



Saint Andrew's

Celtic

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Not a Time for 'Dull Monotony'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Here's a little doggerel from the pen of Ogden Nash:

Here is one fault that I must find
With the twentieth century,
And I'll put it in a couple of
words:
Too adventury.
What I'd like would be some
nice dull monotony
If anyone's gotany.

It has often been observed that the only constant in our lives is change. It is a cliché and, like all clichés, it is a truth that we overlook because it is so obvious.

The best observer of change that I know of is a business consultant named William Bridges. He is widely admired and has written a number of books on the subject, most importantly *The Way of Transition*, written several years ago. This was written after the death of his wife, an event that caused him to apply the principles developed in his business career to his personal life.

In general, Bridges's fundamental understanding is that it's not change that is the issue. The change happens and forces us to adapt to a new reality. That adaptation is what is so challenging.

He refers to this time of transi-

tion as a "neutral zone." This, he writes, "is both a dangerous and an opportune place. . . . It is the place and time when the old habits, which are no longer adaptive to the situation, are extinguished and the new, better-adaptive patterns are beginning to take shape. It is the winter in which old growth returns to the soil . . . while next year's growth begins to stir. It is the night in which we are disengaged from yesterday's concerns and prepared for tomorrow's. . . . It is the seedbed of the new beginning that you seek."

In short, "it is the gap between the old and the new. It is the time when innovation is the most possible and when revitalization begins."

My time with you in this "neutral zone" has been a great blessing for me as I have come to know and love the people of St. Andrew's. You are a remarkable people; a community which is a seedbed in which the Word of God, properly fertilized and watered, is a rule of life. Everyone is honored for his or her own gifts and contributions to our communal life, and everyone is encouraged in their individual and corporate journeys in faith.

In important ways, this journey is about the search for meaning and purpose: for meaning that tran-

scends, but includes, the ordinari-ness of life; a purpose that is more than simply growing old.

In some traditions, God is thought of as "More"—meaning beyond meaning; purpose beyond purpose. It is this search for More that engages the life of this amazing community.

I believe that we have accomplished a great deal as a community during the past year. Your leadership—the vestry, its officers and the calling committee – has spent untold hours with various consultants and others with particular insights to generate a forward momentum. I am confident that this will carry St. Andrew's and its new rector to greater heights and even fuller witness to the good news of Jesus Christ and the ever-present coming of God's kingdom.

What a great gift it has been for me to be with you in this time of transition; this seedbed of new beginnings. Your future is very bright indeed. I can't wait to watch it grow and flourish and bear wonderful fruit.

It's not a time for dull monotony; nobody's gotany.

Faithfully yours,
Bruce+

Rector Search

Search Enters Its Final Phase

The vestry is pleased to advise that we are entering the final phase of our discernment about who will be called as our next rector.

On Wednesday, March 11, the Search Committee presented three candidates to the vestry for consideration. The vestry has since contacted these candidates and held interview dinners with each of them.

We will next have two discernment meetings to make a final decision. Once this is done, Bishop Chane will be immediately notified, and we will have to complete some paperwork including an employment agreement with our candidate.

For this reason it may still be a few weeks before we can make an announcement to the congregation.

We are all very excited about the candidates we received from the Search Committee. The vestry offers



special thanks to all our Search Committee members for the thorough, complete and prayerful list of finalists. We have heard from the candidates that our search is the best organized and run they have encountered, and from the diocese that our list of finalists is one of the strongest they have seen.

Keep us all in your prayers as we draw near to a new chapter in the life of St. Andrew's.

*Dan Ryan
Senior Warden*

Worship

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms & Passion Reading

6:30 p.m. EACM Eucharist

7:30 p.m. EACM Dinner

Tuesday, April 7

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, April 9

7:30 p.m. Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, April 10

Noon & 7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Services

Easter Eve, Saturday, April 11

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m. Easter Music

10:30 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist



Easter Flowers



Many of the lovely Easter flowers are given as memorials to honor loved ones or in thanksgiving for God's blessings in our lives.

If you would like to contribute flowers, please call the office and leave the appropriate information, or place a special flower-offering envelope in the collection plate during services.

Christian Formation

Sunday School News

No Regular Sunday School on Palm Sunday and Easter

There are no regular Sunday school classes on Palm Sunday and Easter. On April 5, all preschoolers (ages 2 1/2–5) are invited to attend a 30-minute class in their regular classroom. All other elementary-school-age children are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday procession and then attend Children's Chapel during the Liturgy of the Word.

On Easter, children ages 4 through third grade will help resurrect the alleluia banners and then follow the cross to Children's Chapel

(in the Rectors' Lounge) to hear the Easter story; they will rejoin their families during the Peace.

Permanent Nursery Help Needed

Heather Holland, our longtime Sunday morning babysitter, is resigning at the end of May to devote her time to her own day-care center. We will miss her happy smile and her daughter, Jordyn, who has been a playmate to our own toddlers for these past three years.

We are looking for a responsible adult to replace Heather in the nursery.

The nursery provides care from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday for infants, toddlers and preschoolers through the age of 3. Children of choir members are also welcome before Sunday school classes start.

Attendance at Safeguarding God's Children, the diocesan program to prevent child abuse, will be required.

We are also looking for two helpers who would be available to work on alternate weekends, or a less regular schedule. Please contact Nancy Maestri for more information (nemaestri@aol.com or 301-864-8880).

Adult Education

Adult Forum

Embracing a New Rector: How long will the honeymoon last? On Sunday, April 19, the Rev. Bruce McPherson will lead us in a discussion of welcoming our new rector.

The Passion and Resurrection in Art and Music will be the theme of the adult forum from April 26 through May 10.

April 26: Bill Gilcher and Kyra Hicks will present a few aspects of the work of the 19th-century African-American quilt artist Harriet Powers (1837–1911). They will talk about the "Bible Quilt," which is now in the Smithsonian (<http://americanhistory.si.edu/collections/quilts/24.htm>), and how Harriet Powers's work has influenced our own lives.

May 3: Leslie Reinhart will talk about depictions of the Resurrection in Renaissance and baroque art.

May 10: Dale Krider will talk about music and the Resurrection.

Adult forum meets on Sunday

mornings at 9:30 in the Rectors' Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Spring Bible Study

On the Sundays following Easter, the New Testament lesson is taken from the First Epistle of John. We will be studying these lectionary readings in our Tuesday evening Bible study group.

Please join us at 7:30 pm on alternate Tuesdays, beginning April 21, in the Emack Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring your favorite Bible and your questions. Contact Nancy Maestri (nemaestri@aol.com) for more information.

Education for Ministry

What is EFM? Education for Ministry (EFM) is a program designed to equip lay people to carry out their baptismal covenant in the world. It offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. Completion of the

program takes four years, during which participants study the Bible, church history, and theology. Participants commit one year at a time to meet weekly with their seminar group.

Why do people participate in EFM? EFM was designed for the laity of the church. Many choose to participate in order to increase their knowledge of the Christian faith. Some want to continue their spiritual formation or prepare for special lay ministries. People have joined EFM and become involved in social ministries, worked in nursing homes and hospices, or become better church school teachers, lay readers, Christian education and parish leaders.

EFM at St. Andrew's. An EFM group has been meeting at St. Andrew's since September 2002. For the past year, ten members have been meeting on Wednesday evenings with Nancy Maestri, a trained EFM men-

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Jubilee Commission

Easter Offering Will Buy Solar Cookers for Darfur Refugees in Chad Camps

The Easter offering this year will go to the Solar Cooker Project of Jewish World Watch. It's an example of how a simple idea can have a huge impact on people's lives.

The project, which has received the support of both Christian and Jewish organizations and congregations, including Episcopal churches and dioceses, provides low-tech solar cookers to three camps in Chad that house refugees from the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

The cookers don't just provide a green way to prepare meals. Without



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tor. During that time we have studied the Old and New Testaments and church history; we have engaged in theological reflection, and we have worshiped together.

Pamphlets describing EFM are available on the Christian Formation bulletin board in the Parish Hall and in the back of the church.

If you are interested in learning more about EFM, please contact Nancy Maestri (301-864-8880; nemaestri@aol.com). There will be four or five openings in September.

these cookers, refugee women must go outside the camps to collect firewood for cooking. This makes them vulnerable to attack, including rape.

A recent evaluation of the Solar Cooker Project at one of the camps served by the project found that prior to the introduction of the solar cookers, all the women left the camp to collect firewood for cooking. Since the introduction of the project, 53 percent of the women never leave the camp in search of wood. Overall, there has been an 86 percent reduction in trips out of camp to gather firewood.

The cookers, made of foil-lined cardboard, cost about \$15 each. Manufacturing the cookers actually is an income-producing project. Assembled cookers are not sent to the camps; instead, some women work at a plant where they receive the component parts for the cookers to be manufactured on-site. Income-producing jobs include cutting the cardboard, painting pots black to absorb heat, and sewing heat-retention bags.

The cookers also have health and environmental benefits, replacing wood and kerosene stoves that produce unhealthy smoke and use scarce and expensive fuels. And they help prevent deforestation, since two cookers can save one ton of wood per year.

For more information, and to see a video of the Iridimi refugee camp, go to www.jewishworldwatch.org/refugeerelief/solarcookerproject.html.

The Jubilee Commission urges you to be generous in your support of the Solar Cooker Project this Easter.

Episcopal Senior Ministries

85 Years of Service to the Diocese of Washington

Through the Jubilee Commission, St. Andrew's recently gave \$520 to the meal-subsidy program at Episcopal Senior Ministries' Friendship Terrace. The program provides grants to residents who could not otherwise afford the cost of communal meals. These meals are important not only for nutrition but also for socializing.

Parishioner Sallie Holder, who sits on the board of Episcopal Senior Ministries (ESM), provides the following information on the organization.

Episcopal Senior Ministries is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing personalized, affordable services and housing options for older adults at all income levels and of all faiths in the greater Washington, D.C., area, helping them to live with independence and dignity. It has a covenant with the Episcopal Diocese of Washington to be its aging arm. Founded in 1924, ESM is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the District.

ESM provides free or affordable support in multiple ways for older adults and their families who are undergoing unfamiliar life transitions. Affordable housing options include Friendship Terrace Retirement Community and Christian Communities Group Homes.

Friendship Terrace (202-244-7400, ext. 18), located in the Tenleytown section of Washington, D.C., offers the active, independent older

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Sulfur Creek Ranch Casserole

10 eggs (large, extra large,
or jumbo)

8 oz. package (2 cups)
shredded Mexican-blend
cheese

4 oz can chopped, mild
green chili peppers,
such as Ortega or Old
El Paso

1/4 cup milk or water

Preheat oven to 300
degrees.

Beat eggs, add other ingredients, and mix. Put into a lightly greased casserole dish, preferably nonstick, approximately 8 by 10 inches or similar size. Bake in 300-degree oven until it becomes puffed up and lightly brown on top and the center is set, about 45 minutes. (Correct time will depend on your oven and the dish you use.) Serve warm.

Editor's Note: This recipe is reprinted from the March issue of the Celtic, by request. This is Ballard Troy's very popular casserole served at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

New Parish Arts Committee Organizational Meeting April 26

Attention everyone interested in the arts at St. Andrew's!

We are now organizing a committee to create and implement a plan to strengthen how we use the arts to enhance our spiritual life. We need your help to:

- look at what can be done to make our church even more beautiful, possibly in collaboration with a church architectural consultant;
- plan specific ways to renew the area around the altar (since the dorsal curtain is now approaching the end of its useful life);
- consult with and inform the vestry and the parish about specific plans for the future.

Changes like this affect all of us, so please consider bringing your voice to our discussions. The committee will be working in close coordination with the Worship Committee, the Altar Guild, and other standing committees of the parish.

An organizing meeting will be held in the Rector's Lounge on Sunday, April 26 after coffee hour. Look for future announcements in the bulletin.

To join, please contact Bill Gilcher at 301 495-6356 or william.gilcher@verizon.net.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

If you've enjoyed a fresh, hot cup of coffee or tea or a glass of punch and a cookie or other nibble at coffee hour after the 10:30 service, consider taking a turn at hosting.

Hosting is a great opportunity to meet and greet your fellow parishioners. If you're a baker, you can show off your talents while fellowshiping with the St. Andrew's community.



If you are interested in hosting, please contact Robin Seiler by e-mail at rsseilerjr@verizon.net or e-mail the office at standrews1@comcast.net.

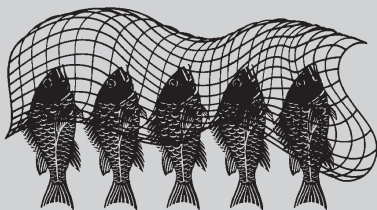
Fish, Net Makers Wanted

Charlie Jones and Barbara Simon have resumed work up again on the wall hanging planned for the wall of the Parish hall over the stairs. The wall hanging will depict the hands of Saint Andrew holding up a large net, which will contain (we hope!) many fish.!

Charlie is working out the technicalities of mounting the finished work, but much remains to be done on the hanging itself. Charlie and Barbara will be arranging for workshops to construct the net—a macrame project. Anyone can help, children included.

Meanwhile, they are asking any parish member who wishes to, to sew one or more fish to attach to the net. These can be embroidered, appliqued, done in needlepoint, etc., but should not exceed 10 inches in length or width.

Please see Charlie or Barbara after church if you are interested and need more information, or contact them (Charlie, 301-946-0477; Barbara, 301-474-2192).



Vestry Notes

February 17, 2009

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee's work is coming to a close as it selects up to three bishop-approved finalists who will be referred to the Vestry in early March. After that, the Vestry will make the appointment, making sure to be in compliance with diocesan guidance and guidelines.

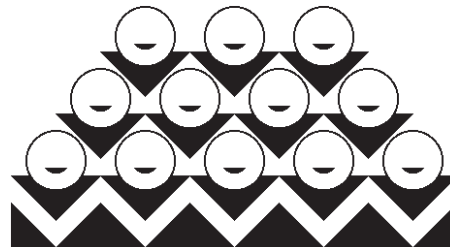
Jubilee Commission

The commission continues to be active. The recent annual Warm Nights program was a success, providing a week of safe, warm shelter and nutritious meals for a record number of adults and children. In

anticipation of upcoming service opportunities in the St. Andrew's community, the Rev. Peter Antoci is doing some advertising on the University of Maryland campus for volunteers.

Endowment Board and Vestry Vacancies

Cheryl Hoffman and Wes Snyder were appointed to fill vacancies on the Endowment Board. In a special meeting on Feb. 22, the Vestry appointed Don Oberg to a one-year term to fill the vacancy created by Doug Kelley's departure.



Fourth Sundays at Four for the Community of College Park

Sunday, April 26, at 4:00 p.m.
Organ and Instruments

Our organist, Dale Krider, will join with Jon Sumida, trumpet; Becky Fulcher, oboe; Steve Snodgrass, violin; and Christine Castillo, soprano, for an hour of delightful music making. Dale will also play one of the most famous works for the organ. Come, enjoy a time of great music as the Easter season continues.

A Letter of Thanks from Bishop Chane

Senior warden Dan Ryan received the following letter from Bishop Chane in response to the vestry's gift of \$2,500 to the Bishop's Appeal, which supplements the diocesan operating budget. The donation was given in gratitude for the financial, spiritual, and practical assistance the diocese has offered St. Andrew's during the search process, especially when Martha Wallace's illness made it necessary to find new interim leadership.

For more information on the Bishop's Appeal, see www.edow.org

[/diocese/giving/bishopsappeal.html](http://diocese/giving/bishopsappeal.html).

Dear Dan:

Thank you and the vestry of St. Andrew's for your generous contribution of \$2500 to the 2009 Bishop's Appeal. Your support, particularly during these challenging times, is a wonderful endorsement of the work that we do. Please extend my sincere appreciation to the members of your vestry.

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue our many ministries to our parishes. In turn, the people and parishes of this diocese provide

a distinctive witness to all that an inclusive, open-hearted Christianity—captive to neither secularists nor fundamentalists—can flourish in our ideologically divided world.

I continue to be honored to serve as your Bishop, striving as always to be worthy of your support as, together, we continue God's good work.

Thank you very much.

In Christ's Peace, Power, and Love,

The Rt. Rev. John
Bryson Chane, D.D.
Bishop of Washington

ESM Offers Many Services to Older Adults

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adult an activities program, local transportation, and a daily meal program for an affordable monthly rent.

Christian Community Group Homes (202-635-9384, ext. 100) provides supportive and shared housing for low-income older adults.

Community outreach programs connect volunteers with older adults who wish to remain safely and comfortably in their homes by providing assistance with basic home projects through Age-In-Place Volunteer Services (202-635-9384, ext. 105), while Age-In-Place Home Repair & Maintenance (202-635-9384, ext. 106) furnishes affordable skilled labor to complete home repairs.

The ESM Cares program provides counsel and professional guidance to older adults and their families through a personalized care plan tailored to match an individual's needs with available resources. A free information and assistance service is available through ESM Cares

at 202-364-0020.

ESM is also committed to offering community outreach initiatives such as volunteer services, transportation, education and advocacy. Parish Volunteer Services (202-414-6314) works with parishes to develop services and programs by and for older adults including the annual Senior Celebrations.

This combined breadth of services, housing and community involvement gives ESM an unmatched perspective in meeting the changing needs of older adults and their families.

Episcopal Senior Ministries depends on the community's support to keep these services and programs operating. For information on how you can support ESM, contact the Development Office at (202-414-6313). ESM is also a member of the United Way and Combined Federal campaigns.

It will also hold a fund-raising gala on June 4, "Magical Moments."

For more information about Episcopal Senior Ministries visit the website www.esm.org or call 202-414-6315.





Final Notes

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Deadline for Submissions

The 15th of each month. Send paper copy or photos to the parish office, or e-mail/attach your articles to standrews1@comcast.net.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Nursery Open
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Forums
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
Children's Christian Formation
- 6:30 p.m. EACM Eucharist
- 7:30 p.m. EACM Dinner

Tuesday

- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (alternate weeks)

Wednesday

- Noon Midweek Eucharist
- 6:45 p.m. Education for Ministry

Thursday

- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Corner (until 2:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. Thrift Corner (until 8:30 p.m.)
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

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