for this step ahead in faith.

As we experience this changing of the seasons, let us remember how our spiritual lives change, grow, develop and bring us into new seasons of faith and life. Be open to God as you experience changing weather, new temperatures and seasons, transitions around us. Be open to the holy Spirit with and around you. Let Jesus be a companion – read the Gospels and listen to what stirs in your mind and heart. And be thankful – always.

Yours in Christ,

Martin+

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.

Message from The Vestry Nomination Committee

The day to day running of Saint Andrews is overseen by a dedicated group of volunteer Church members. (your vestry).

Members of the vestry are elected by the congregation at our annual meeting (usually in January) to serve for a three-year term.

At the end of December, three members of the current vestry will have completed their term, so we are looking for new members to replace them.

In order to be eligible to become a vestry member, the Church requires that you be a “Member in good standing”.

What are the requirements to be a “member in good standing”?

1. Regular attendee at Saint Andrews
2. Confirmed
3. Have submitted a written pledge to support the Church. (If you have not pledged before but will be submitting a pledge to support next year then you would be eligible. Also, if you intend to make a pledge for 2024 and find that your situation changes you can make an adjustment to your pledge.

If you are interested and would like to put your name forward as a nominee, please contact one of the following people to let them know. Please note, we have three members who are ending their term, but it does not mean that we only need three new members.

The retiring members become a nominating committee and they have to submit the names of people who want to become vestry members at the December vestry meeting. If you are interested please let us know as soon as possible.

Contact:

Steve LaFevere 831 515 9778

Sue Roe 831 609 6737

John Woolliscroft 831 252 1181

Martin Yabroff 253 225 5128

Hoping that you will give this request serious consideration.

Regards,

John Woolliscroft

Garden of Eatin'

A pumpkin recipe seems good at this time of year! I got this one from my sister. Sue Roe

PUMPKIN BUNDT CAKE

2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cups oil
4 eggs, beaten
2 cups cooked pumpkin
3 cups flour
2 teas. baking soda
2 teas. cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped nuts (whatever nuts you like or none)

Blend first four ingredients. Add next three ingredients. Add nuts. Bake in a well greased bundt cake pan at 350 degrees for one hour. Cool in pan. Invert onto cake plate.

Icing: Put 1/4 cup butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan. Boil for 2 minutes. Add 1 teas. vanilla. Beat in about 1 pound powdered sugar – enough to reach soft spreading consistency. Ice top of cake and let a little run down sides.

HeeHeeHee!!!

Before performing a baptism, the priest approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for all of our guests." "I don't mean that," the priest responded. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?" "Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

ON THE SCHEDULE

Join us at 10 am on Sundays

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

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays from 11 am to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome – no background required. We are studying Luke's Gospel. There is no Bible Study on October 10.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join in on the Upcoming Church Activities!!

Sunday, October 15 – Chili Cook-off

Saturday, November 4 – Art Sale in the Parking Lot

Sunday, November 12 -- Bishop's Visitation

Tuesday, November 21—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, December 2 – Kirking of the Tartans followed by a Highlands Shepherd's Pie Dinner

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has been meeting regularly to explore organizations and programs that St. Andrew's may support this year and in future years. 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 McVay or Susan Greer.



Notes from the Garden

We recently had a gardening party at which several green thumbers weeded and cleaned and pruned. A huge load of brush and such as taken to the dump. Please let John Woolliscroft know if you are interested in being part of the gardening crew on future gardening parties.

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.

Thoughts from Steve

NOAH AND THE ARK

Boulder Creek Church sign today: Noah should have swatted the two mosquitos. However, he also ought to have done the same to ticks, lice, and cockroaches. Nevertheless, we exist on a planet together.

I thought about this and imagined a a new ark, and a new Noah. I think that humans of every kind would be allowed on the ark with the one exception of bigots. I really believe this would be a better world without them. Bigots come in all sizes, shapes and ages. Their skin has no specific color. They aren't any particular religion. They look like everyone else. the difference is what is in their heart. Even the atheist would agree that this would be the best possible world if we loved our neighbors, respected each other, and helped each other.

Unfortunately, we have not been called to build another ark, and no catastrophic earth-destroying storm is predicted.

SLV saw fires and evacuations, rain that caused mountainsides to collapse, and trees pulling down power and cable lines. We all survived. God didn't eradicate humanity. Bigots are still alive and well and prolific.

We keep praying and asking God to do something. I think God is looking at us and wondering why WE don't do something to educate the ignorant and misinformed. It may not be easy or even possible. The failure is in not doing something. Yes, yes, I know you have heard this a million times. You hear it from teachers, from priests, from politicians, from leaders and from the Bible.

It gets tiresome. We only have to open the newspaper, or closer to home, look around us to know that something isn't working; but as long as we are warm at night, have a decent meal, and pay our bills, that there is no good reason to think about or worry about the rest of the world.

Now here is where I give you the answer. Here is where I tell you how to solve the world's problems. Here is where I tell you how to solve the homeless situation. And here is where I tell you how to stop war.

So is it hopeless? Do we need another ark and another flood? Or can we find a solution among ourselves. I think we all need to think about this and come to our own conclusions.

Pandora opened a box, evil escaped into the world. It is still among us. She closed the box before everything escaped. The one thing that was left was hope.

Coffee Hour Organizer

Oct 8 — Janet Parske	November 19 — Jennifer Kennedy
Oct 15 — Ellen Terry	November 26 — Rochelle Kelly
Oct 22 — Jane Pomeroy	December 3 — Susan Greer
Oct 29 — Shirley Greenwood	December 10 — Jane Pomeroy
November 5 — Barbara Banke	December 24 — Ellen Terry
November 12 — TBD	December 31 — Janet Parske

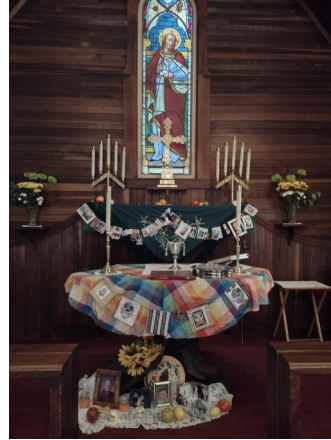
If you are unable to serve on any date, please call someone else on the list and also call Sharon Fishel at 831-247-5572.

Halloween at Saint Andrew's By Cathy Newfield

Riverside Avenue comes alive on October 31st! It is the Ben Lomond destination for trick or treaters of all ages. Come on down and enjoy the festivities. Pass out candy and display your Jack-O-Lantern. See some of the most original costumes you'll ever see.

The church Sanctuary will be open from 5:00 to 8:30 or so for everyone to enjoy. We decorate the Altar for Dia del Muertos. You may donate a small copy of a picture of a loved one who has passed. Please bring them in before October 27th. Pictures will not be returned, they will be added to the collection for annual display. Candy can be donated anytime before Halloween.

Feel free to come by and pass out candy for an hour or two. Wear a costume if you like and bring a carved pumpkin! It's a very fun time. Hope to see you there!



St. Andrew's Birthdays

October Birthdays

1	Judyth Suttle	18	Jean Templeman
3	Rick Garay	21	Zeke Erdman
6	Kerry LeRoux	29	Steve Ruff
8	Eve Yabroff	16	Joey Katz
18	Paul Balch	30	Blaine Hammond
31	Stephen Mello		



November Birthdays

2	Pat Whitby-Stevens
11	Ben Rooks
15	Randi Alves
20	Stefanie Erdman



*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. There will be no Bible Study on October 10.