

# the CHIMES OF ST. ANDREW'S

February 26, 2020

Lent

## DEAR FRIENDS,

We have enjoyed a rather long Epiphany and now, just around the corner, we are looking ahead to Lent. Our Mardi Gras party and Ash Wednesday services will have just occurred by the time you read this. I hope they were well attended and a great kickoff for Lent.

Our Lenten program will be a significant change from our prior years (see p. 4). We are again partnering with St. Michael's, Clifton Lutheran, and St. Stephen's United Methodist for our program. This year we are going to try an online video AND in-person series on the Way of Love. We will record our conversation and post the video to a Facebook page. You can go and watch it anytime. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., beginning March 4 at St. Andrew's (coffee and tea will be provided, but not dinner), and meet weekly until April 1. Each Sunday our churches will meet and offer a 15-20 minute debrief of the video topic, field questions, and record comments and questions for the next video. We will meet in the Guild Room about 10 minutes after coffee hour begins. On the last week of Lent before Holy Week, all of our participants will gather together for a final session on Wednesday, April 1. The location and time TBD. This is something that you can easily forward to folks you know who may not be a part of a faith community. Whether or not they watch it, you can open a door to someone and who knows what might come of that?!

As of this writing, our pledge numbers are at 94 pledging households. We are normally at just over 120. Please, if you have not made a pledge, do so. It is not too late and your support will help us allocate our funds responsibly. Even if you are giving consistently, a pledge helps us to forecast our funds and spend wisely. Otherwise, we will have to adjust our spending this year as we are looking at a deficit of nearly \$50k. Your vestry approved our budget at the beginning of the year with the same expected pledges as we had last year. We did this because the pledge drive was initiated only in mid-December. We felt pretty confident that households who made pledges last year would do the same this year. Now, I at least am beginning to get a little nervous. In order to address this deficit and encourage pledging that may simply have slipped your mind, some of our vestry will be making calls to households who pledged last year and have not yet made a pledge this year. You can help us out by sending in your pledge today. You can also email our new treasurer, Jone

Sienkiewicz, with your pledge information at: [treasurer@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:treasurer@standrewsmhd.org). Your pledge really matters, however small or large.

If you haven't already heard, the Good Friday Cantata will observe 40 years since its inception and barring only a couple of years, St. Andrew's has been the yearly home for this powerful rendition of a modern passion play. We are expecting a larger than normal crowd, especially when you invite your friends and neighbors to  
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## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 1	Grounds Presentation
Mar. 3	Serve at MBT
Mar. 4	Lenten Program
Mar. 8	Adult Forum Ladies Potluck Lunch
Mar. 11	Lenten Program
Mar. 15	Adult Forum Evensong and Potluck
Mar. 18	Lenten Program
Mar. 22	Adult Forum Welcome the Stranger service
Mar. 25	Easter Flower List deadline Lenten Program
Mar. 29	Adult Forum Welcome Bishop Gayle Harris

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## Dear Friends, cont.

come out for this event. Let's pack the house for this solemn outreach offering. Additionally, we will hold a reception on the afternoon of Palm Sunday to commemorate the forty years of the cantata. We have invited performers from years past and present to come and recall stories of their participation in the cantata. We'll hear from Bob Franke about the experience of writing the cantata and others who participated, listened, and whose lives were impacted by this incredible Passion Play. Please mark your calendars for a reception to begin in the mid-afternoon on Palm Sunday. We will publish the time once it is set.

In our Ash Wednesday service we are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Henry David Thoreau once said that, "What are we but a mass of thawing clay?" While these sentiments may seem less than hopeful, I find great inspiration: yes, we are but a mass of dust most likely from some long-dead star. What sets us apart is that we are dust breathed into life by our Creator. There implies purpose and from the teachings of Christ, we learn also that the motivation for our existence was and shall continue to be, love. If Lent gets you down as it does me at times, here is the reminder that sets us apart from chaotic, directionless life. We and all of creation are set apart by the breath and intention of God. May your Lenten journey be about seeking to better understand and embrace your place and purpose set upon us by our Creator. See you in church.

-Clyde+

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## MUSIC NOTES

First, I want to thank all of you! All the cards, meals, the vestry and friends hiring housekeeping for me, the prayers even when you just said a kind word or gave me a hug. Truly my congregation at St. Andrew's knows how to do community. I didn't expect to be the recipient of such largesse and good will, but I am grateful for each and every one of you!

The next musical event will be a combined **Evensong on March 15 at 5:00 p.m.** The choirs of St. Andrew's and St. Michael's in Milton will gather together here to sing a program of beautiful canticles, a psalm, and an anthem. We will be singing Thomas Tallis Short Service, also known as the Dorian Service. The psalm is a Hyland Stewart chant for Psalm 23, and the anthem is the beautiful "God so Loved the World," by John Stainer. There will be a church potluck supper afterwards, so come and listen, sing, and then let us enjoy a meal as a community.

-Mary Jodice

## ADULT FORUM

All are welcome at 9:10 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall to attend the Adult Forum. The offerings through March are:

**March 1:** Jeff Chelgren, parishioner and landscape architect, will present a proposed plan for the parking lot and grounds, with the assistance of Phoebe Wysor, chair of the campaign's subcommittee on the grounds.

**March 8, 15, 22, and 29:** We continue taking a deeper look at the Gospel of Matthew. In living into the Way of Love, it's important to take a look at each of the seven parts. In order to help us "Learn," we will spend six weeks diving into the Gospel of Matthew. Each week will focus not on a particular section, but on questions, topics, and even confusing parables, from the text. This will not be a Bible study, but instead a chance to truly dig into the Scripture, and try to together make sense, and find the relevancy, of this ancient text.

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## MARBLEHEAD FOOD PANTRY MONTH



March is St. Andrew's month to supply the Marblehead Food Pantry with needed food and staples. **Beginning this Sunday, March 1,** there will be specially marked shopping bags placed in the back of the sanctuary and

at the entrance of the Parish Hall. There will also be a list of needed items. All items can be dropped off by the Parish Hall entrance during the month and will be delivered to the pantry. Thank you so much for participating in this special ministry.

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## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Ash Wednesday has come and so, believe it or not, that means it is time to start thinking about Easter! If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the beautiful lilies and hydrangeas that grace the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please drop me a note at 15 Sparhawk Terrace, Marblehead or leave the names in an envelope with my name on it in the office or in the collection plate. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's Altar Guild. Any amount you would like to contribute is greatly appreciated. As you know, any extra monies collected at Christmas and Easter sustain the expenses of the Altar Guild throughout the year. The cut-off date for having names included on the Flower List is Wednesday, March 25. Please consider sending your names in now so you won't have to worry about it later.



## INVITATION TO BE PART OF THE CENTURY GROWTH INITIATIVE



The cottage meetings phase of the Century Campaign highlighted the importance of membership growth to our community. And our initial fundraising response has put the money in the bank to support the hiring of Cara to undertake development of programs to invite families with children and others to check us out and stay.

Many of you who joined us recently have stated how the first impression of St. Andrew's was the warm feeling that permeated the space. How can we best insure that all who enter feel this warmth?

In March, we will be inviting increasing numbers of parishioners to undertake specific roles in the welcoming and incorporation of newcomers. First, a small group is being formed to define how best to extend to newcomers the warmth and connections that we feel for each other. From this, you can expect invitations to the parish to meet and exchange ideas, and become part of the welcoming teams.

The job of inviting, welcoming, and incorporating newcomers must be shared by all of us, not simply by Clyde and Cara. Keep your eyes open—you will be invited, welcomed, and find warm companionship in the shared efforts to bring new families and people into our community.

*-John Howard*

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### ST. ANDREW'S HOSTS ST. STEPHEN'S IN WOMEN'S LUNCH

St. Andrew's is looking forward to hosting the women of St. Stephen's-Lynn in a potluck luncheon on **Sunday, March 8, at noon**. Please bring a dish to share. This gathering will center around the current exhibit in our Cloister Gallery, "Black Lives Matter: A Struggle for Justice and Equality," an exhibit of twenty art quilts related to civil rights history and justice reform, created by fabric artist Nancy Earsy.

Here is the plan for the afternoon:

- Noon: Opening prayer and welcome. Lunch.
- 12:40 to 1:00 p.m: View the exhibit in the Cloister Gallery. We can vote on the quilts that were most impactful, at the request of the artist.
- 1:00 to 1:30 p.m: Discuss in either roundtable style or in small groups our feelings and impressions of the history represented, the present, and how we as a society are still processing this journey.
- 1:30 pm: Closing prayer

## CLOISTER GALLERY

**"Black Lives Matter: A Struggle for Justice and Equality"**

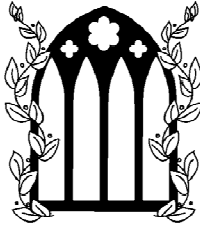
**Fabric Art by Nancy Franklin Earsy**

The Cloister Gallery is featuring a new show entitled "Black Lives Matter: A Struggle for Justice and Equality," an exhibition of small art quilts related to civil rights history and justice reform. The exhibit will run through March 23.

Viewers will see images of civil rights leaders and heroes like Harriet Tubman, Shirley Chisholm, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, and President Obama, interwoven with brightly colored fabrics and embellishments. Pete Seeger and his banjo appear on one quilt, which also includes Norman Rockwell's iconic image of a small girl walking to school accompanied by two federal marshals. Titled "Together We Learn to Read and Write," the quilt echoes Seeger's song imaging children learning together in peace and friendship. It commemorates the Supreme Court ruling that racially segregated education is inherently unequal and violates the Constitution.

Fabric artist Nancy Franklin Earsy, a retired lawyer, began making art quilts in 2006 to share her perspectives on the continuing struggle to realize our American ideals of justice and equality. Her first one celebrated Peace Day, with purple felt praying hands and tiny Tibetan prayer flags. Since then, she's created over 100 art quilts, many of them focused on civil rights. She finds that the practice of designing and sewing small quilts fosters mindfulness and restores her spirits.





## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for your generous support  
of the *Growing Into Our Future Capital Campaign*  
in honor of our upcoming centennial in 2024.

**Your pledges have done it!**  
**We have reached our stated goal!**

We continue to implement building projects (e.g. stained-glass windows), to plan improvements to our worship space (e.g., side transept), and to prepare to revitalize the parking lot and grounds, as we support strong programs within and beyond our parish.

### PLEASE COME TO A PRESENTATION ABOUT A PROPOSED DESIGN FOR THE PARKING LOT/GROUNDS



**Sunday, March 1**



after the 8 o'clock service and again after the 10 o'clock service.

Jeff Chelgren, parishioner and landscape architect, will present with the assistance of Phoebe Wysor, chair of the campaign's subcommittee on parking lot and grounds.

See you there!

### DARING DINING DISCIPLES

Many of us fondly recall the Daring Dining Disciples, a dining/fellowship group at St. Andrew's in the past. It is back! There are sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall if you are interested in being part of a group of about eight-to-ten people that has dinner together once a month for four months in different homes. You will be assigned to a group and the group will change every four months. The groups organize their own schedules. All adults—singles and couples—are welcome. If your home does not accommodate the group, the rectory is available. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners in a cozy environment and share delicious food and conversation. Dare you to try!



### THE WAY OF LENT, 2020

This year for Lent, we're trying something new! St. Andrew's, St. Michael's Episcopal, St. Stephen's Methodist, and Clifton Lutheran are coming together for a Lenten series looking closely at Rules of Life, specifically the Way of Love. But this year, we're going hybrid! This year we will be offering a program that is part digital and part in person! We will meet on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m., beginning at St. Andrew's on March 4 (coffee and tea will be provided, but not dinner), and meet weekly until April 1.

We will also be offering a virtual program! Each week the five clergy will gather to record a conversation on Rules of Life and the Way of Love. We will record this and offer it on Facebook as well as our own websites. We will also post weekly reflections on the topic of the week, and various other things throughout the week.

This will be a Lenten discipline, meaning that we are asking those who are interested to truly commit to the discipline, and agree to engage at least twice a week with the digital material. You don't have to attend the meetings to participate in the digital program, though we encourage everyone to participate in both.

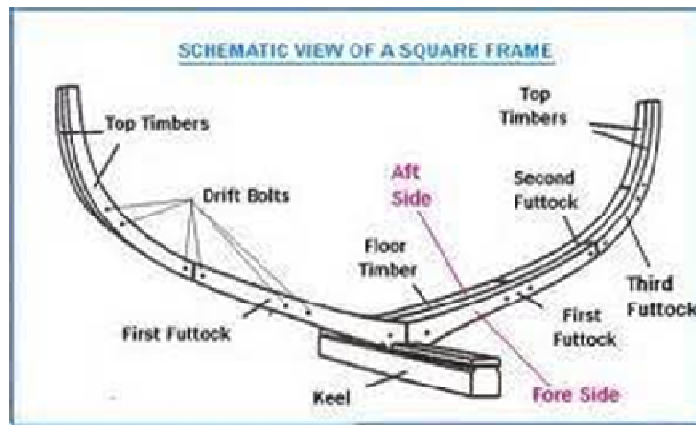
Journey with us as we work together to live as Christians in this world, to live into the Way of Love.



## BUILDING ON THE PAST AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

I read a good book recently, *Six Frigates*, by Ian Toll, about the formation of the U.S. Navy in the late 1700s and its successes and setbacks through the early 1800s (for World War II history enthusiasts, I cannot recommend his *Pacific Crucible* enough. It is excellent, but I digress). In *Six Frigates*, Marblehead gets brief mention for the USS Constitution (one of the original Six Frigates) seeking refuge in the harbor under cannon fire from Fort Sewall, but one of the most interesting parts of the book was the description of how these sailing vessels were constructed in the first place, using southern pine and live oak, a particularly dense wood prized in shipbuilding for its strength and resistance to moisture. The original frigates were to be built to last—great emphasis was placed on structural integrity and longevity. While times have changed and shipbuilding materials and techniques have made it obsolete, remarkably, the USS Constitution is still floating today.

St. Andrew's was built, literally and figuratively, with the same focus on structural integrity and longevity. One of my favorite aspects of the Sunday experience at St. Andrew's is the worship space itself. The same type of framing system used to build ships over 200 years ago was used to support the roof of the chapel almost 100 years ago.



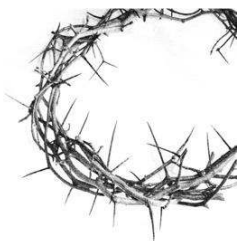
Unlike the USS Constitution, which has been relegated to floating museum status, St. Andrew's remains vibrant and relevant. The challenge before all of us is how to keep it this way when the wider trends say we should be shrinking. Our attendance and pledging numbers remain flat, and the fact that they are not shrinking is a testament to Clyde's leadership, our emphasis on being a welcoming place, and the generosity of time and treasure from many key members of our church. Our Century Campaign is providing us with a platform to do great things, physical enhancements and an expansion of program with Cara's guidance. Like those sailing vessels from 200 years ago, we have come in for repair in order to reach farther and serve in changing times in fulfillment of our mission.

At our most recent vestry retreat, we began to share our ideas of what a vibrant parish looks like to us now, in 2024, and beyond, and how to grow and sustain our numbers as we approach our second century. Some ideas are really simple like inviting a friend to our Mardi Gras feast or a Sunday service. Other ideas will require a more intentional and sustained outreach campaign. This year we will be reviving some old ideas and trying out some new ones. Everyone at St. Andrew's has a gift to give and a perspective that he or she brings. All ideas are good ideas and will help to bring us all closer together as we look to realize the vision of the Century Campaign with an eye toward longevity.

-Nat Wysor, Senior Warden

### PLEDGE REMINDER

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our fiscal year has begun and with many pledges still outstanding, we have a deficit budget. Please mail in your pledge card, or email treasurer Jone Sienkiewicz, with your pledge information at: [treasurer@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:treasurer@standrewsmhd.org). Thank you.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Good Friday Cantata**  
*Meditations on the Passion*, by Bob Franke  
**40th-Anniversary Performance**  
April 10, 2020 at 8 p.m.

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Special reception Sunday, April 5; stay tuned for details!

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### GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA STUDIO RECORDING: PLEASE LEND YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Friends,

Every now and then, if we miss the news that “it can’t be done,” we create something new and our worlds are changed. Forty years ago, in response to the Rev. Ward Gamble’s kind invitation to me to be something called “artist in residence” at St. Andrew’s, I wrote a cantata for Good Friday, titled *Meditations on the Passion*. The blessings it has given me have certainly changed my world. It was a way for me to introduce my faith community to a community of musicians, and to introduce those musicians to this community and to the gospel we seek to proclaim. As I tell the participants every year, they are helping me to pray, as have many of you who have supported the cantata in any way.

With a handful of exceptions, *Meditations on the Passion* has been performed each year at St. Andrew’s, its home; it has also been performed in Cambridge, Denver, and New York. Although several of the individual songs have been recorded by different artists, the cantata itself has never been recorded as a complete work. To celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the cantata, we’re making plans for a professional studio recording. Dave Mattacks, who has provided spectacular percussion to cantata performances in recent years, has agreed to produce the recording, and we’re hoping that we can undertake the recording in late spring or early summer.

I’m writing to request your financial assistance with the recording. Our goal is to raise \$15,000—which will cover all costs of the recording—by May 1. Any assistance you can provide will be most welcome. Please make your check payable to Robert J. Franke or Telephone Pole Music Publishing Co., and mail to 106 Winona Street, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960.

At St. Peter’s in Cambridge where we performed the cantata one year, I introduced it by asking the question “How far will God go for our sakes?” A voice came loud and unsolicited from a lady who obviously knew the answer well: “All the way, baby!” If we can offer that realization to our community and the world, we will have done good work, and my hope will have been fulfilled. I thank you in advance for doing what you can to help us make *Meditations on the Passion* available to a wider community. And I hope to see you at this year’s performance of the cantata, Good Friday, April 10, at 8 p.m.

Gratefully,  
Bob Franke



## MY BROTHER'S TABLE

Come be part of a team to help serve dinner the first Tuesday of every month at My Brother's Table, Lynn. **March 3 is the next date.**



If you can help, please contact  
Tim Parker at 781-631-5335.

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## DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

Gospel Reflections: Exploring the Gospel  
in Today's World  
Tuesday morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m.



All are welcome to gather in the Guild Room.  
If you have questions, please contact Margaret Eckman  
at [margareteckman@comcast.net](mailto:margareteckman@comcast.net).

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## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There are so many ministries in which we participate both to keep St. Andrew's a welcoming, growing, vibrant community and to nourish our souls. There are many opportunities as we head into the spring season to help and be in fellowship on Sunday mornings. Contact the church office if you are interested in offering your talents in a new way as a/an:

- Altar Guild member
- Sunday-morning hospitality provider
- Reader
- Usher—especially needed for the 10 a.m. service
- Chalice bearer—especially needed for the 8:00 a.m. service
- Acolyte

## WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS

All are invited to the Wednesday noon Eucharists in the choir section of the sanctuary. Make this part of your Lenten spiritual practice and take a break mid-day for a quiet, reflective service. Come as you are!

## PASTORAL CARE

We are looking to expand our pastoral care team. Please let us know if you can offer an occasional meal or ride or visit a parishioner in need.  
Contact Pat Hahn in the office (781-631-4951) or Spencer Moore (781-771-4350).

For a pastoral visit, please contact the rector, Clyde Elledge, directly at [rector@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:rector@standrewsmhd.org) or at his cell phone (see below).

*In case of pastoral emergency*, please call  
Clyde's cell phone, 781-576-0329.

## LOTIONS AND POTIONS



Please save your hotel-sized containers of shampoo, toothpaste, and other toiletries and drop them in the basket in the Guild Room. Diana Isbrandtsen will be making gift baskets of these items to deliver to local shelters. Thank you.

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## CHIMES SCHEDULE

*The Chimes* is published monthly.

(Please e-mail articles to [lakeloreyn@aol.com](mailto:lakeloreyn@aol.com).  
Articles submitted after the deadline will be included on a space-available basis.)

**March 20**

**April 17**



**Happy 99th Birthday, Charlotte!**

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## Mission Statement

God calls us at St. Andrew's to grow spiritually and personally and to reach out to others as part of the global family. We will strive to respond to this challenge every day of our lives through:

- Worship that strengthens and inspires
- Love, mutual care, nurture, and fellowship
- Christian formation and teaching Christian discipleship at all stages of life
- Mission and outreach into the community and the world
- Faithful stewardship in gratitude for God's creation and gifts

