

Rector's Column

Dear friends:

One word that seems to have disappeared from political language is "sacrifice." Yet it is still one of the foundational principles of the Church. The idea of "sacrifice" and its meaning for Christians has been at the center of our faith from the time of Christ. For 16th century reformers, the struggle was to find a way to articulate this mystery imbedded in the Eucharistic celebration by using the imperfect tools of language. What is actually happening as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Christ? What does his sacrifice on the cross mean for us? While we may not have a complete understanding of what God is doing in the Eucharist, our role is quite explicit: to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

A standard dictionary defines "sacrifice" as an offering or a forfeiture of something valuable to a deity or some other thing of greater power or value. Implicit in that understanding is that the act of sacrifice will bring about some greater good for the person making the offering, or for the one on whose behalf the sacrifice is being made. Both parties give something and both parties get something from the arrangement.

And that is where I think we run into problems with the idea of sacrifice as it stands as a matter of faith. We often treat it as a bargain with God. Traditionally, this has been one of the major pitfalls with our observance of Lent. If I give up something I value, something I like: ice cream, sleeping in, movies, alcohol (you can fill in the blank with just about anything) then God will give me something in return. That is certainly how bargains are made; it is how commerce (and at one time, politics) works. It is one of the chief governing models of human interaction: I give you something you want, then, you give me something I want. Who would not appreciate and desire such a win-win situation?

But is that what we want from God? Do we think that principles of the marketplace can replace a lively relationship with the creator of "all that is seen and unseen?" God is not looking for a bargaining partner. There is nothing we can offer God but a "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving," as our prayer books have stated since the first one was drafted over 450 years ago.

It was intriguing to find in a Bible dictionary that in the place for a definition of "sacrifice" it said, "see: Worship." There, in a discussion on the history of worship in the Bible it states, "The Hebrew Prophets, Jesus and Paul substituted right living, love and faith for ritual acts." That seems to be a perfect way of describing praise and thanksgiving to God. Within that framework there are ample opportunities for

sacrifice, and Lent is a perfect time to explore them.

Cut back or give up something in which you indulge a bit more than is healthy for you - then use the time and money you saved for a good purpose. Intentionally spend more time with your family. Attend a class, a Bible study, get up twenty minutes early to pray. Come to church. Talk - really talk - to a friend.

All of these involve sacrifice; they require us to give up something in order to gain something else. But God is not trying to strike a bargain with us. God has already given us everything. What God wants for all of us is to use those gifts wisely and fully, for the benefit of all people. May this Lent be an opportunity to deeply and profoundly enter into this sacrifice so that our lives can be filled with praise and thanksgiving, not just on Easter morning, but every day.

God bless,
Fr. Alan

More from Fr. Alan

Thank You

I would like to thank you for the many cards and messages of condolence that I have received following my mother's death in January. Your concern, love and prayers have been deeply felt and are greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

Dinner with Fr. Alan

In September 2008, a series of dinners with Fr. Alan began to be offered for ten to twelve people at a time. So far, Fr. Alan has prepared his famous chicken dinner for thirty-five groups. If you have yet to attend one of these gatherings, please call the office (663-0518) to book a date. All dinners are at 6:30 pm in the lounge. A variety of evenings through May are available, and children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Finances

**Operating Revenue and Expense
1/1/10 to 1/31/10**

	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Over/Under +/- YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
Income			
Plate Offerings	3,929	3,825	104
Pledge Payments	114,928	116,000	-1,072
Other Income	195	167	28
Total Income	119,052	119,992	-939
Expenses			
Diocesan Pledge	6,497	6,497	0
Other Outreach	750	750	0
Church Programs	4,670	4,905	-235
Salaries and Benefits	41,067	42,079	-1,012
Maintenance & Overhead	10,061	11,992	-1,931
Total Expenses	63,044	66,223	-3,178
Net	56,008	53,769	2,239

**Capital Campaign
Financial Status as of 1/31/10**

	Since Inception
Income:	
Pledge payments	2,317,225
Memorial gifts	4,970
From special funds	237,203
Grant	4,615
Investment Income	33,526
Total Income	2,597,539
Expenses:	
Consultant/Architect	303,693
General Contractor	1,487,914
Other Project Costs	85,597
Windows Restoration	227,718
Other Contractors	280,225
Administrative & Miscellaneous	80,174
Total Expenses	2,465,322
End of Month Fund Balance	132,217

St. Andrew's Service Schedule:

Sundays

Holy Eucharist: 8:00, 10:00 am
Family Service: 9:15 am (*Chapel*)
Compline: 8:00 pm

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist: 7:00 am (*Chapel*)
Evensong: 6:00 pm (*Chancel*)

Thursdays

Holy Eucharist and Healing: 5:30 pm

Fridays

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 pm

First Saturday of the Month

Oasis Evensong: 5:30 pm

Childcare is available 9:00-9:45 am in the Kindergarten room (207). A Nursery for infants through children aged 2 years is available during the entire 10:00 am service, located in room 204. The older children are in class from 10:00 am until they join their families for communion later in the service.

Parish Briefs



Daylight Savings Time

It's time to Spring Forward for Daylight Savings Time! Daylight Savings Time begins **Sunday, March 14**. Remember to set your clock ahead an hour before going to sleep Saturday evening!

Labyrinth Walk

The annual visit/pilgrimage to walk the labyrinth at the Dominican Motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan is being planned for a day in May. Details will follow. For more information contact either Bernadette Pelland (734-769-9413) or Ann Garvin (734-663-4075). Please watch for further announcements. All are welcome, including anyone not attending St. Andrew's.

Reminder!

Please remember that during Holy Week (Palm Sunday, March 28 - Easter Sunday, April 4) there will **NO group or committee meetings.**

Holy Week 2010

We are now into the “purple season” - the Season of Lent. On Palm Sunday, March 28, we will begin the most important week in the Church year: Holy Week. Our liturgies afford us wonderful opportunities to be a part of the drama that precedes Easter, and this is an invitation to you all to join us, in whatever ways which will be meaningful to you.

The traditions of Holy Week liturgy are thought to have begun in Jerusalem in the fourth century under the great bishop, St. Cyril. The Easter Vigil was already in existence, because this was the primary service where new believers were baptized and welcomed into the body of the Church.

By the fourth century, Christianity had become a legal religion, and many existing buildings had become churches as well as new ones being built. There was a new interest in Christian history and new liturgical practices had evolved.

In the 380's, a pilgrim from Spain, a woman named Egeria, came to Jerusalem and was fascinated to take part in a series of services held at various sites throughout the week preceding Easter – called the Great Week. Egeria was particularly impressed that the Psalms and readings were appropriate to the time and place – a new idea to her. She and other pilgrims took the liturgical practices from Jerusalem back to their own churches, and gradually, our own liturgies of Holy Week evolved.

We remember the events of the time preceding Jesus' crucifixion, and we enter into them in a symbolic way.

We begin on **Palm Sunday, March 28**, by reading the short Gospel lesson and distribute the palms to remember Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. The mood changes quickly when we read the passion narrative from St. Luke's Gospel. I invite you to be a part of this by reading a line or two as one of the several characters in the drama, along with the crowd.

On **Holy Monday and Tuesday (March 29 & 30)**, we celebrate the Eucharist at 5:30 pm.

Holy Wednesday, March 31, brings us both the usual 7:00 am Eucharist as well as a Tenebrae service at 7:30 pm. Tenebrae is a quiet, meditative service of music and Psalms that derives its name from shadows, or darkness. As the service progresses, we extinguish a series of candles until only one remains. The last candle is hidden while the Good Friday Collect is read, and then after a loud noise, the candle is replaced on its stand as we all leave the church in silence.

Thursday, April 1, is known as **Maundy Thursday** (for the Latin word *mandatum* which refers to the new commandment in John 13:34). We will hold a service at 7:30 pm, which is a time to act out Jesus' example of servanthood by washing each other's feet. We welcome all to participate in this very moving act. Please come prepared to take part in this service by wearing easily removable socks and shoes. At the conclusion of this service, we 'strip the altar' by taking away all linens and decorations to prepare for Good Friday. Then, we will honor the tradition of reserving the Blessed Sacrament, the wine and bread of the Holy Eucharist that has been blessed during the Maundy Thursday service, by taking it into the chapel to remain there in the Garden of Repose, where we will keep our vigil.

Good Friday, April 2, begins with our liturgy of the day at 12:00 noon and we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of John. I invite you again to take part by speaking a few lines of the reading. We will then share in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist that was reserved in the chapel from the Thursday service. At 2:00 pm, we will act out Jesus' walk with his cross from the house of Pontius Pilate to Mount Calvary. This year we will have a new booklet prepared by Michael Mouradian, of his wonderful photographs of our Pewabic tiles depicting the 14 Stations of the Cross that we honor by stopping for prayers at each site.

On **Holy Saturday, April 3**, there is a short liturgy at 10:00 am before the preparations for the Great Vigil of Easter at 7:30 pm. This elaborate and rich observance of the resurrection is among the oldest liturgical practices of the Christian Church. Our earliest recorded outline dates from 215 AD.

On **Easter Sunday, April 4**, there will be two identical services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, in addition to the 9:15 am Family Eucharist. There will be plants available for delivery to our shut-in members on Easter, and the Parish Callers always need help in their delivery.

Please come and participate in any way you are able in this holy season – we are blessed to have your company!

Happy Easter to you all,

Deacon Svea

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28:	8:00, 9:15, 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm - Music for Contemplation 8:00 pm - Compline
Monday, March 29:	5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, March 30:	5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, March 31:	7:00 am - Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm - Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday, April 1:	7:30 pm - Liturgy & Holy Eucharist 9:00 pm - Midnight - Watch
Good Friday, April 2:	6:00 am - Noon - Watch 12:00 pm - Liturgy of the Day 2:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 3:	10:00 am - Liturgy of the Day 7:30 pm - Great Vigil & Baptism
Easter Sunday, April 4:	8:00 am - Festival Holy Eucharist 9:15 am - Family Eucharist 10:30 am - Festival Holy Eucharist

“Will you WATCH with me?”

Our Lord Jesus Christ asked his disciples to **WATCH** with him as he prayed in the garden at Gethsemane just hours before he was arrested and taken away ultimately to be crucified. From this has evolved the tradition of **Keeping the Watch** between the services of Maundy Thursday (April 1) and Good Friday (April 2). In many Christian communities throughout the world, church members take turns keeping watch in quiet prayer. All members of St. Andrew’s will have the opportunity to participate in this tradition in our church this year.

At the end of the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, the Blessed Sacraments of bread and wine will be taken in procession to the Chapel, our Altar of Repose, where our watch will begin. You are invited to sign up for any half-hour or hour from the end of the service until midnight or from 6:00 am on Friday until our Good Friday service begins. From personal experience I can tell you that Keeping the Watch can be a most meaningful experience in the observation of Holy Week.

We ask you - please - to sign up for a time that you would like to keep **WATCH**. As many people as wish to do so can participate in the watch at any time, but we want to be sure that every slot has at least two people **Keeping the WATCH**. The sign up sheets will be near the Chapel door.

Sally Webster, *Priest Associate*

Curate’s Contemplations

Curate: From the Latin *curatus*, meaning “the person in charge.” The term should mean the “head priest” if literally interpreted, but instead has come to refer to a transitional deacon or an assistant to the rector. Usually a curate is one who recently graduated from seminary, and is in the process of “learning the ropes,” or “curing.”

When a good friend of mine was told of my curacy here at St. Andrew’s, he immediately went to the church website. He was impressed by a lot of things, but funny man that he thinks he is said this to me: “Wow Jeanne, newly restored roof, windows, pews and floors - all for you! They put out a serious red carpet there!” Well he got the last part right. You do put out a serious red carpet! I have felt very cared for since the moment of my arrival and truly appreciate all of the gestures which have contributed to this warm welcome. Thank you!

With that red carpet in mind, it seemed a little counter-intuitive at first that some of my welcome receptions should occur during Lent, but really I think it is the most appropriate time for them. I say this because there is real risk in both getting to know a person and in being known. We are most vulnerable when we dare to live in relationship, and yet as Christians we are called into community. Lent is the perfect time to try to reconcile the complexities of this triune commitment between you and me and we and Thee.

So go ahead and consider it a Lenten discipline to get to know your Curate (and to be known by her)! Come to the receptions. Make an office visit; I am in the office Mondays through Thursdays. I am also happy to meet you at times more convenient to your schedule and I can come to you. And absolutely bring the kids! I have a great kid-friendly space in my office that I hope children will use.

Come and we will exchange our stories. I would love to talk to you about the time Desmond Tutu kissed me (true story!), raising teenagers, my goofy Labrador, life as an expatriate, or my

latest knitting project. There is much to discuss in our shared humanity and I look forward to building relationships with you. The best way to reach me is either by cell phone or email: 734-255-5053 or jhansknecht@standrewsaa.org

Peace,

The Rev. Jeanne Hansknecht

Walking in the Footsteps of Henry Lewis

I met Dr. Lewis (I always addressed him as Dr. Lewis, never Henry) in the fall of 1946, when, after three years in the U.S. Navy SeaBees, I entered the University of Michigan as a Freshman. Since I had been a card carrying Presbyterian while in High School, I began attending First Pres on Washtenaw Avenue where Dr. William Lemmon (I never called him Bill either) was the Pastor.

A friend invited me to attend the seven am Holy Communion service at St. Andrew’s. I liked receiving from a sterling silver chalice instead of what looked like a small shot glass. After the service I spoke with Dr. Lewis or with the Canterbury House (located just across Catherine Street) Chaplain, John Burt (later Bishop of Ohio.)

Someone must have mentioned my name to George Hunsche (I did get to a first name basis with him), the Organist and Choir Director of St. Andrew’s at the time. George invited me to raise my *basso profundo* voice in a choir of faculty, students, and wives for what he called the *Schola Cantorum*, a choir which would sing for Choral Evensong each Sunday night during school term. I found myself donning a cassock and cotta for the first time. I felt very official but tried not to let it go to my head.

I began to have some conversations with Dr. Lewis and Chaplain Burt about the possibility of my studying for the Priesthood, but I had a bit of theological cold feet. I couldn’t quite see myself on the level of the “heavies” - the esteemed clergy of St. Andrew’s and the Diocese of Michigan.

Following graduation from the University, I spent two years in graduate study (one very exciting one studying German Language and Culture at the University of Heidelberg). During the second year, I began to sense that if I turned my inadequacy feelings over to God something good might come, and this led to my entering Union Seminary in New York where, yes, I did study with Paul Tillich and Reinhold Niebuhr. I took my final, senior year at Virginia Seminary in Alexandria and then returned to Ann Arbor and St. Andrew’s where, on a beastly hot day in July of 1955, Bishop Emrich ordained me a Deacon. Six months later, after serving as Curate at All Saints’ Pontiac, I was ordained Priest. Hazel Hunsche (of blessed memory) motored over from Ann Arbor to see one of their boys cross the finish line, and, of course, Dr. Lewis preached the sermon.

Now, thanks to the invitation of Fr. Alan, I am back at St. Andrew’s for the completion of one of God’s planned circles. When I stand at the altar, I feel the presence in my heart of Bishop Emrich on one side of me, and Dr. Lewis on the other, and to each I say a silent thank you.

When I was ordained Deacon, Bishop Emrich placed a leather bound New Testament in my hands. Later, Henry Lewis wrote on the fly leaf: “Lew, I always knew you would make it,” and now that I am back, following in Henry Lewis’ footsteps, I feel that I have.

Fr. Lew Towler, *Priest Assisting*

Christian Education

Highlights from February

Our Second Annual **Valentine's Party** was held the first week in February for the preschool families of St. Andrew's. Forty children and adults enjoyed decorating cookies, creating beautiful cards and playing games. In addition, they had the opportunity to meet our new Curate, the Rev. Jeanne. Thanks to all the folks who attended!

On Sunday, February 14, we held our annual pre-Lenten **Carnivale**. Thanks to all the classes and teachers for making this such a successful event. Of course the Carnivale would not be a success without FOOD. We greatly appreciate all the folks who brought in baked goodies for the Rite 13 'CakeWalk'. A thanks goes out as well to J2A for providing a delicious lunch. We hope you had a good time, and came away with some beads and other goodies.

A Helping Hand for Haiti

Lenten Treasures Boxes: On the first Sunday in Lent (February 21), the children received boxes in which to place their coins. Our Lenten offering is given each year to benefit our foster child, Nickenson Confident of Jacmel, Haiti. The boxes are to be placed in the white cross outside the chapel during Easter week.

We have received several letters from **Plan USA**, the agency through whom we adopt Nickenson. **The area around Jacmel was badly affected by the recent earthquake - 80% of it was destroyed.** We have not heard anything as yet about Nickenson's situation. We pray that he and his family are alive, but so far, they have not been located.

During the month of February several classes sponsored **bake sales for Haiti**. As a result, Rite 13 and the 5th-6th graders were able to send \$550 for Haitian relief, which will be used specifically to help the children. Thanks to all who contributed.

Theatrical Opportunities in March

During the Easter season the Church School will present "**The Selfish Giant**", a beautiful and poignant story by Oscar Wilde, during the 10:00 am service on **Sunday, April 18. Children of all ages are included** in this Easter play! We will rehearse on several Saturdays before April 18.

In order to prepare, there will be a very brief meeting of those interested in participating on Sunday, March 7, in the preschool room immediately following the 10:00 service. Then, Church School families are invited to attend a "Meet and Greet" with the Rev. Jeanne in the lounge.

The second opportunity is to participate in our annual Supper Theatre. We are excited about this year's musical, Andrew Lloyd Webber's popular, "**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**" which we will present on May 8 and 9. There are roles for *ALL* ages, and we encourage intergenerational participation.

The first meeting for "Joseph" will take place on **Saturday, March 14**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Rainbow Room. We will have a potluck brunch while we meet, so bring something to pass and we'll supply the beverages.



This is a great way to become involved in the community of St. Andrew's, and have fun at the same time. Look for J2A to serve another delicious feast during our May event.

Experiencing Holy Week

On March 21 during Church School, the 2nd floor classrooms will feature **five Stations of the Cross**, visually presented and created by the students in each class. During class time the Church School children will move from room to room hearing the story about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, washing the feet of his Disciples, the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Crucifixion on Good Friday. This informative and meaningful experience will be coordinated by the Rev. Jeanne, with the help of all the Church School teaching staff.

Easter Activities

There is no Church School on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Services will be held at 8:00 am, 9:15 am, and 10:30 am. There will be extended childcare from 7:45 am until 12:00 pm. Childcare will also be available during the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, on Good Friday from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, and during The Great Vigil on Saturday evening.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 11: It has been our tradition to have an Easter egg hunt during the second Sunday in Easter for the preschoolers thru elementary age children. Rite 13 will host this event. If it is too chilly, we will have the festivity indoors, but weather permitting, the hunt will take place in our Church school garden following the 10:00 service.



Vacation Bible School

The theme for Summer 2010 is "**Marketplace 29 AD**". Registration materials will be given out in April for this wonderful event, which takes place this year **Tuesday through Thursday, June 22, 23, and 24**. Each year St. Andrew's joins with First Presbyterian and St. Clare's to present this 'hands on' experience for children in elementary school. It is our hope that a large group of St. Andrew's adults and teens will again volunteer to help with crafts, story telling, the drama troupe, or as tribal parents.

My responsibility in Marketplace has been as drama coordinator, preparing our troupe to present stories from Jesus' life during the Marketplace. But **we still need an overall coordinator from St. Andrew's!** Would you please consider this rewarding position? I'd love to talk with you about it. My email address: nheusel@standrewsaa.org – better yet – just call me. You'll enjoy this experience, I guarantee it!

Faithfully,

Nancy Heusel

Parish Life

Lenten Activities

Dinner and a Movie: Wednesdays in Lent

The popular Dinner and Movie program returns on the Wednesday evenings in Lent. Beginning with Evensong at 6:00 pm., the evening continues with a pot-luck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 pm. (Fr. Alan will make a big pot of vegetarian soup. Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert or bread to share.) After we have served ourselves we will watch the movie while we eat. A time for discussion will follow the screening of each film. Due to the length of some of the films we will begin our viewing promptly at 6:45 pm.



The theme of the series is: How hopes inspires us. Each film explores the motivations of the characters and how their hopes shape their actions and interactions with the world around them. The remaining films in the series include:

March 3: *Good Bye Lenin!* opens in East Berlin, 1989, as a young man protests against the regime. His mother witnesses his arrest, has a heart attack and falls into a coma. When she awakens the Wall has come down and the German Democratic Republic is no more. The mother is ordered to avoid all excitement and stress, so her son tries to recreate the GDR in their flat, but the world has changed a lot. The film is in German with English subtitles, is rated R, and runs 121 minutes.

March 10: *The Full Monty* is the story of six unemployed English steel workers who in a desperate attempt to earn some money create a Chippendale's style strip show. Their lack of dancing skills along with other deficiencies does not deter them. The film is rated R for language and brief nudity, and runs 91 minutes.

March 17: The documentary *The Story of the Weeping Camel* follows a Gobi Desert family of nomads as they assist in the births of its camel herd. They face a crisis when one white calf is rejected by its mother after a difficult birth. The family goes to extraordinary lengths to save the calf. The film is in Mongolian with English subtitles, is rated PG, and runs 87 minutes.

March 24: *Wit* is an HBO adaptation of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize winning play by (Episcopalian) Margaret Edson. Vivian Bearing is an English professor with a biting wit that educates but also alienates her students. With her teaching and life both rigidly under control, Vivian would never let down her defenses, until the day comes when they are taken down for her. Diagnosed with a devastating illness, Vivian agrees to undergo a series of procedures that are brutal, extensive, and experimental. No longer a teacher, but a subject for others to study, Vivian Bearing is about to discover a fine line between life and death that can only be walked with wit. The film is rated PG-13 and runs 99 minutes.

Book Discussion Group

The group will meet on **Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 11:30 am** to discuss, "**The Last Week**" by Marcu Borg and John Dominic Crossan

What do the Gospels really teach us about Jesus' final days in Jerusalem? Using Mark's gospel as the starting point, Borg and Crossan attempt to tell the story of this Holy Week against the backdrop of the forces of institutional religion and imperial

power. This story, which is familiar to all of us, comes into a new light in this examination. Reading and discussing this book at the end of Lent will be an excellent way to prepare for Holy Week, which begins the next week with Palm Sunday on March 28. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. We will meet in the chapel. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 16, when we will discuss, "Abide with Me" by Elizabeth Stout.

"New Life!" A Concert and Rededication Celebration

On Sunday, February 14 we formally celebrated the end of Phase I Renovation of St. Andrew's Church. Our thanks go to our Music Director, Deborah Friauff for leading over seventy musicians, mostly from St. Andrew's, in offering a beautiful afternoon of joyous music. Thanks go also to all who helped make this day and this wonderful renovation possible:

Capital Campaign Committee

Chandler Matthews, Dave Skaff, Dan Barry, Dan and Carmela Brown, Jennifer Cain, Bry Dennison, Bob and Mary Edwards, Frank Gordon, Thomas Kinnear, Jody Lighthammer, Chris Malley, Harry McLaughlin, Kathy McPherson, Kathy Power, Dave Staiger, Suzanne Upton, Kevin Vander Tuig, Donna Wessel Walker, Mike Walters

Phase I Renovation Committee

Kevin Vander Tuig (chair), John Burhenn, Blair Driskell, Fr. Alan Gibson, Mark Hildebrandt, Kathy McPherson, Virginia Nordby, John Reidel, Hugh Shirato

Quinn Evans Architects

Mike Quinn, Ilene Tyler, Jennifer Henriksen

And the 283 household who gave over \$2,795,000.

During the rededication a Planning Committee for Phase II of the Master Plan was commissioned. Its members are: John Burhen, Mary Edwards, Fr. Alan Gibson, Kathy McPherson, Virginia Nordby, Anne Piehl, Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra, and Kevin Vander Tuig.

The celebration concluded with a lovely reception in the parish hall organized by Kathy McPherson and Deacon Svea Gray.

Thank you all for a splendid afternoon!

Outreach

Rotating Shelter 2010

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2010 Rotating Shelter at St. Andrew's. Thank you to the volunteers who went short on sleep and comfort to host for a night including Chris and Sue Bickley, Scott Gerstenberger, Dave McCreadie, Bryce Kelley, Dan Barry, Vicki Blaney, Norm Richert, Lucy Gauvin, Trent Collier, Phil MacBride, Adrian Madriz (Canterbury House), Reid Hamilton (Canterbury House), Dave Crary, Jim and Mary White, Hugh Shirato, Mickey Sperlich, Jon Crane, Dan Brown, Kevin Vander Tuig and Tom Dwyer. Special thanks to Louis Franklin who hosted twice and to Paul Hiyama and Kevin Ross who hosted on Superbowl Sunday. Thank you also to the many people who provided snacks. They were gratefully appreciated by the guests and volunteers. Finally, thank you to the other openers, Bryce Kelley and Dave Crary.

Gardening News

The Outreach Committee is pleased that the Rev. Jeanne has joined us as we discuss serving and reaching out to others as a congregation. We also invite you to join us.

Outreach concerns us all as members of faith striving to respect the dignity of every human being.

Community Gardens

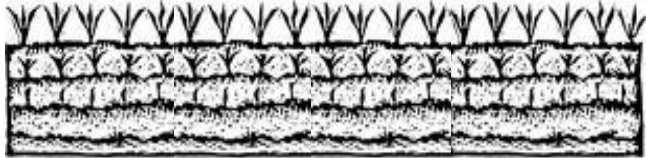
Our latest discussions have focused on fighting local hunger. To that end we are exploring options for growing more food for donation, both in our own community gardens, and by helping other congregational gardeners. Last year's start-up garden went so well, with over 20 people assisting in some capacity. Some members helped at a workday, while others watered or harvested every week. We donated over 250 pounds of produce to Food Gatherers.

We are recruiting helpers for our new garden on Eighth Street near Liberty. We're thinking of having regular work times on Tuesday afternoons and also sharing a simple meal at the garden sight. Consider bringing the kids and the neighbors and lend a hand or just join in the fun! Please watch for announcements. We'll be building raised beds and spreading compost by the end of April.

Fellowship Garden

We are also considering helping another congregation with their community garden somewhere in the Metro Detroit area. We're seeking friendship with another church as we share energy, ideas, and faith. Please join us. Gardening provides many wonderful opportunities to reach out, be creative, make friends, and feed each other. At the very least, we'll sponsor a field trip to the Garden Resource Center in Detroit, part of the Greening of Detroit and the Detroit Agricultural Network.

For more information, please contact Merilynne Rush at msh.rush@gmail.com or 734-424-0192.



A Thank You

A Christmas card from grateful recipients was delivered to me personally at my door, from which I quote:

“Thank you all for always donating your food from your Church Pantry. You contribute to so many people's lives in assisting with them NOT going hungry! Thank you!”

- Catholic Social Services
Emergency Food Bank
Staff and Volunteers

It was delivered in a “Joy to the World” card with four tiny individually wrapped candies taped to the envelope. It was a joy to receive on your behalf!

Alice Sano

Parish Health

Walk to Jerusalem

It is Lent and Lent at St. Andrew's means a community **Walk to Jerusalem**. This is the fourth year for over one hundred parishioners (and dogs) to participate in a personal pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Lent is the perfect time to honor mind, body and spirit. There are many reasons that people go on pilgrimages – to come closer to God, for healing, for guidance or for forgiveness of sins. The Health Ministries is proud to sponsor this activity and hopes that this experience will encourage personal commitment to health.

For those who are participating, be sure to count your exercise time while you are on vacation and submit the miles as soon as you return. Your miles “count” through and including Holy Week. Once again our goal of completing our walk to Jerusalem will take us over 6,000 miles. It is never too late to enroll and add your miles. Remember every 20 minutes of exercise is one mile.

Sue Critz, *Episcopal Health Ministries*

Ready to Ride? Bike Safely!

Did you know ... that when bicycles were introduced in late 19th century in England, they were accused of aiding and abetting “Sabbath-breaking”? (Until vicars started using them to keep tabs on their parishioners!)

... and that without Orville and Wilbur Wright's bicycle business, our Presiding Bishop Katherine would never have earned her wings?

Come learn about bike safety on **Saturday, April 17, 2 PM in the Chapel**, as your EHM presents an overview of basic bicycle safety (for bicycle riders of all ages!), specific to the Ann Arbor area. Ann Arbor area cycling maps will be provided to the first twenty attendees. NOTE: you do **not** need to bring your bike for this workshop. Appropriate apparel and gear for visibility and safety will be demonstrated. As interest dictates, an organized group bicycle ride may be planned for a later date.

See you in the Chapel and then ... on the roads!

We Have A Bike Rack!

Last fall, a beautiful new bike rack was installed on the north side of the church, next to the sidewalk near the Memorial Garden. It's easy to secure your bike to this bike rack. So, please, when you ride your bike to church, please feel free to use this bike rack, rather than the light poles, trees or the fence.





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Music for Contemplation Sundays at 7:30 pm

Come enjoy a half-hour musical presentations intended solely for your spiritual enrichment which together with Compline (8:00 pm) provide a worship and renewal experience that truly refreshes your spirit!

March 7: The St Andrew's Chamber Choir
March 21: The Vocal Arts Ensemble

March 14: The St. Thomas *Schola Gregoriana*
March 28: The Ann Arbor Cantata Singers

DINNER AND A MOVIE

The popular Dinner and Movie program returns on the Wednesday evenings in Lent. Beginning with Evensong at 6:00 pm, the evening will continue with a pot-luck supper in the parish hall at 6:30 pm. Fr. Alan will make a big pot of soup. Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert or bread to share. After we have served ourselves we will watch the movie while we eat. A time for discussion will follow the screening of each film. Due to the length of some of the films we will begin our viewing promptly at 6:45 pm.

- 3/3** *Goodbye Lenin!*
Comedy, R, 121 minutes, German w/
English subtitles
- 3/10** *The Full Monty*
Comedy, R, 91 minutes
- 3/17** *The Story of the Weeping Camel*
Documentary, PG, 87 minutes, Mongolian w/
English subtitles
- 3/24** *Wit*
Drama, PG-13, 99 minutes

St. Andrew's Calendar for the Month of March

Sundays: 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (C) 9:00 am: Adult Forum (L) 9:15 am: Family Eucharist (Cpl) 9:45 am: Church School 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist (C) 8:00 pm: Compline (C)	Tuesdays: 4:00 pm: Tea (L) Wednesdays: 7:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Cpl) 4:15 pm: Cherubim Choir Rehearsal (CL) 5:15 pm: Junior Choir Rehearsal (CL) 6:00 pm: Evensong (Cpl) 6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (RR) 10:00 am: Bible Study (L)	Fridays: 12:15 pm: Holy Eucharist (C) 7:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)	Saturdays: 9:00 am: Altar Guild Preparation Location Key (C): Church; (Ch): Chancel; (CL): Choir Loft; (Cpl): Chapel; (L): Lounge; (LE): Lower Education Room; (Lib): Library; (PH): Parish Hall; (RR): Rainbow Room
Mondays: 6:30 pm: Education for Ministry (L) 7:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)	Thursdays: 5:30 pm: Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (C) 7:15 pm: Adult Choir Rehearsal (CL)		

Weekly Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:30 pm Outreach (L)	3 6:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner & a Movie	4	5	6 5:30 pm Oasis Evensong
7 <i>History Tours</i> 11:30 am SASA (L) 11:30 am Inquirers Class (Cpl) 7:30 pm Music/Contemplation (C)	8	9 6:00 pm EHM (L)	10 6:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner & a Movie 7:30 pm History & Memorials (Lib)	11	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i> <i>Blood Pressure Screening</i> 11:30 am CS Teacher Mtg (Lib) 11:30 am Inquirers Class (Cpl) 7:30 pm Music/Contemplation (C)	15	16 6:00 pm Finance (L)	17 6:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner & a Movie	18	19	20
21 <i>History Tours</i> 11:30 am Book Discussion (L) 2:00 pm PFLAG (L) 7:30 pm Music/Contemplation (C)	22	23 6:30 pm Vestry (L)	24 6:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner & a Movie	25	26	27 10:00 am Baptismal Prep (Cpl)
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i> No Adult Forum	29 <i>Holy Week</i> No Meetings 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist	30 <i>Holy Week</i> No Meetings 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist	31 <i>Holy Week</i> No Meetings 4:15 pm Cherubim Choir (CL) 4:30 pm Junior Choir (CL) 6:30 pm Adult Choir (CL) 7:30 pm <i>Tenebrae</i> (C)			

St. Andrew's Calendar for the Month of April

Sundays: 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (C) 9:00 am: Adult Forum (L) 9:15 am: Family Eucharist (Cpl) 9:45 am: Church School 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist (C) 7:30 pm: Silence for Contemplation (C) 8:00 pm: Compline (C)	Tuesdays: 4:00 pm: Tea (L) Wednesdays: 7:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Cpl) 4:15 pm: Cherubim Choir Rehearsal (CL) 5:15 pm: Junior Choir Rehearsal (CL) 6:00 pm: Evensong (Cpl) 6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (RR) 10:00 am: Bible Study (L)	Fridays: 12:15 pm: Holy Eucharist (C) 7:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous (PH) Saturdays: 9:00 am: Altar Guild Preparation	Location Key (C): Church; (Ch): Chancel; (CL): Choir Loft; (Cpl): Chapel; (L): Lounge; (LE): Lower Education Room; (Lib): Library; (PH): Parish Hall; (RR): Rainbow Room
Monday: 6:30 pm: Education for Ministry (L) 7:30 pm: Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)	Thursday: 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:30 pm <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Service 9:00 pm WATCH	Friday: 6:00 am WATCH 12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy	Saturday: 10:00 am: Liturgy of the Day 7:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter & Baptisms

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Easter Sunday <i>No CS or Forum</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Family Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	5 5:30 pm <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	6 5:30 pm Outreach (L) 5:30 pm <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Blood Pressure Screening</i> 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt (PH)	15	13 6:00 pm EHM (L)	14 7:30 pm History/Memorials	15	16	17
18 <i>History Tours</i> 2:00 pm PFLAG (L) 7:30 pm Silence/Contemplation (C)	22	20 6:00 pm Finance (L)	24	25	26	27 10:00 am Baptismal Prep (Cpl)
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