



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Harmony

January/February 2011

FROM THE RECTOR:



Dear Friends,

Blessings and best wishes to you in this season of light!

The New Year has begun with a tone of excitement at St. Andrew's. We are looking forward to a great year, and have already gathered several times, once for our Annual Meeting and then for the "Big Event," to celebrate our common life together and to look forward to the shared ministry that awaits us.

This is a great time for us to think about we can prepare ourselves to live more fully into God's dream for us. How might we prepare to grow in faith (depth), while also being a place to which new people are drawn (breadth)? There are many ways to consider that question. But as a starting point, I can suggest some basic ways to think about how each of us can help that growth to happen.

Think of this as "how to grow a church in three easy steps:"

1 – *Be Here*. When I meet newcomers, I suggest to them that the central part of entering the life of a church is to participate regularly in its worship life. In short: "Be here with us." That's also a way to think about seeing St. Andrew's grow. Think of it this way: if your family attends church twice a month, try to commit to coming three (or even four) times a month. If everyone did that, we'd be looking at a tremendous jump in energy and participation. That type of increase is the essence of church growth, and it doesn't cost a thing!

2 – *Be Generous*. In my personal experience, proportional giving is at the heart of the spiritual journey, and it is so important to how we as a community come together to be "the church." If you have never pledged before, I invite you talk to someone who has, so that you can get a sense of why it's such an important part of the journey. The foundation that matters here is not just that our church is on a good financial footing: it is call, I believe, to be a place where we spend our whole lives cultivating generosity.

3 – *Care for one another*. This is the most important one! If St. Andrew's continues to be a place where we care for our brothers and sisters, then we are truly living in to God's dream for us. There are so many ways to do this at St. Andrew's. Let us continue to celebrate these ministries of care, and look for new ways to care for one another and for the community beyond our doors.

I am so excited about the future that awaits us. Maybe these three steps aren't always easy at first, but if we are intentional about working towards them, we will find that the Holy Spirit will help us to get where we need to go.

Peace,
BJ

SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS AND ALL OCCASION CARDS!

Recycle the fronts of your greeting cards by bringing them to the Parish Hall (a box for them is in on the table). The cards will be used for crafts at the senior center. Thank you to everyone who has brought them in – the Senior Center is very appreciative!



FINANCE REPORT

	Dec-10 Actuals	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget
Pledge Income	\$35,117.30	\$342,867.20	\$337,704.00
Other Income	19,584.25	75,780.71	70,392.00
Total Income	\$54,701.55	\$418,647.91	\$408,096.00
Total Program & Admin Expenses	\$42,214.47	\$292,765.70	\$337,272.00
Total Operating Expenses	11,820.00	121,696.50	134,137.00
Total Expenses	\$54,034.47	\$414,462.20	\$471,409.00
Net Result	\$667.08	\$4,185.71	(\$63,313.00)

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Mark your Calendars!

Lunch and Learn

Come join us on Thursday, February 17th for lunch at J. Butler's and a tour of Temple Emmanuel. Times to be determined. Contact Karen Russell (336-275-1651 or karenrussell@triad.rr.com) for more information. RSVP with the parish office by Thursday, February 10th. Hope to see you at our February event!

Young Adult & Families

Join us on Sunday, February 6th for our first luncheon of the year. We will meet at Zoe's Kitchen at the Friendly Center following the 10:30 a.m. service.

ECW Luncheon

The first Episcopal Church Women's luncheon for 2011 is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, following the 10:30 service. Our Rector, B.J. Owens, will present the program. All women and men of the congregation are invited. Details of the program and the luncheon menu will be published later.

WINTER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteers Needed to Serve Tuesday Breakfasts at Greensboro Urban Ministry. With the local homeless shelter at or near capacity, volunteers are needed more than ever to serve breakfast with our fellow Episcopalians from the other Greensboro congregations on Tuesday mornings at Weaver House/Greensboro Urban Ministry. Approximate time each Tuesday is from 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, but you need not stay the entire time. The most important time to be there is from 7-

7:30, when the residents are being served. You can choose to serve weekly, monthly, or quarterly. To learn more or to sign up, please contact Bob Mills.

Food Donations for The Servant Center. Demand for food for the homeless and for the less fortunate in the Greensboro area is also at an all-time high. As we have done the past several years, St. Andrew's continues to collect food for The Servant Center. Please bring your non-perishable, high protein items such as peanut butter, canned tuna, etc., and place them in the box in the church narthex each Sunday morning. We are currently averaging 40-50 lbs. of food donations each week.

Grace Community Church's Women's Winter Emergency Shelter. St. Andrew's parishioners continue to prepare, deliver and serve hot meals to the residents of the Women's Winter Emergency Shelter at Grace Community Church. Again this year, we are fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who prepare the dinner meals for approximately 15 homeless women each Thursday evening. If you would like more information regarding this outreach program, please contact Sidney Morton.

Episcopal Relief and Development's *NetsforLife* Campaign. Every day, 3,000 children die in sub-Saharan Africa from malaria, yet by sleeping under malaria nets, children and adults can be protected from the mosquitoes which cause the disease. Bishop Michael B. Curry has asked that each parish within our Diocese consider making a commitment to support the *NetsforLife* Campaign, which is sponsored by Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Since our Church's monthly mission focus for the month of February is ERD, we will be providing information throughout the month on this important outreach effort. If you have questions regarding the *NetsforLife* Campaign or ERD, feel free to contact Ernie Dishner.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

February 6, 2011 (The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A)

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20

February 13, 2011 (The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A)

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 or Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37

February 20, 2011 (The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A)

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48

February 27, 2011 (The Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A)

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Isaiah 49:8-16a	Psalm 131	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 6:24-34

FEBRUARY SAINTS & HOLY DAYS

Brigid, Bride (02/01)

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (02/02)

Anskar, Archbishop (02/03)

Cornelius, the Centurion (02/04)

Martyrs of Japan (02/05)

Absalom Jones, Priest (02/13)

Cyril and Methodius, Monk and Bishop (02/14)

Thomas Bray, Priest (02/15)

Martin Luther (02/18)

Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr (02/23)

St. Matthias, Apostle (02/24)

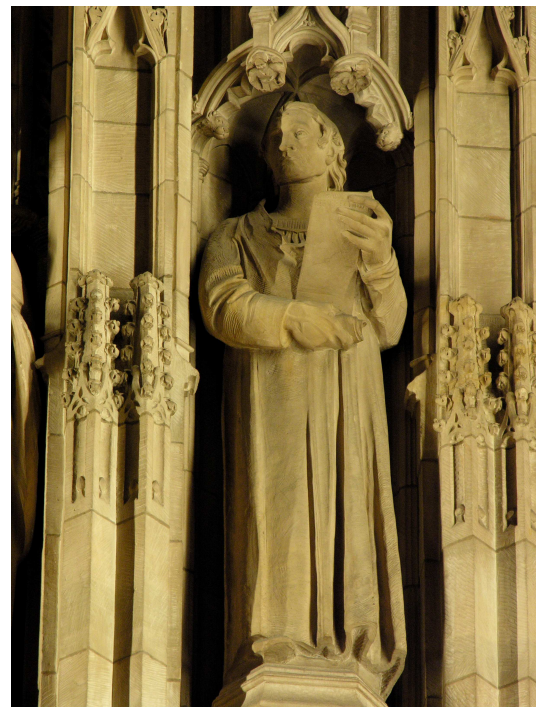
George Herbert, Priest (02/27)

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, Educator (02/28)

APOSTLE MATTHIAS

On February 24 we remember the Apostle Matthias. Matthias, whose name means “gift from Yahweh,” was one of the seventy disciples of Jesus. He had been with Jesus from His baptism by John until the Ascension. It is related that in the days following the Ascension, Peter proposed to the remaining Apostles that they choose one to fill the place of the traitor Judas. Two disciples, Joseph, called Barsabas, and Matthias were selected. Lots were drawn, with the result in favor of Matthias, who became associated with the eleven Apostles.

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



St. Matthias



St. Patrick

HYMN NOTES

I bind unto myself today (hymn 370) is a translation of a Gaelic poem by St. Patrick called “St. Patrick’s Lorica (breastplate).” (A “lorica” was a mystical garment that was supposed to protect the wearer from danger and illness and guarantee entry into heaven.) H. H. Dickinson, Dean of the Chapel Royal at Dublin Castle, asked Cecil Alexander “to fill a gap in our Irish Church Hymnal by giving us a metrical version of St. Patrick’s ‘Lorica.’” Alexander’s husband was Archbishop of Armagh where St. Patrick made his headquarters and founded a school in the 5th century. Charles Villiers Stanford, an Irish organist and composer, adapted an Irish melody for the tune *St. Patrick’s Breastplate*.

Phillip Berger and Rick Ralston-Asumendi traveled to Florida as members of the Northwest HS Marching Band. They were invited to participate in the half time show of the Outback Bowl game between Penn State and Florida on New Years Day and participate in a competition of marching band skills and parade style. They took 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Congratulations Phillip and Rick!!



Goodbye, Best Wishes & Thank You!



Nathan Belyeu is one of our very gifted youth advisors at St. Andrew's. When I invited Nathan to serve in this capacity, he gave me a resounding "YES!!" without hesitation. By his own admission, he had no idea what it meant, what he had agreed to or what he was getting himself into, he just said, "yes". Saying yes to any call isn't always easy. Nathan has said "yes" again to a call to serve in New York City at the Trevor Project. This organization seeks to serve LBGT youth who are troubled and at risk for suicide.

This is quite an undertaking for Nathan and I wish him God's many blessings as we send him to serve God in another way. I offer thanksgivings on behalf of myself and the youth of St. Andrews for being able to serve with Nathan if for only a short time.

On behalf of almost 40 kids in foster care and their foster families, as well as a number of local high school students, I want to thank all of you who gave gift cards from Target or Wal Mart this Christmas to give to them. I wish I could convey to you how much this gesture means to these families – it makes a real difference for them in being able to provide Christmas presents for all their children; it helps to alleviate the strain of stretching their minimal stipends even further than usual, and illustrates for all of us the real meaning of Christmas.

St. Andrew's folks are always so willing to reach out to help, and you have done it again. Thank you so much for your generosity and caring.

Marcia Moore

Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners:

On October 31, 2010, I attended the 8:30am service as normal and returned home to relax before my bicycle ride of 30 miles as I normally do on Sundays. However, this day wasn't normal. I was involved in a very unusual accident. A Canadian goose flew into me knocking me off my bicycle.

My bicycle didn't get a scratch, but I sustained several injuries. These were: bleeding on the brain; a cracked jawbone; a broken collar bone; bruised chest and rib cage; cut and scratches on my elbow, hands, knuckles and knee.

Other than the Grace of GOD; there were two things that saved me. I was wearing a helmet which was cracked in two places; and a bystander saw what happened and called 911 and the EMT's.

I spent three days in the hospital and a little over two weeks out of work. I have no memory of the accident and the four hours after that. I remember waking up in the hospital around 4:00pm and the nurses told me what had happened with one of my brother's there. They told me my short-term memory was gone for these hours and would probably never be regained.

The doctors told me that I have made an amazing recovery and I feel fortunate to be back at work, even though I still have soreness that will go away the more that I heal.

I want to sincerely thank everyone at St. Andrews for the visits, cards, thought and prayers that you've given me. I feel honored to still be here to worship with you. Thanks be to GOD!

Len Lucas



Greg Barrett, Muriel Bland, Kay Brown, Jeff Cummer, Virginia Dozier, Henry Gabriel, Lillian Hodgkin, Virginia Lowe, Elaine Odenwald, Leota Osborne, Larry Phillips, Olivia Phillips, Lou Pruitt, Monica Root, Bobbie Skinner, Lib Stockard, Jack Westervelt, Dorothy Rierson, Robert Louise, Peggy, Barbara, Herbert Hendrickson, Jeanne Wilkerson, Kay Overfield, Phil Geygan, Terrie Brown, Alex Thompson, Wes Schwab, Barbara Welch, Jane Nelson, Karen Long, Evelyn Roe, Shane Leach, Susan Wessells, Anne Wilkinson, Jimmie Olivey, Neil Galloway, Charlotte Kosteki, Elaine McKenzie, George Wigglesworth, Jr., Jo May, Reid Brannan, Bob Popick, The Rev. Sue Vickers, Anna Stalter, Zac Engle, Teresa S., Mike H., Jerry S., Josh W., Charlie B., Kellie M., Beverly C., Sandy Wimbish; Bernice, Bruce Morton, Jennifer, Meredith Bishop, Will Olson and family, Luke and Wyatt, Edward M., Susan Shelton, Hunter F., Nancy and Eileen, Pam H., John M., Pete D.

Expectant mothers: Hannah Carter, Danielle Feifs

Missionary: Norm Middleton **Our seminarian:** Ches Kennedy

Births: Bella Hendricks; twin daughters born to Joe and Tasha Agruso

In Memory of: Lillian Gabriel

Our military: Petty Officer J. Thomas Baker, IV, Navy; Lt. Craig Bardsley, Navy; Lisa Brackett, USAF; Derek Cole, Navy; Curt Cousins; Jay Cousins; Wes Durham; Drew Hollingsworth, USAF; LTCDR Stephen Johnson, Navy; Mike Kimball; Major Robert W. Newsom, IV; Perry Nunn, Jr.; T.J. O'Connor; Master Sergeant Thomas "Chip" Raybon; Col. G. C. Ritchie, US Army; 2nd Lt. Tom Stauffer, US Army; 2nd Lt. Taylor Stowe; James Williams, US Navy; Paul Zeigler

My Father's Paradise: a Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq By Ariel Sabar

A parishioner found this biography at the Greensboro Public Library and recommended it for our library. This is the true story of a father and son and the two cultures that kept them apart: Ancient Iraq and modern America. The father was an immigrant from the Kurdish region of northern Iraq and still held strong emotional ties to the region. His son was a UCLA professor and aspiring rock 'n' roll drummer with no interest in his father's culture until the author has a son of his own. This leads him on an investigation of his father's native land and the people there, including an attempt to track his aunt, who was kidnapped as an infant. This book earned rave reviews and a five-star rating on Amazon. Publisher's Weekly called it "rare and precious," and Roanoke Times warned, "You will lose sleep over this book ... mesmerizes with the very first sentences."

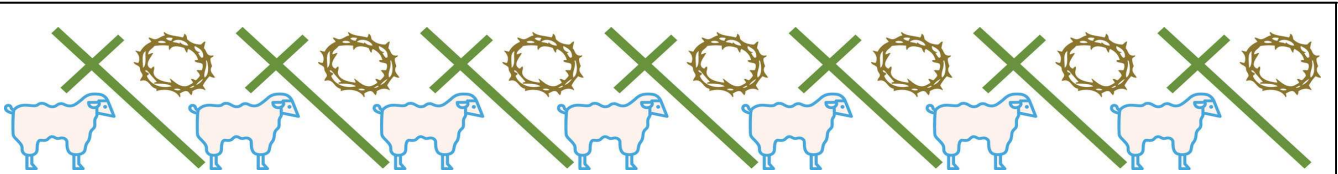


The Hole in Our Gospel: What does God Expect of Us? The Answer that Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World By Richard Stearns

Stearns, CEO of WorldVision, urges readers to consider this: what if all Christians looked beyond the walls of their churches and worked together to demonstrate God's love for the world instead of just *talking* about it? He challenges us to embrace the whole Gospel by embracing the neediest in the world. Stearns himself answered this calling by leaving a high-paying CEO position at Lenox to sacrificial living to run WorldVision, the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to helping poor children worldwide. Publishers Weekly called this book passionate and moving. Stearns has donated all royalties from this book to WorldVision U.S.



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UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Ash Wednesday	March 9	7:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. in Chapel 7:00 p.m. in Church
HOLY WEEK		
Palm Sunday	April 17	8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in Church
Holy Monday	April 18	7:00 p.m. in Chapel
Holy Tuesday	April 19	7:00 p.m. in Chapel
Holy Wednesday	April 20	7:00 p.m. in Chapel
Maundy Thursday	April 21	12:00 p.m. in Chapel 7:00 p.m. in Church
Good Friday	April 22	12:00 p.m. in Chapel 7:00 p.m. in Church
Easter Vigil	April 23	7:00 p.m. in Church
Easter	April 24	8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in Church