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October 23, 2019 Pentecost

DEAR FRIENDS,

As I'm writing this, our area just experienced a storm with high winds causing many downed trees and a brownout in the church. We are getting some power but not enough to sustain all of our lights. Computers don't work (the rectory was only without power for a couple of hours) and the Embark school that helps with Rummage Sale setup was called off. A call out to our people brought in folks to help and we were able to get everything done. Thanks to all of you who came out in our time of need.

Since the Rummage Sale will have been completed by the time you read this, I want to focus a bit on a few upcoming events. All Saints' Sunday is coming up. Again, we will be honoring those who have died and were buried from our parish as well as those whom you wish to remember in our service. Names will be read just before the communion prayer and we dedicate the Eucharist to those whom we name on that day. Please submit names to be read for the necrology on that day. A donation to the gifts and memorials fund is also most appropriate for this occasion. Bring photos again this year so that we can surround ourselves with images as well as names of those whom we wish to remember on our feast of All Saints.

Upon hearing about scheduling difficulties from parents, our St. Andrew's Club (youth group for kindergarten through 4th grade) will have our delayed kickoff in January. We meet the second Sunday of the month and will have another bowling outing in February. I have a separate e-mail list for parents so if you would like to be on that list, contact me at rector@standrewsmhd.org. A similar list is made up for the Junior High Youth Group (5th-8th grade). You can let me know if you want to be on either list and I'll make sure you stay in touch with our planning and activities. A discussion will take place soon about education and fellowship opportunities for some of our older youth. The gathering will be in the Sunday bulletin and in the weekly e-mail so keep an eye out for the announcement of that meeting.

It's not too early to start thinking about St. Nicholas Night. It is a fun evening kicked off by a short skit that tells of one of the legends about St. Nicholas, followed by a lasagna dinner and carol singing. We then go into the church and pick out Advent and Christmas songs from the hymnal. A fun event and one that you can invite friends and neighbors to so that they can get a sense of our community at one of our premier parish events.

RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, October 26, 8-11:45 a.m.

with stuff-a-bag 12-1 p.m.

PREVIEW PARTY Thursday, October 24, 7-9 p.m.

Admission \$10 (no reservations necessary) with wine, hors d'oeuvres, and sweet treats

Wanted: Cashiers for both events, donations of hors d'oeuvres for the Preview Party, and cleanup crew.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 24	Preview Party
Oct. 26	Rummage Sale
Oct. 27	Halloween Party
	Seven Times Salt Concert
Nov. 2	Fall Grounds Cleanup
Nov. 3	Adult Forum, Way of Love—Turn
	Book Group
Nov. 5	Serve at My Brother's Table
Nov. 10	Adult Forum, Way of Love—Learn
	Cloister Gallery Opening
	Memory Talk
Nov. 16	Saturday Night in Marblehead

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Artwork by Chuck Nyren in group show.

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Dear Friends cont.

Finally, a poll is going around on the time of our latenight service on Christmas Eve. If you have attended that service or are interested in attending, please fill out the survey as we are considering changing the time from 11 p.m. to an earlier hour and would like your input and feedback. Paper copies of the poll will be in the back of the church following services for those who may not know their way around a computer.

I hope also that some of you will take advantage of our Adult Forum time between services. We have a list of topics and speakers that I'm hopeful people will support and learn from the offerings. Much of this will be focused on the Presiding Bishop's initiative, the Way of Love. I hope to see you there and if not, I'll see you in church! *Clyde+*

MUSIC NOTES

October is a great month to join one of our choirs!

We are just getting the Advent and Christmas music going as well as the regular Sunday music. It's a good time to make a short commitment to the beautiful music that we make.

On October 27 we will be having an Early Music group, Seven Times Salt. They are up for a Grammy award for one of their songs. They will be performing at St. Andrew's on October 27, at 5:00 p.m. Twenty dollars for admission and a special price of ten dollars for families that go to the Halloween party held during the afternoon of October 27.

Hope to see you there!

-Mary

WELCOME THE STRANGER OCTOBER 25 AT 6 P.M.

Interfaith service followed by a light supper

All are invited to Temple Emanu-El in Marblehead on Friday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m. to share fellowship with friends at Temple Emanu-El and Old North Congregational Church, our partners in Welcome the Stranger.

WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS

Please join us in the sanctuary for a quiet mid-week service and reflection every Wednesday at noon.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS Sunday, Oct. 27

Halloween Party—2:30 to 4:45 p.m. We invite community children—and their parents—to a friendly, free Halloween festival Sunday. The party—held in the Parish Hall—offers children a fun, non-scary venue for celebrating Halloween. There will be a bouncy house, games, and food and treats; children are encouraged to come in costume.

Families who attend the party will be offered reduced admission to a Halloween-themed concert, featuring the early music ensemble Seven Times Salt, at the church after the party. Titled "The Corners of the Moon: Uncanny Music for Hallowmas," the concert will feature ghoulish tunes, bizarre instrumental works, and eerie tales of the supernatural. It is appropriate for all ages above 7; children are encouraged to come in costume.

Volunteers and donations of hot dogs and buns, small bags of potato chips, small bottles of water, and, of course, CANDY are needed to help with this fun event!

Seven Times Salt concert—5:00 p.m. The Early Music ensemble Seven Times Salt will present a Halloween concert, "The Corners of the Moon: Uncanny Music for Hallowmas," at 5:00 p.m.

The Boston-based group, which specializes in repertoire of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, has created a new program of spooky music for Halloween, depicting ghost encounters, witches' dances, mad song, fantastic beasts, and more. The group will perform ghoulish masquing tunes by Campion and Johnson; bizarre instrumental works by Picforth, Ashton, and Lawes; and eerie tales of supernatural beings and fairy mayhem. Karen Burciaga of Seven Times Salt says, "We'll take a seventeenth-century trip to the moon and round out this unearthly program with our original settings of broadside ballads about Tom o' Bedlam's deranged exploits and the midnight antics of mischievous Robin Goodfellow. Will good magic win in the end?"

This concert will be fun for the entire family, particularly those age 7 and up. Children are encouraged to come in costume. The suggested donation is \$20, and a reception will follow.



GROUNDS CLEANUP, SAT., NOV. 2

The gardens brought much joy to our community this summer, and now it is time to prepare them for winter. Please join us on Saturday, November 2, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for the Fall Grounds Cleanup.

As with the spring cleanup, many volunteers are needed to make this a quick and easy process. We will be cutting down plants, raking out beds, and disposing of brush. Please bring garden tools: rakes, clippers, leaf bags and/or tarps. Any pickup trucks available for hauling brush to the dump would be appreciated.

Please consider helping in this effort. Questions, please contact Phoebe Wysor at prsawyer@comcast.net.



FALL ADULT FORUM

Among the most frequent questions I'm asked is a topic of "how" to be Christian. There isn't one set way that works, sadly (though some more conservative traditions will tell you there is). Instead, Christianity is a way of life, or better said, to be Christian is to live into the Way of Love. Together, we would like to learn how to live into the way of love, beginning with seven Adult Forums that will unpack each of the parts of the Way of Love identified by Presiding Bishop Curry.

Please join us for the Adult Forums in November and December, where we will discuss:

Nov. 3 Turn
 Nov. 10 Learn
 Nov. 17 Pray
 Nov. 24 Worship
 Dec. 1 Bless
 Dec. 8 Go
 Dec. 15 Rest

Learning and striving happens best in community. Let's be together to learn to live into the teachings of Christ.

-Cara+

BOOK GROUP



Date: **Sunday, Nov. 10, 3:00 p.m**. Hosts: Bonnie Howard's home,

Bonnie Howard's home, bondonhoward@comcast.net

Book: Come to discuss what you have

been reading!

All are welcome to join the St. Andrew's book group! For more information, please contact Bonnie at bondonhoward@comcast.net.

OLIVE WOOD CRAFTS—NOV. 3

Beautiful handmade olive wood religious articles crafted by Christian families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale November 3rd after all services. Bethlehem Artworks is an organization that provides assistance to over 100 suffering families each week.

Handmade rosaries, statues, crosses, and nativities will make wonderful presents for family and friends; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand-carved religious item for your home to be cherished for generations. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy-Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago.

The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 2% just within the last ten years. Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.



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. **November 5 is the next date.**



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

PROTECTING BRAIN AND MEMORY AS WE AGE—NOV. 10 AT 11:00 a.m.

To support St. Andrew's designation as a memory café venue the second Tuesday of every month and to address all of our concerns about memory loss as we age, we invite you to join us after church on Sunday, November 10, as we welcome Peipei Wishnow, PhD, biologist and geneticist. Hear her personal story of how difficult it is when a loved one has age-related memory loss and what she has discovered that gives her hope. All of us are or will be touched by this in some way and all are welcome.



CLOISTER GALLERY

Group Show Opening Reception Nov. 10

The Cloister Gallery will be having a group art show featuring Marcelino Herrera Vegas, Juliana Roy, and parishioners Judy Beals (see below) and Chuck Nyren (see p. 1). The show will open on Sunday, November 10, with a reception following the 10:00 a.m. service and will run through Thursday, January 9, 2020.



TOY SALE LOOKING FOR A SANTA

Almost 30 years ago, I suggested to Ward that we should have a used Toys Only Rummage Sale. It would give families a chance to clean out before the holidays, it would give other families a way to provide good condition toys for the holiday, and the church would earn a few dollars.

He thought it was a good idea, and in his way said, "You should get that going." Of course, I was suggesting someone should do it, not me I asked for donations and volunteers, as I have every year since, and so many have donated and come to help.

This year, I have decided to step back.

I want to thank the very special, dependable, hard-working, fun-loving group of elves and many others who have done the work of setting up, sorting, and pricing the toys. I especially want to thank Mimi's students, who have for many years now come on Friday morning to unpack and sort all the toys and sort them onto tables.

If anyone would like to take on this tradition, that would be great. I think what the project needs is someone with strong social media skills and the ability to source other avenues to donate leftovers.

Thank you to everyone who has donated and made the sale such a success and so much fun.

DEAR CLYDE, VESTRY AND COMMUNITY



As my three years on the vestry come to a close, there aren't enough words to express my love and gratitude to you all.

The day Peg Howard approached me and asked if I would consider being on the vestry was a day that opened a whole new experience for me.

Clyde then suggested that I be on the People Team. I loved/love the involvement and interacting in all the events. Mardi Gras, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Welcome Back Picnic, Newcomers Meet and Greet, Rummage Sale, Halloween, St. Nicholas Night, Deanery, Lay Weeders, and the Wyman Garden. So blessed, happy, and rewarding.

Clyde, you have guided and helped me to go on these past months and to live each day with grace, love, and kindness. For you, I am grateful.

To all my dear friends in the community, when I felt the time was right to come to St. Andrew's, it was a day I will never forget. You took me under your wings and from that time I knew I had found my home. Your support then and now is heartfelt and a blessing. Thank you.

David reminds us that we do not journey through life alone. Our loving, Heavenly Father is with each believer every single day. God gives His grace not only to endure, but also to grow more like Jesus through the experience. God promises to be with us in all seasons of life whether joyful or sorrowful. No matter how dark, depressing, or hopeless the situation may seem, our Faithful Father is with us because His love never fails. God knows facets of our situation and is working it out for our good and His glory. Besides having the power to meet any need, God comforts every hurt.

When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty trust Him fully. God will either pick you up or teach you how to fly.

Blessings and Love, Deanna Karwowski





8 MIN. A WEEK

Hello neighbors! I'm so excited to share with you the first installment of 8 Minutes a Week! I sent the basics of the idea in the last edition of the Chimes, but for a quick refresher:

I'm asking you all to talk to your families, your friends,

yourself, for 8 minutes a week about faith. Hopefully, by talking together, we can all learn more about what it means to be a Christian in this world.

Up first, what does it mean to be a Christian?

Please, everyone, take a look and let me know what you think. Try talking about a few of these questions, and let me know how it goes. We'll experiment with a few different versions (some will be prayers, some will be unpacking of what we went over in church, some will deal with current events, all will have a short write-up so we have some background for the conversation).

Thank you all for being with me! Here we go!

What does it mean to be a Christian? It seems like this question should be easy to answer, yet, it's really not!

The basics: a "Christian" is a person who follows the religion that is based on the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, a first-century rabbi in what is now the disputed region of Israel/Palestine. Jesus traveled all over Israel teaching what is essentially a retelling of Jewish law (which is recorded in the first two-thirds of the Bible). Jesus's travels, teachings, and the stories of what he did are recorded in what is known as the New Testament—the last third of the Bible.

The term Christian comes from the belief that Jesus was the Messiah—one sent from God. The Greek for messiah is *Christos* (English is Christ).

There are a lot of different ways of being a Christian. Some ways are closer to the original intent of what Christ taught, and some ways follow the words of Christ literally. However, Jesus was very clear on a couple of teachings (which is saying something because most of what Christ taught was in parables that require a great deal of context to really understand): love God; love yourself; love your neighbor as you love yourself; take care of those in need.

Jesus was known for teaching and healing those who were sick. He also occasionally flipped over tables to make a point about unjust systems or practices. He interacted extensively with those society pushed to the margins and said were bad, wrong, and not worthy of love or attention. He was not one to tell someone they

were unwelcome because of their history or what others said about them. Jesus was way more interested in who people were than what people had done. And, regardless of what someone had or has done, Jesus loves them anyway. That's Christianity to me, and what I believe it can be again. And the Church is where we can learn how to love ourselves and our neighbors. Even when we disagree.

Jesus the man is no longer with us, but we still follow the teachings he gave. When we are nice to people, take care of people who need help, and try to be respectful of everyone (even when they disagree with us), we do a good job of being Christians, and we make Jesus proud.

Questions/Topics:

- Was Jesus a Christian? (this is a fun one, because obviously he wasn't)
- What do you think it means to be a Christian?
- Why are we Christians?
- Can you think of something you can do to be nice to someone that people aren't always nice to?
- What would you want to ask Jesus if he came to dinner with your family tonight?
- Loving someone isn't the same as liking someone or agreeing with what they do. What do you think it means to love someone as yourself? Is it possible to love someone and be nice to them even if you don't agree with them? -Cara+

JOHN SCHINDLER—NOV 16 SATURDAY NIGHT IN MARBLEHEAD

Saturday Night in Marblehead presents New England songwriter John Schindler Nov. 16 at 8 p.m.

A resident of Boothbay Harbor, he is from St. Louis. He was influenced

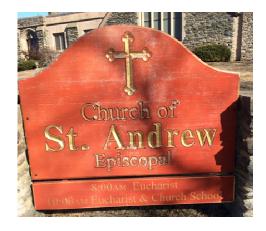


early by that town's rhythm and blues and his Oklahoma mother's singing. After spending nine years in a Catholic seminary, where silence and Gregorian chant were a key part of his experience, Schindler moved to New England and became an itinerant musician. "It was during this time that I realized," he says, "that my audience could not understand Latin."

Schindler has won the 2003 Boston Folk Festival Songwriting Contest among others, and has been a finalist in many other song contests. Our own Bob Franke says, "John's the best singer songwriter I've run into in the last 15 years." For more about John Schindler, see his website, https:// www.reverbnation.com/johnschindler. Admission is \$15

HAVE WE BEEN WAITING FOR A SIGN?

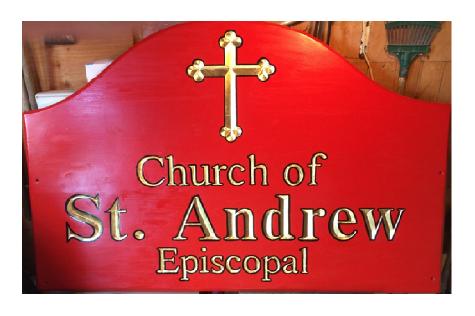
Wait no more, we have one.



We had an old sign. It was faded and worn; said the right words but sent the wrong message for today. A couple of us took it down. It was still a good sign. We took it to Chuck Nyren's little shop.

- Two parishioners, Chuck Nyren and Spencer Moore, added work—time and effort—and love. It was sanded down to the good, solid wood; the old, weathered gold foil and faded paint were removed; and the sculpted letters' details were sanded very smooth with tiny bits of fine sandpaper wrapped around a finger or two. Eight meticulous coats of paint brought the sign back to life.
- Carrie, a professional sign technologist, came in, carefully laid in new gold leaf, and painstakingly hand outlined it in black—put more love in our sign.

HERE'S THE RESULT:



Wow!

We have an old church—95 years old. It's got a collection of little pains—a leak here and there, stains on the ceiling tiles, water in the basement, lighting not as bright as our aging eyes need. But come in—through our bright red doors, amble through the Cloister Gallery, peek into the Guild Room, where we've added work and love to those spaces, too. They're being made new.

We've got new programs—Shauna gave us the Halloween party for kids of the parish and town, Mary has the youth choir singing beautifully, the Co-op Nursery added a class of bubbly toddlers, a parent I spoke with recently gave great praise to Summer Moore and the youth program that Clyde launched last year, but...we can still use a little...more.

So our Century Campaign has given us Cara, to assist Clyde to repower this part of our church. Together we'll discover where, if we add love and work, new programs can be added and old programs can be made newer, can be tailored to young family schedules and needs. Where, refreshed with liturgy, music and life that speak to parents, youth and children of the next generation, and still respect our traditions, St. Andrew's will be carried into our Century 2.

This is what our Century Fund is doing.



You or I may get to see only a bit of our Century 2, but the space and legacy we are shaping to leave to our children, grandchildren, and the families of our community is being revitalized, made new. This is a place where you can bring love, skills and work to make a difference to the momentum, success, and future of St. Andrew's.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
Prosper thou the work of our hands;
O prosper thou our handiwork.
-Psalm 90, ca 1489 B.C.

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.

FOOD DONATIONS

Baskets for **food donations for the Marblehead Food Pantry and Lifebridge** are near the Parish Hall
entrance. Currently, there is a need for cereals, canned
tuna, peanut butter, jelly, soap, and toilet paper.
Nonperishable food is always appreciated!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

Ushers are needed for the 10 a.m. service. Please contact the office if you would like to serve. Information about the duties of an usher are on a table outside the Parish Hall.

If you would like to be an acolyte, reader, chalice bearer, member of the Altar Guild, or provider of Sunday hospitality, we welcome you to contact the office.

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 Brown 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 or at his cell phone (see below).

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

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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

