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June 26, 2019

DEAR FRIENDS,

I'm sure, like you, I've been enjoying the sun and actually the rain, too. Having grown up in the Seattle-Tacoma area, I always find the rain a comforting thing. On dreary, cloud -covered days, my wife always asks me if I'm enjoying the weather. And it's true, I tend to enjoy them. Yes, we've been a bit over drenched this year but I'm ok with it. Knowing that the warm weather is upon us always helps, too. The gardens are looking good thanks to all of the efforts with our Spring Cleanup day. The community garden in front is growing strong and in need of volunteers. So if you have an hour or less, you can drop in and do some weeding or check out the produce that might need to be harvested. The online sign-up link for the garden can be found on our website.

The A Bed for Every Child effort was attended by Jean Robert Virgile (Dani's husband), Tim and Jane Hunt, and me. Together we managed to put together three beds for children in need. Governor Baker's wife, Lauren, showed up and offered a perspective and a pep talk thanking all of us for the work. Look for pictures in the weekly a bit late as I haven't yet shared them with Peg.

I'm writing on Sunday afternoon the day after the North Shore Pride Parade (see photo on p. 5). I was speaking with Margaret Eckman after services and we were commenting on the abundance of positive energy at the event. Sixteen of our folks showed up and walked, handed out candy, and offered our own energy and good karma. Steve Harrington presided from the bed of the NAGLY truck/float thing. It was really good for the soul.

I'm heading out on vacation (nowhere in particular this year) on the last two weeks of July and the first week in August. Kate and I will attend her family reunion in Cincinnati at the end of July; otherwise, I'll be seeing you around town.

The search for an assistant minister is going slow. At this writing, I've only interviewed one candidate and that wasn't the right fit. There is one more person who has

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stated interest and I have scheduled an interview. I ask your prayers for guidance and that God may send us the right person for our needs and to complement our community and ministry. I'll keep you abreast of things as they happen but I'm thinking that if the right person doesn't show up this year, I'll suspend the process until next spring when the next class of seminarians graduates. Nothing has been decided yet but I want to find the right fit for us.

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UPCOMING DATES

June 29	Choir Camp Evensong at St. Peter's
July 2	Serve at My Brother's Table
July 11	Good Friday Cantata meeting
July 19	Chimes deadline
July 20	Saturday Night in Marblehead
July 29 to Aug. 2	Kids in Community
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Dear Friends cont.

With graduations happening, I want to remind you that we have a fund entrusted to the rector's discretion called the Trumball Fund. Not a lot of money is generated from this, but I have offered small scholarships to people heading off to school or doing continuing education. The original intent was to support "young men seeking religious education" and that was broadened to include all persons who might benefit from this fund. As the person whose discretion it is to determine need, I read "religious education" quite broadly and invite any of our parishioners to apply (send me a physical letter). You simply need to state in the letter where you are going and what you plan on studying. I have also on occasion offered a scholarship to young people working in organizations that we partner with as well. One recipient had been working with ECCO, was finishing up a degree, and needed some assistance. I feel like this was within the spirit of the fund's intentions. So apply.

Finally, I continue to encourage you to check out the national Episcopal Church's website and read about "the way of Love." It is a program that we are going to be using to frame our ministry for the next several years. As you look into this, please share with me any insights or ideas you might have. This is an evolving resource and we can add to it as we find approaches that work for us.

I so hope that you have a safe and renewing summer. Enjoy each other, enjoy your family, and when you are in town, I hope to see you in church. God bless and thanks for allowing me to continue to serve as your priest. I am blessed indeed!

Clyde+

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. **July 2 is the next date.**



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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays until August 23

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

I know that Easter is but a distant memory now, but if anyone has not yet sent in their Easter flower donation I would appreciate it. I would like to finish up my bookkeeping before summer is fully upon us. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's Altar Guild and either mailed to me at 15 Sparhawk Terrace, Marblehead or left in the collection plate with my name on the envelope. Any amount you would like to contribute is greatly appreciated as any extra monies collected go towards Altar Guild expenses throughout the year—wine, wafers, candles, etc.

Thank you! I promise I won't bother you again until Christmas!

-Kathy Loveland

ORGAN CONCERT AND EVENSONG JUNE 29 at ST. PETER'S, SALEM



St. Peter's in Salem willbe celebrating St. Peter'sDay on Saturday, June29, with two specialmusical offerings. First,there will be an organ

concert with bells at 2:00 p.m. After this, at 4:00 p.m. there will be an Evensong featuring the Salem Bay Collaborative Choir Camp with the adult choir of St. Andrew's and friends. This will be the culmination of a week of the new Salem Bay Collaborative Choir Camp, directed by Mary Jodice. There will be a reception following and all are invited to join in this music-filled afternoon.



GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA

The year 2020 marks the fortieth anniversary of *Meditations on the Passion* by Bob Franke, the Good Friday Cantata performed annually at St. Andrew's. Recently Bob and a small group met to begin discussing ways to mark the anniversary and plan for the cantata going forward. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 11, at 4:30 p.m.** in the Guild Room. Please join us!

ECCO SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH ENGLISH

ECCO is seeking volunteer **English teachers for adults** and volunteer **childcare providers for a range of ages**.

- What: The leaders of ECCO's immigrant co-op project are committed to learning English to move their work forward. We have begun a small program of English instruction to support this group, and are seeking additional teachers as well as childcare providers to help take care of children while parents are in class. Experience in teaching or childcare preferred but not strictly necessary.
- When: Weekday evenings 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Where: Downtown Lynn.

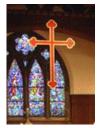
For more details, please contact ECCO organizer Aviva Herr-Welber: <u>aviva@eccoaction.org</u>.

SATURDAY NIGHT IN MARBLEHEAD JULY 20

Saturday Night in Marblehead, our monthly coffeehouse, will continue on July 20. Look for upcoming information about the artist. The concert is at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; a \$15 donation is requested (payable at the door). For more information about Saturday Night in Marblehead, see www.standrewsmhd.org/SNIM.html or our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/satnightinmarblehead .

Saturday Night in Marblehead will not be held in August and will return in September.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: EXPLORING THE GOSPEL IN TODAY'S WORLD



St. Andrew's offers many opportunities to share fellowship. Gospel Reflections (formerly Bible Study) is one weekly gathering of fellowship that I've attended for many years. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15.

My experience with the fellowship of Gospel Reflections began years ago when I first entered the door of St. Andrew's on my way to the Guild Room, where Gospel Reflections meets. During that first meeting, I felt an immediate comfort and connection with the group.

Here's how a typical meeting runs: We start with prayer, and then one of us volunteers to read the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Then each person is invited to say a word or phrase that caught his or her attention. Next, the facilitator reads a second version of the same Gospel from *The Message*, a paraphrased version of the Gospel in modern language. After this, if a new member has joined us, the facilitator explains our guidelines before we start our discussion. Then, we talk about how the gospel touches each of us in our lives and in the world. We finish with prayer.

The guidelines that we follow give us a framework, which helps our discussion to flow. For example, one guideline calls for us to offer our own interpretation of scripture and not assume that others feel the same way. We're also asked not to interrupt when others are sharing and to limit our time so that everyone has a chance to speak. With these discussion guidelines, I feel that we're inclusive, which enriches the fabric of the group. It deepens my interpretation to hear other reflections of the Gospel.

The fellowship of Gospel Reflections is a wonderful way to learn and deepen the message of the Bible on a weekly basis or perhaps when we want a (relaxing) break from our busy schedules.

If you're at all interested, please come and join us! You can also talk with me at coffee hour after the 10 o'clock service to find out more.

-Siri Hanner, Vestry



GROWING INTO OUR FUTURE Love + Relationships = Community June 16 Homily by Charlie Milner and Peg Howard, Century Campaign Co-Chairs

Charlie: Good morning. It is an honor for Peg and me to have the opportunity to speak before you this morning about the *Growing Into Our Future* Campaign. Why is it an honor? Because over the last three years you have proven yourself over and over to be a vital, engaged community of parishioners who care

deeply about this church on the hill we call St. Andrew's. It has been quite a journey for all of us.

Three years ago the vestry had the foresight to initiate a process to take a hard look at our church and determine its needs to be prepared for its second century. A committee of parishioners was recruited and a consultant, the Episcopal Church Foundation, was engaged. Both of these actions have proven to be critical to the success of the campaign. The consultants had a process that we followed, so we didn't have to reinvent the wheel. More important was the committee, representing virtually every constituency within St. Andrew's: senior members and younger members, parents with children, members relatively new to St. Andrew's, and members who had worked on the last capital campaign. Their common traits were initiative and a willingness to work hard. Their common bond was a love of this place and a desire to see it not just survive, but to thrive for the future generations who would worship here.

During the latter part of 2016 we conducted cottage meetings attended by scores of members that generated dozens of possible ideas, both big and small. Several underlying themes emerged: St. Andrew's was "on a roll" thanks both to Clyde and the lay leadership. Also, we needed a renewed focus on our parish youth, the future of our parish. And finally, our physical plant was both showing its age and facing capacity constraints. Peg will follow with descriptions of initiatives that are now underway or contemplated. Suffice it to say, hundreds if not thousands of hours were devoted to the analysis of a wide range of possible projects.

About a year ago we presented you with a case study that outlined those projects that we considered the highest priority. The aggregate cost was over \$1.3 million. Via a survey conducted by our consultants you told us what your priorities were and that we could expect to raise around \$700 thousand. Obviously, we had to eliminate lower priorities to balance our projected costs with our projected contributions. The consultants told us that we could expect to raise just under \$700 thousand based on their analysis of the parish survey. Our committee thought we could do better than that so we set a goal of \$760 thousand. As of today YOU have delivered pledges totaling over \$715 thousand, 103% of the ECF goal and 94% of the goal we set. Of the total amount pledged about 40% has been paid in cash.

On behalf of the entire St. Andrew's community, we thank the 100 individuals and families who have already made the campaign a success. For those who haven't yet pledged, it's not too late. Your participation is more important than the amount you pledge. Let me end my segment by saying that Peg and I KNOW we will reach the goal.

Peg: It's important to keep thinking about WHY we are uniting in this *Growing Into Our Future* campaign for St. Andrew's. Our 100th anniversary gives us the nudge, the impetus, the excuse. But even without the centennial, this seems like a good time for us to pause a bit in the midst of the frenzy of the world, in the whirlwind of our events and activities . . . to pause and think about who we are and who we want to be.

Last Sunday, Clyde talked about Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and said that Bishop Curry's primary message is love. He then asked the congregation to name HIS main theme, and among the voices raised from St. Andrew's pews, the primary answer was "community." In recent weeks and months, Clyde has, like Bishop Curry, preached "love," and I remember over and over that Clyde has encouraged us to build "relationships," urging vestry members to have coffee with each other and other parishioners, and reminding us to always provide hospitality and welcome. It strikes me that our *Growing Into Our Future* campaign is the perfect representation of those combined themes: love and relationship become community.

Growing into our Future, cont.

St. Andrew's has a long history of caring, of social justice and social outreach. Caring starts at home, and by that, I mean by our home congregation, not just our own families. We're doing pretty well at that. At the Peace, everyone reaches out to each other. At coffee hour, we congregate and catch up. At the rummage sale, we work and share and laugh together. We DO care about each other. We bring food to parishioners who are sick or homebound. We fill the baskets for the food pantries. We send a group every month to work at My Brother's Table. But we know that, of course, we can do more. The ideas that came from parishioners as we planned for the Century Campaign indicated that eagerness to do more—to provide warm welcome to newcomers, to sustain each other through more programmatic and fellowship opportunities, and to expand our outreach into the wider world. Love, relationship, community.

We're already working on our **physical** infrastructure. The vestry's "fabric team" has begun a number of maintenance projects to take care of our building—masonry repairs outside and in the Cloister Gallery, roof repairs over the Guild Room with repainting to follow, a new door to the garth . . . and more. Plans for a safer parking lot and even more beautiful grounds are shaping up. And we'll improve access in the nave through better sound and lighting and the shrinking of this large pillar that marginalizes those who sit in the western transept. But the first wish that came from the cottage meetings has to do with our **interpersonal** infrastructure—the programs and outreach that we can do with additional clergy time. What are the adult education programs you'd like to see? What are your hopes for our children's education? What St. Andrew's activities do you envision that will connect us more to our community and the world beyond these walls? What outreach projects will you assist when we expand them?

I'm aware that I haven't mentioned God yet. Even as a lifelong church-goer, I have always found it harder—much harder—to talk about God and Jesus than it is to talk about our community. But of course, that is why we're here—to solidify our religious beliefs and seek our foundational values, to figure out what Jesus taught us about how to act. Trinity Sunday is perhaps the perfect time to worship God, follow Jesus, and be inspired with the holy spirit so we can not only dream about our future but live infused with the spirit of action, trying to do good in this world. To not only improve our facilities, but to strengthen our character and commitment. To remember what Bishop Curry and Clyde teach us about love and relationship—to let love, relationship, community . . . Jesus—be our guide.



Marching at the North Shore Pride Parade last Saturday

KIDS IN COMMUNITY

We are looking for volunteers for the Kids in Community summer program at St. Stephen's Church in Lynn. St. Andrew's will provide volunteers for the week of **July 29 to August 2 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.** Volunteers will read to the kids (first through sixth grade) in small groups and play board games with them. Please sign up outside the Parish Hall. It's a lot of fun! We hope you join us! Thank you!

-John Hecht

CHURCH SCHOOL THANK YOU

We give our heartfelt thanks to Shauna Le Blanc and Marcia Somerset for a wonderful Sunday School program year! We also are grateful to and thank the following people for serving as doorkeepers:

> Rollyn Bornhorst Corrie Cole Wanda Gonzalez Beth Hecht Peg Howard Deanna Karwowski Kathy Loveland Erin Mondello Anne Remington Penny Stratton Kate Swanson Erik Swanson Laura Tufts Phoebe Wysor

This is a very important ministry that takes place every Sunday between September and June. The quality and consistency of the program would not be possible without Shauna, Marcia, and these volunteers. Our youngest parishioners and their families thank you!

SPUR COMMUNITY ROOTS GARDEN

The SPUR Community Roots Garden at St. Andrew's is in full swing. Folks came out for the warm-weather crop planting at the beginning of June and Mother Nature has been doing her job since. Volunteers have begun harvesting crops and making biweekly deliveries to the Food Pantry. Right now we are harvesting kale, rainbow chard, spinach, and a variety of herbs. Come by and see the garden or volunteer to weed or harvest.

All are welcome! The link to signing up in July is: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4fafae29abf85-20191</u>.

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 summer 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

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- Chalice bearer, especially at 8:00 a.m.
- Acolyte



CLOISTER GALLERY

RAW Art Exhibit St. Andrew's Youth Exhibit

The Cloister Gallery is featuring an exhibition from RAW Artworks of Lynn, as well as art from our own young parishioners. Several parishioners have partnered with RAW Artworks to support and mentor student artists and have found it an invaluable experience. Visit their website to learn more.





FRIDAY MEDITATION SERVICE

The Friday half-hour meditation service is off for the summer and will return on the fourth Friday of September.

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.

BOOK GROUP



Date:Sunday, August 4, 3:00 p.m.Hosts:Bonnie Howard's home,
bondonhoward@comcast.netBook: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!

WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS

The Wednesday noon Eucharist are on hiatus for the summer months. We look forward to continuing them in September.

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 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 summer 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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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

