

# the CHIMES OF ST. ANDREW'S

April 30, 2019

Easter

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! I want to thank everyone for coming out to all of the services during Holy Week and Easter. Mary Jodice and the choir were spectacular! Thanks for your offering to our community. Your music elevated the services to a place sublime!

Our initial offering of a Saturday evening Easter Vigil was a bit under attended, but I heard from many folks to stick with it and see how the numbers increase in the coming years. So we will stick with that, too. Which reminds me to thank Deanna Karwowski, Jeanine Glabicky, and Shauna Le Blanc for decorating and putting on the Easter Vigil reception with champagne and chocolate! It was so beautiful!

Tere Nyren and her crew did a wonderful job with the cantata dinner and we are so very grateful for their efforts. The cantata was so well done this year. Great effort and kudos to Bob Franke and friends for another memorable Good Friday experience.

Shauna hit it out of the park again this year with a captive audience for the egg hunt. If you haven't seen her in action, it is worth grabbing a cup of coffee and watching her interact with the kids. Well done!

Altar Guild was hitting on all pistons, too. Thanks to Janet Cook, Kathy Loveland, and the entire corps of Altar Guild for your extra efforts this Holy Week!

Pat Brown and our group of folders were hard at work before all of these services were underway and I want to thank them for their efforts. So many moving parts make St. Andrew's work. I'm really humbled by the many ways that this community comes together and presents so admirably to the wider community on these occasions. I think we witnessed well the joy of Easter and that is thanks to every one of you. Even if your effort was getting to an extra service or two, your support makes all of this work well worth it.

I could fill an entire article with thanks as so many deserve a shout out. However, there is an outreach opportunity that I would like to share with you that I'm rather excited about. It is an effort from the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless called "A Bed for Every Child." There is an event that will take place in the parking lot of the First Church in Swampscott, Congregational where folks can actually help build beds. These beds are kits and have

instructions and people around to help. It is family friendly so you can engage your entire family. It sounds like a great effort. Each bed costs \$250.

I was hoping that we might get a contingent from St. Andrew's to raise some funds and send some people down to help build the beds that our fundraising purchases. If you are interested, please send me an e-mail at [rector@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:rector@standrewsmhd.org) and we can participate in this effort.

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## Dear Friends cont.

I found that in Massachusetts, A Bed for Every Child receives about 200 requests per month for children in need of a bed of their own. That number astounds me and it is something that we can help address.

I think this is a great opportunity for our congregation and especially for those with children who are looking for ways to engage your kids in outreach and to create awareness of the need here in our own state. This event will take place from 9:00 a.m.-noon on June 1. I'd love to hear from you if you have interest in participating.

I'd like to simply put a bug in your ear about Episcopal Church Camp, too. The Barbara C. Harris Camp in New Hampshire is a wonderful place and they offer week-long camp programs (you can sign up for multiple weeks also) running through the month of July. Please consider this for your children. I've been volunteering there as one of the chaplains for years now and I'm really impressed with the way they do things there. It's a great opportunity for your child to interact with folks from the dioceses of Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The program gets stronger every year. It is something to check out. There are informational flyers on the table as you enter the Parish Hall or you can go to the website: [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org).

And as you check out that flyer on the table, you can sign up for a volunteer opportunity to help out with our Rummage Sale. Yep, it's just around the corner, so all hands on deck!

See you in church.  
Clyde+

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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. **May 7 is the next date.**



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

## WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS

Gather in the chancel of the sanctuary at noon on Wednesdays to seek respite from daily stresses. There will be no noon service on May 1,



## Spring Grounds Cleanup—May 18

The annual Spring Grounds Cleanup will be held on **Saturday, May 18, at 9:00 a.m.** If you have yet to be a part of a spring or fall cleanup, please consider joining us. Many volunteers are needed to spruce up the exterior of our spiritual home, keeping it a warm and welcoming environment. This is a fun morning to gather with one another and work together to beautify the grounds.

*No gardening experience is required*—there are jobs of all kinds! We will be raking out the beds of old leaves/sticks and laying down *five yards of mulch*. This is a monumental task for a few but quick work for the many. Children are welcome to help in the garden or play on the playground. Please bring your garden tools—rakes, shovels, clippers, gloves, and leaf bags.

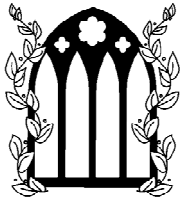
Sign up outside the Parish Hall. Any questions, contact Phoebe Wysor at [prsawyer@comcast.net](mailto:prsawyer@comcast.net).

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## PLANNING FOR THE INEVITABLE WITH PURPOSE—JUNE 2

On June 2, we will initiate a series of occasional informational offerings dealing with end-of-life issues. A rubric (instruction) from the Book of Common Prayer describes a minister's duty to instruct people about their responsibility to make end-of-life plans. These would include bequests for loved ones and loved institutions and diligent planning for the inevitabilities of life: What are your plans for the end of life aside from making a will? Have you communicated with your loved ones what kinds of life-saving/life-sustaining procedures you might consider if you are ill and infirm and cannot communicate your wishes? Have you made plans regarding your funeral?

This kind of thinking is not morbid, it is honest. Whether you are 30 and have a little baby or 70 and have six grandchildren, it is important to make your wishes known about your health care and your dying care. The first offering will be about talking with your family and loved ones about how you would like to manage the decisions around the end of life. We will be joined by nurse educator Norene Gachingnard. Mark your calendars now for the **new date of June 2 following the 10:00 o'clock service.**



## GROWING INTO OUR FUTURE

**We'll begin to see results soon!**

St. Andrew's is truly *Growing Into Our Future*. As of April 28, **we have received 90% of our campaign goal** and with your help we anticipate reaching our total soon. We have enough cash already contributed to begin two of the major projects now.

**First, the vestry has formed a search committee for an assistant minister at 75% time** and hopes to call someone before the end of the year. The search committee includes Clyde, Tere Nyren, Penny Stratton, and Kate Swanson. The job description was designed with help from the vestry.

**Also, a vestry-sponsored "Fabric" team has prioritized a long list of maintenance projects.** Committee members include John Howard, Claire Wahl, Tim Parker, Richard Stratton, Jone Sienkiewicz, Nat Wysor, and John McEleney. They will focus first on safety issues and on repairs to prevent deterioration, especially from water infiltration. That team has begun—or will soon begin—maintenance work on window repairs (starting in the Cloister Gallery), roof repairs over the classroom wing, painting of the Guild Room, and a new door to the garth, among other projects. Additional repairs and improvements (e.g. outside signs, rectory furnace, gutters, and more) will follow later. ***There will be volunteer opportunities, especially for careful, neat painters!***

**Thank you to all who have pledged. We are getting closer to our goal, but we still need more pledges and donations in order to accomplish all our goals before our centennial. Help us get to 100%!**

**If you have not already done so, please send in your pledge today!**

*-Peg Howard, Charlie Milner, and the Century Campaign Team*

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## A BED FOR EVERY CHILD

We take having a bed to sleep in at night for granted, but there are many children in our local towns that do not have one. The MA Coalition for the Homeless is sponsoring "A Bed For Every Child" initiative. If you are interested getting together with some parishioners to raise funds to purchase kits (each is \$250) and coming together with your family to **help build the beds in the parking lot of First Church, Congregational in Swampscott on June 1**, please let Clyde know. With beds for a good night's sleep, our children can learn and thrive in school . . . and in life.

## THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of all of us at the Marblehead Food Pantry, I want to thank everyone at St. Andrew's for supporting the pantry so very generously during March. Your numerous bags filled with much-needed food that were delivered to the pantry, along with \$200 in generous financial donations, contributed to making this year's March drive the best that I can remember. I offer special thanks to Billie Phillips, who organized and coordinated this beautifully, and to Kirky Delong and her son, William, and Steve Hahn, who brought the donations down to the pantry regularly, often twice a week.

These donations, along with all that you contribute regularly through the baskets, are truly appreciated and greatly help keep our shelves stocked during the month of March and throughout the year. The economy, though good for many, is still challenging our Marblehead families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet. We continue to see about 60 individuals and families each week, and about 180 Marblehead households use our services, either regularly or occasionally, throughout the year.

When the Marblehead Food Pantry was started in 1991, each Marblehead church and synagogue committed to help support the pantry, and although our support base has spread to schools, scout troops, organizations, businesses, and countless individuals, our faith communities continue to be among its strongest sustainers. We greatly appreciate St. Andrew's ongoing and generous participation. You are truly making a difference in the lives of those among us in need, and they and we are grateful for your caring and help.

*-Janet Fitch Parker, Food Pantry Director*



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## CLOISTER GALLERY

**RAW Art Exhibit  
May 19 opening reception**

The Cloister Gallery will feature an exhibition from RAW Artworks of Lynn as well as art from our own young parishioners. The show will open on Sunday, May 19, after the 10 o'clock service. Jason Cruz, RAW's Clinical Supervisor as well as several RAW Chiefs (student artists) will be at the opening to discuss the program with parishioners, including opportunities for support and mentorship of the student artists. A separate e-mail will go out with details on how our young parishioners can submit their art.



**RUMMAGE SALE—SATURDAY, MAY 11  
8 a.m.–11:45 a.m.; stuff-a-bag 12:00–1:00 p.m.**

**PREVIEW PARTY—THURSDAY, MAY 9, 7–9 P.M.**

Admission to Preview Party: \$10 (no reservations necessary)  
With wine, hors d’oeuvres, and sweet treats

The Rummage Sale adds to our income, supports our church’s missions, and provides affordable goods to many who need them. It helps the earth, too, by recycling usable items of all kinds. For us, it’s the perfect time to renew old friends and make new ones as we work together to make the sale a success—for community, for mission, for our church.

**Newcomers are especially welcome to join in!** We have a number of jobs for volunteers on setup day, during prep week, and at the Preview Party and sale (and after the sale): from setup, sorting, pricing, baking, and making sandwiches to cashiering, directing traffic, translating, cleaning up, and more. Sign up on one of the sheets outside the Parish Hall, contact one of the coordinators to volunteer, or just stop by during the prep week and ask how you can help!

**PREP WEEK, SATURDAY, MAY 4–FRIDAY, MAY 10  
drop off rummage May 4 until noon on May 9**

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| <b>Fri., May 3</b>   | <b>Set-up Day, 9–2</b> includes pizza with young people from Embark                     |
| <b>Sat., May 4</b>   | <b>8–5</b> first day to drop rummage  |
| <b>Sun., May 5</b>   | <b>12–5</b> sort & price; drop rummage  |
| <b>Mon., May 6</b>   | <b>8–8</b> sort & price; drop rummage   |
| <b>Tues., May 7</b>  | <b>8–8</b> sort & price; drop rummage   |
| <b>Wed., May 8</b>   | <b>8–8</b> sort & price; drop rummage   |
| <b>Thurs., May 9</b> | <b>8–12 noon</b> rummage accepted until noon only!<br><b>7–9 p.m. PREVIEW PARTY</b>     |
| <b>Fri., May 10</b>  | <b>9–12?</b> touch-up work, from 9 until done (hoping for noon)                         |
| <b>Sat., May 11</b>  | <b>8–1 THE SALE</b> early workers arrive by 7:45 latest<br><b>1–5 or sooner</b> cleanup |



Below is a list of accepted/not accepted items. **Friends and community are welcome to donate and to attend. Please invite them! There are treasures for all to purchase!**

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<b>WE ACCEPT CLEAN ITEMS IN GOOD REPAIR:</b>	<b>SORRY, WE <u>CANNOT</u> ACCEPT:</b>
<i>small</i> pieces of furniture only <i>small</i> appliances, electronics, tools adults’ and children’s clothes & shoes accessories, including jewelry, hats, purses, scarves, luggage toys (no stuffed animals), puzzles & games lamps and rugs books antiques and collectibles home goods— linens, kitchenware, bric-a-brac gardening supplies, including plants artwork and frames sporting goods (with exceptions—see next column) Christmas items	large, overstuffed, heavy furniture stuffed animals sports helmets of any kind baby cribs of any kind car seats refrigerators, air conditioners, other large appliances mattresses tires weights or weight benches skis or ski boots magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks sharp darts, toy guns, real guns <b>CRT televisions or monitors</b>





## MAKING CHURCH “COOL”

There is reason for excitement and optimism at St. Andrew’s these days! We’ve reached about 90% of our Capital Campaign’s fundraising goal and the vestry has already voted to move ahead with some of the initiatives that were identified as priorities by our parishioners.

Amidst all of these hopeful things, I know there are at least a few people among us who have expressed some anxiety about the long-term future of churches. Since most research points to plummeting church attendance among young adults, they wonder who will make up our congregation in the decades ahead. A good friend of mine who deeply loves St. Andrew’s expressed the genuine fear that if we don’t keep attracting young families, we may eventually go the way of other shrinking churches. For now, based on pledging units for the past few years, St. Andrew’s is currently bucking the trend by holding its own and even showing small growth. I guess we should put that in the “win” column. Yet, around us, new Christian churches not affiliated with mainstream denominations are springing up. They emphasize youth and family-friendliness, a more evangelical orientation, and may hold services in an auditorium with music supplied by a contemporary band. Some of these churches have been very successful at attracting young people.

What do these trends mean for us, an Episcopal church with its more traditional forms of worship? Conventional thinking might lead us toward introducing changes in worship style that appeal to younger people. I recently came across an article that appeared in the *New York Times* with a title that grabbed my attention: “*Want Millennials Back in the Pews? Stop Trying To Make Church Cool.*” Author Rachel Held Evans, a millennial (someone 22-37 years old) suggests that the answer may be a bit more complex. She says “many churches have sought to lure millennials to church by focusing on style points: edgy, hipper worship services with cool bands, latte coffee, dramatic lighting—even a chance to win an iPad at the end of the service! This is what many churches believe millennials like her want. Some have entire marketing departments devoted to enticing new members.

Evans says that “even though such things are not inherently bad ideas and might in some cases be effective, they are not the key to drawing millennials back to God in a lasting and meaningful way. Young people don’t simply want a better show. And trying to be cool might be making things worse.” When she left her evangelical church at age 29, full of doubt and disillusionment, “I wasn’t looking for a better-produced Christianity. I was looking for a truer, more authentic Christianity. I didn’t like how LGBTQ people were treated by my evangelical community. I had questions about science and faith, biblical interpretation and theology. I felt lonely in my doubts. And, contrary to popular belief, the fog machines and light shows at those slick evangelical conferences didn’t make things better for me. They made the whole endeavor feel shallow, forced and fake.” Interestingly, her search for authenticity led her to the Episcopal Church “where every week I find myself, at age 33, kneeling next to a gray-haired lady to my left and a gay couple to the right as I recite the Lord’s Prayer. No one’s trying to sell me anything. No one’s desperately trying to make the Gospel hip or relevant or cool. They’re just joining me in proclaiming the great mystery of faith. What finally brought me back, after years of running away, wasn’t lattes or skinny jeans; it was the sacraments—you know, those strange rituals and traditions Christians have been practicing for the past 2,000 years. They make the church relevant, no matter the culture or era. They don’t need to be repackaged or branded; they just need to be practiced, offered and explained in the context of a loving, authentic and inclusive community.”

Granted, these are the views of one young person and may or may not fully represent her generation, but the article gives us food for thought, especially as we think about who we are as a congregation. Clearly, younger families are the future of St. Andrew’s. They bring diversity, new energy, and vibrancy to our parish. We also love to hear their children’s laughter! At the same time, our beloved community is made up of people from all generations, many making immeasurable contributions to our parish life over the years. For what it’s worth, I think there is a middle ground

## MAKING CHURCH “COOL” cont.

between doing away with tradition and rigidly resisting change. Some Episcopal churches offer alternative contemporary worship services as options to the traditional ones. Others offer a mix of contemporary music while still honoring our heritage with cherished hymns and anthems. Aside from these stylistic issues, the real take-away for me in this article is the concept of “authenticity.” At its best, Church should be something different and special that doesn’t happen in the rest of our lives, something more profound than a shared interest like baseball or attending a play. It’s about being part of a loving community, learning about ourselves and connecting in a caring way with others—following Christ’s teachings in an authentic, loving, inclusive way. In this heavily marketed, shallow culture, I suspect there are many people, including millennials, who are hungry for such authenticity. In a society in which church plays an undeniably smaller role, we should remain clear about what we are offering and why we believe it is good and essential to others.

Praying that we continue to Grow Together in Faith,  
*Steve Hahn, Senior Warden*

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### ONE-WEEK CHOIR CAMP TO BE OFFERED IN SALEM JUNE 24–29



A new musical camp, Salem Bay Collaborative Choir Camp, will be introduced this summer. The camp,

geared to boys and girls ages 7–14, will be June 24–29 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Salem. Mary Jodice will be directing the camp, assisted by organist Brink Bush and by vocal teacher Anastasia Black.

Choristers will learn music, sight singing, and Bible stories, and play movement games. Jodice explains, “We want to offer a camp where kids can learn music and the basics of choral singing while having fun and making new friends in a musical community.” The camp will culminate in a service of Evensong on Saturday, June 29, followed by a festive reception.

Camp will meet daily during the week, at different times: Monday–Wednesday, 4:30–6:00 p.m.; Thursday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., and Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Boys and girls ages 7–14 are invited to enroll. (Boys’ voices must not have changed.) The only requirement is to love to sing and be willing to develop new musical skills. Younger choristers will learn new musical skills; older choristers will improve and hone their musical abilities and act as role models.

Tuition is \$100 per child, with a maximum of \$150 per family. Scholarships are available; no one will be turned away for lack of resources. For more information and to obtain an application, contact Mary Jodice at [maryjodice1@gmail.com](mailto:maryjodice1@gmail.com). Applications and tuition payments are due June 1.

### SATURDAY NIGHT IN MARBLEHEAD PRESENTS DEAN STEVENS MAY 25

Saturday Night in Marblehead, our monthly coffee-house, will feature singer-songwriter Dean Stevens May 25 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; a \$15 donation is requested (payable at the door).

For twenty-five years Dean Stevens has performed for audiences of all ages, combining an intricate, self-taught guitar style with his versatile, expressive singing voice. He performs a wide spectrum of songs in English and Spanish. His own songs explore personal and social topics, paint sketches of people and places, celebrate the Earth, and—in Stevens’s words—“annoy the narrow minded.”

Born and raised in Costa Rica, Stevens is a lifelong student of Latin America and learned Spanish at an early age. He travels frequently to Central America and has become known for his humanitarian efforts on behalf of refugees returning to their homes.

Stevens has four highly acclaimed recordings to his credit. His last release, *Eyes of Wonder* (Volcano Records), is a collection of songs in English and Spanish, with guest appearances by Sol y Canto, Randy Sabien, Linda Waterfall, and others. For more information, visit <http://deanstevens.com>.



For more information about Saturday Night in Marblehead, see [www.standrewsmhd.org/SNIM.html](http://www.standrewsmhd.org/SNIM.html) or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/satnightinmarblehead>.

## FRIDAY MEDITATION SERVICE

The Friday half-hour meditation service is on hiatus until September.

## THE MEMORY CAFÉ MAY 14

The next Memory Café is Tuesday, May 14, the second Tuesday of the month, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. This is a welcoming and safe place to gather for conversation, refreshments, and activities. You are not alone in dealing with a diagnosis of memory issues, either as an individual or caregiver.

## NEXT POETRY NIGHT MAY 25

The next Poetry Night is **Saturday, May 25**, 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.

## 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 [margareteckman@comcast.net](mailto:margareteckman@comcast.net).

## BOOK GROUP



Date: **Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m.**  
Hosts: Bonnie Howard's home,  
[bondonhoward@comcast.net](mailto:bondonhoward@comcast.net)  
Book: *These Truths: A History of the United States*, by Jill Lapore

America is “a nation born in contradiction,” according to Lapore, a nation whose people “are descended from slaves and slave owners, from conquerors and the conquered, from immigrants and from people who have fought to end immigration. A nation born in contradiction will fight forever over the meaning of its history. . . . The past is an inheritance, a gift and a burden.” Jefferson said that America rested on three ideas—“these truths”: political equality, natural rights, and the sovereignty of the people. Lapore believes that it also rests on “a fearless dedication to inquiry, because self-government depends on it.” It is a uniquely American story written in elegiac prose. All are welcome!

## 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 Mother's Day gift baskets of these items to deliver to local shelters, such as Inn Between, Inn Transition, HAWC, and Lifebridge. Thank you.

## 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.)

**May 17**  
**June 21**



**The office will be closed on Friday, May 24.**

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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

