

# the CHIMES OF ST. ANDREW'S

February 20, 2019

Epiphany

## DEAR FRIENDS,

A colleague of mine shared a poem with me. In the sharing, he said that sometimes we just talk to God without thinking what we are going to say, which is as it should be. But there are times when we need to say important things to people whom we care about and sometimes we need to sit down and think about what we say. He confessed to me that he wasn't really good about preparing himself to talk to God. This really struck me.

I've shared with you that Epiphany is a season that is important to me for many reasons. One of these reasons is that I spend time reflecting on my call as a priest. I try to spend some of my prayer and meditation time considering my work and prayer life. I specifically ask God to help me see the ways that I cut corners or avoid the harder soul searching that perhaps I need to attend to. Using his words, how can I prepare myself to speak to God? Can I or should I occasionally do more than my routine requires?

Septuagesima is seventy days before Easter. It may be a bit too Anglo-Catholic a concept for many of you, but I think of it as a pre-Lenten check in. How will you spend those short days of Lent? Will they simply pass or will you make a plan? Will you, in other words, intentionally prepare how you will walk with God for forty days of the year? Lent is an opportunity to do just that. Will you simply slide in and see what fits (which is fine, I really mean that!) or will this be a year that is one that has a bit more preparation to it?

If you would like to ruminate over this with someone, I would be honored to speak with you in these short few days before Lent begins. In the meantime, here is that poem that was shared with me.

### Septuagesima

I dream of the silence  
the day before Adam came  
to name the animals,

The gold skins newly dropped  
from God's bright fingers, still  
implicit with the light.

A day like this, perhaps:  
a winter whiteness  
haunting the creation,

as we are sometimes  
haunted by the space  
we fill, or by the forms

we might have known  
before the names,  
beyond the gloss of things.

-John Burnside

See you in church and know that I am praying for you.  
*Clyde+*

## UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 22	Friday Meditation Service
Feb. 23	Poetry Night
Feb. 24	Cloister Gallery Opening Reception Beloved Community Event Evening of Italian Music
Mar. 5	Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras
Mar. 6	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 10	Ladies Lunch with St. Stephen's St. Andrew's Club
Mar. 13	Lenten Program-St. Michael's
Mar. 17	St. Andrew's Youth Group
Mar. 20	Lenten Program-Clifton Lutheran
Mar. 22	<i>Chimes</i> Deadline
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## **FRIDAY MEDITATION SERVICE FEBRUARY 22**

This Friday come for half an hour of meditation and contemplation as we continue our monthly prayer service. It is a quiet, restorative way to end a busy week and month.

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## **NEXT POETRY NIGHT FEBRUARY 23**

The next Poetry Night is **Saturday, February 23**, the fourth Saturday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room. All are welcome to come and bring a poem—or be an appreciative listener.

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## **BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM PRESENTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT FEBRUARY 24**

On Sunday, February 24, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., the Beloved Community Team will present a special Black History Month event, “Restoring the Breach: Building the Beloved Community.” The event, to be held at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Lynn, will feature the Rev. Bernadette Hickman-Maynard, pastor of Bethel AME Church of Lynn and Racial Justice Organizer at the Essex County Community Organization. The public is invited to hear about lessons learned in negotiating race relations and building community through the criminal justice system—and join in activities and dialogue with others.

Rev. Hickman-Maynard, reared by her mother in Los Angeles, majored in psychology at Harvard University. During her first year in college, she joined the historic Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she developed church-based tutoring, mentoring, and youth leadership programs. She has been at Bethel AME Church since 2017. She has also served as a community organizer with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

The event is appropriate for all ages and is free to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, and to register for the event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/150529745840244/>. St. Stephen’s is at 74 South Common Street, Lynn. You may car pool from St. Andrew’s.

## **FEBRUARY 24: EVENING OF ITALIAN ARIAS AND SELECTIONS FROM THE AMERICAN SONGBOOK**

Join us Sunday, February 24, for an evening of Italian arias and selections from the American songbook, preceded by a dessert reception. The concert features guest soloists Mary-Alexandra Onstad and Valerie Osborn, accompanied by Mary Jodice, our music director, on piano. Selections will include “Someone to Watch over Me,” “My Funny Valentine,” Rossini’s “Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti” (known as the “Cat Duet”), and other songs, arias, and operatic duets.

Mary-Alexandra Onstad, who holds a graduate diploma in voice and opera studies from the New England Conservatory of Music, is a performer of opera, musical theater, oratorio, art song, and more. She has appeared on many stages, including Boston Opera Collaborative, New England Conservatory Opera Theatre, New England Light Opera, and additional venues throughout New England, the United States, and Europe. She also teaches voice and piano.



Valerie Osborn holds a master’s degree in music from the Longy School of Music of Bard College. She has performed extensively throughout New England and the Southeast. A member of Opera on Tap Boston, she has performed with the NEMPAC Opera Project and with the Arlington Philharmonic Society and is on the faculty at the Music Makers School of Acton.

The pre-concert dessert reception is at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. A suggested donation of \$10, payable at the door, will help support St. Andrew’s music programming.

## **WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS**

Gather in the chancel of the sanctuary at noon on Wednesdays to seek respite from daily stresses. Invite a friend to share the peaceful service.



## CLOISTER GALLERY

Paintings by Dale Greene

February 24-April 11

Opening Reception Sun., Feb. 24

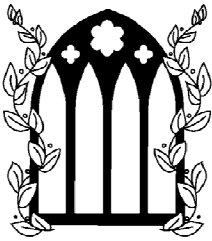
The Cloister Gallery will feature a show by artist Dale Greene. The exhibit will run from Sunday, February 24, through Thursday, April 11. There will be a reception for the show on Sunday, February 24, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dale says:

For me, the process of creating a beautiful artwork is both satisfying and compelling. From nature I select a subject, and then combine the elements of good composition, harmonious colors and interesting brushstrokes to capture the feeling it evokes. My purpose in painting a landscape is not to recreate a scene, but to reconnect with the sense of joy and freedom which is inspired by our natural world.

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## CENTURY CAMPAIGN



Growing Into Our Future, the name of our century capital campaign, kicked off with a rousing start at the annual meeting on January 27. Balloons and a yummy lunch! A campaign song and a parade! Peg Howard and Mark Rowe, channeling his

inner Charlie Milner, described the work of the Century Committee and the goals of the capital campaign. We were treated to a “Penny Lane” variation songsmithed by Carolyn Morrell (“Capital Campaign is in our hearts and in our eyes . . .”). Please listen to Carolyn and Margaret Eckman sing the entire song on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StAndrewsMarblehead](http://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsMarblehead)). Our launch concluded with the announcement that we had already raised \$540,000 in advance giving!

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas, time, and expertise. Thank you to those who volunteered to make campaign calls and to all who have pledged and will pledge. We need each and every one of us! Let’s join together to make this a successful campaign leading to a glorious celebration for our parish and its missions and ministries.

And thank you one more time to the Century Committee: chairs Peg Howard and Charlie Milner, Charlie Ives, Elizabeth Muller, Mark Rowe, Penny and Richard Stratton, and Phoebe Wysor. (Charlie M. and Penny and Richard were with us in spirit and in beautiful living-color foam board.)

## SHROVE TUESDAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY

- **Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) is March 5.** We again will be celebrating Mardi Gras with all of the St. Andrew’s fun that we have become used to! We will begin at 6:00 p.m. and have Clyde’s famous jambalaya, king cake, mac ‘n’ cheese, and Mardi Gras punch.



- **On Ash Wednesday, March 6,** we will offer three services at 7:00 a.m., noon, and 7:00 p.m. (the latter with music and soloist Anastasia Black).



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## LENTEN PROGRAM

The Lenten program is shaping up . . . please see the advertisement on the next page. We will be joining four congregations to talk about the language and liturgy of Lent. St. Andrew’s will join St. Michael’s, Clifton Lutheran, and St. Stephen’s Methodist congregations and speak about the history of everything from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, how these liturgies developed, and how they have come to be expressed in our own esoteric manner in each of our congregations.

Additionally, we will be reading Barbara Brown Taylor’s book, *Speaking of Sin, the Lost Language of Salvation*. Our conversation will center around how we speak about redemption and what we mean by that term. The perspectives of three denominations and four pastors should make for some interesting dialogue. Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 13 and running through April 10. St. Andrew’s will be hosting March 27<sup>th</sup>. See the advertisement for the dates and times of our conversations. Copies of the book will be available at the Spirit of ’76 Bookstore and you can easily obtain a copy through Amazon or Kindle.



# LENT LITURGY & LANGUAGE

An ecumenical gathering of  
four pastors from four churches  
with four unique perspectives:

The Rev. Jim Bixby  
The Rev. Andrew Stoessel  
The Rev. Clyde Elledge  
Pastor Ross Johnson



## Topics to be covered include:

- The historical observation of Lent and Easter
- The language and liturgy of our roots
- Denominational differences and similarities
- Local traditions in our own communities of faith

*Join us in conversation and reflection for 5 Wednesdays in Lent.  
We will be engaging the book, "Speaking of Sin" by Barbara  
Brown Taylor as a guide to part of our conversation.*

**Wednesdays 6-8PM in Lent from March 13 - April 10**  
*with dinner hosted by church from 6-6:30; conversation following*

March 13 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
March 20 at Clifton Lutheran Church  
March 27 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
April 3 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
April 10 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church

## “WELCOME THE STRANGER” UPDATE

Our Welcome the Stranger interfaith partnership with Temple Emanu-el and Old North Church is entering its third year. Its focus has been supporting, guiding, and loving a mother and young child who fled from severe trauma and harm in their homeland. I'm happy to report that Danie is now working full time as a Certified Nursing Assistant and the family is now economically self-sufficient. We are also blessed to see them at services on various Sundays at St. Andrew's. We will continue our friendship with this special family and be there for them as a safety net.

Working under the auspices of Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM), this amazing project has required considerable amounts of fundraising and volunteer effort from the three congregations. Given the limited resources available going forward, we have decided not to accept another RIM referral at this time but to proceed with another opportunity to assist refugees that is a bit less of a “heavy lift” financially and volunteer-wise.

The plan is to partner with two affiliated organizations with similar missions to reunite and support families that were separated at the US/Mexico border, helping them get settled while their legal status is adjudicated.

“Open Avenues,” a 502(c)(3) foundation, was founded by Jeff Goldman, a nationally renowned immigration attorney based in Salem (see <https://openavenuesfoundation.org>). The foundation's mission is to equip and empower immigrants with opportunities that enable them to reach their full potential and contribute to American society. Open Avenues has partnered with “Together and Free,” a coalition of volunteers who help guide these families out of the terror and stress many have experienced (see <https://togetherandfree.org>). This organization offers a wide range of services including housing, medical, and legal services. It has working relationships with Mass. General and Children's hospitals and the Harvard Refugee Clinic, among others.

Individual families are matched up with local volunteer groups such as our Welcome the Stranger partnership. It's important to note that Open Avenues and Together and Free provide all the financial support for these families—we only give our time as volunteers. Examples include English-language tutoring, taking people food shopping, providing companionship, and assistance adjusting to a new culture and otherwise helping people on their path toward American citizenship.

We plan to offer a Sunday Forum about this opportunity in the near future. In the meantime, please contact Steve Hahn if you are interested and/or have questions.

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## TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD TAKES SHAPE AT ST. ANDREW'S!

Those who have lingered at coffee hour during January and February may have met a troupe of talented actors and theatre artists on their way into the Parish Hall. They are the cast and team for an upcoming production of Harper Lee's classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

During January and February, St. Andrew's made its beautiful Parish Hall available to the Mugford Street Players, so they could stage and rehearse this powerful play. Directed by Marblehead's John Fogle, and produced by Greg Mancusi-Ungaro, the production features a cast of twenty-four actors from Marblehead, Salem, Swampscott, Lynn, and other communities.

“The story of *To Kill a Mockingbird* has never been more relevant,” says director Fogle. “Sadly, Harper Lee's story of Tom Robinson—a black man wrongly accused of rape, who was shot seventeen times and died while in police custody—could easily be ripped from today's headlines. Atticus Finch and his precocious daughter, Scout, continue to teach us that despite a yearning for justice and fairness, societal change remains painfully slow.”

Now the show moves from St. Andrew's to Marblehead's Little Theatre, preparing for an **opening night performance on Friday, March 1**. *To Kill a Mockingbird* will play at MLT for three weekends, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., closing on Saturday night, March 16.

Special Tickets for St. Andrews! As a thank you to St. Andrew's, there will be special discounted tickets available to you and your guests for the **Sunday afternoon, March 3, matinee performance at 3:00 p.m.** Pat Brown is organizing the seats; please see her if you would like to be part of the group that sees the play that day. Otherwise, tickets are available at the Arnould Gallery in Marblehead, or [www.mlalive.com](http://www.mlalive.com).

### GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

Bob Franke's cantata will be performed this Good Friday. If you would like to contribute to the production costs, please send your donation to the office. Please contact Tere Nyren if you can help with the musicians' dinner.



## THOUGHTS FROM THE VESTRY RETREAT

There has been a lot of talk about growth and change at St. Andrew's over the past two years. A glossy brochure has now been created describing some great ideas and the dollars that will be required to "expand" and "enhance" and "deepen" our offerings and fix up our beautiful but tired buildings and grounds. I am a huge proponent of the capital campaign, have already pledged support, and encourage you to do the same. I am proud to be part of a parish that is taking this step to celebrate our first century and set us up for our second. But I am even more proud to have taken part in some great conversation at our recent vestry retreat about not only how we are going to thoughtfully and prayerfully deploy the funds we raise, but why we are doing it in the first place. And the conversation about why was not about some of the obvious needs that we see every day, but rather on a personal level, why do we love St. Andrew's so much that we are willing to give our time and treasure?

The stories from my fellow vestry members were fascinating. Some have been attending church here for decades, others for a couple of years. Some felt an instant connection, others took a little longer to connect. Some, like me, first came for a joyous occasion like a baptism, others were going through a tough time in their lives. It was an important reminder that our church is not one size fits all. That we all come to St. Andrew's each week with different perspectives, different burdens, and different ideas about what is important. However, the unifying component of our conversation was each of us felt welcomed and invited. Our shared sense of belonging was the unofficial theme of our retreat, and a defining element of our parish that must be nurtured as we grow and evolve.

The stories almost always involved a simple gesture. For me, it was Jim Santoro helping me find the right piece of paper to read from during a service (back when I was a new dad, a novice churchgoer, and there was much more paper in the pews!). For another it was Howard and Ginny Coffin introducing themselves to the newcomer before service. For more than a few it was Peg and John Howard inviting them to their home or to attend some event or another. And of course there is Clyde, whose steady and patient hand has given us all the space and time to embrace our sense of belonging and now to prayerfully set a new course for growth.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on vestry because we as a group not only get to "think big" and help shape the future of St. Andrew's, but we also get to share our deepest and most spiritual selves in a very loving environment. As I said at the annual meeting, I have been amazed at the talent and sincerity of each new vestry class. After our retreat, I feel even more excited about the year to come as well as the early success of the capital campaign and what it means for our future. We are making big investments in payroll, bricks and mortar, and landscaping as part of this plan, but more importantly, we are investing in each other and those who have not yet walked into our little chapel on the hill to find that same sense of belonging.

*Nat Wysor, vestry*

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### BOOK GROUP



Date: **Sunday, March 31, 3:00 p.m.**  
Hosts: Bonnie Howard's home,  
bondonhoward@comcast.net  
Book: *Judas*, by Amos Oz

With an infrequent foray into fiction, we are reading *Judas*, a love story and coming-of-age novel that is an allegory for the state of Israel and for the biblical story from which it takes its name. A biblical scholar adrift in 1959 Jerusalem becomes caregiver for a brilliant, cantankerous old man. Also living there is the daughter of a deceased Zionist leader. "Piece by piece, the old Jerusalem stone house, haunted by tragic history and now home to the three misfits and their intricate relationship, reveals its secrets." Amazon

### SATURDAY NIGHT IN MARBLEHEAD

For information about our coffeehouse,  
Saturday Night in Marblehead, see  
[www.standrewsmhd.org/SNIM.html](http://www.standrewsmhd.org/SNIM.html)



## MARCH IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH



Donations to the Marblehead Food Pantry will be handled a little differently than in past years when labeled shopping bags were provided. We will offer generic shopping bags and a list of provisions for which the pantry has need. Starting March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the bags and the list will be available at the back of the sanctuary. The list will also be on the table at the entrance to the Parish Hall. Monetary donations are appreciated and should be in check form, made out to Church of St. Andrew, with "Food Pantry" written on the memo line. (Nonperishable food donations are always welcome and accepted throughout the rest of the year.) Thank you for your generosity in the support of this important outreach commitment.

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## DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday morning Bible study, 9:00 a.m.**

All are welcome to gather in the Guild Room.

If you have questions, please contact  
[margareteckman@comcast.net](mailto:margareteckman@comcast.net).

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## 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 5 is the next date.**

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

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## SCAM ALERT

There is a scammer who is targeting churches. The scammer takes the e-mail from a website and changes it ever so slightly . . . an example would be like this: [rector@standrewsmhd.org.yahoo](mailto:rector@standrewsmhd.org.yahoo). They then get the names of the leadership from the website and write some message that says, "Hey this is Clyde. I'm at the hospital and there is someone who needs help. Can you send a gift card to me at this address?" The scammer usually sends out e-mails or texts to folks whose e-mails or numbers are published/retrieved from the website or the *Chimes*.

Please know this: I will **never** ask anyone to send me a gift card or money. I always ask for funds to be sent to the church with a note in the memo if I am asking for funds. Please report any suspicious activity to the office and we will send out a warning.

## PASTORAL CARE

DRIVERS needed. Please contact the church office if you are able to provide occasional rides to parishioners for medical appointments, etc.

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, such as Inn Between, Inn Transition, HAWC, and Lifebridge. 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 22**

**April 26**



*Capital Campaign Parade*

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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

