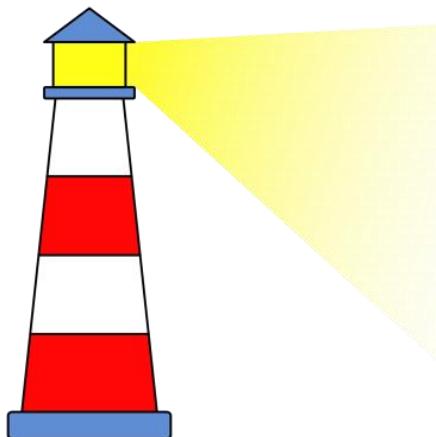


# *The Piper*

## *January 2018*



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# Ramblings in the Redwoods

Welcome to 2018! This is going to be a very interesting year in the life of St. Andrew's. The most obvious feature of the year will be the transition in the Rector's position, as I step down into retirement, and St. Andrew's goes forward with its next phase.

The first step will be to select people for the different positions for the coming year. We will have the usual elections at the Annual Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Two members of the Vestry are rotating off: Elizabeth Forbes and Teresa Ruff. They, as the Nominating Committee, are looking for at least two people to replace them (we can have up to 12 members on the Vestry; we are required to have 6; this year we have 7). Delegates (2) and Alternates (2) to Diocesan Convention will also be elected. What is different this year is that a Search Committee will also be empanelled by the Vestry. As Senior Warden Michael Freeman points out, they do all the work, but don't get to make the final choice. It's a tough job but an interesting and necessary one.

We are very fortunate that the Diocese is allowing this work to go forward while I am still in office instead of waiting until I leave.

The considerations of the Search Committee will be different from Search Committees in the past, in that replacing me with another person stepping into basically the same job is only one of the possibilities. Our income situation has changed from the time that I was selected as Rector. We no longer have the income we used to generate from the Golf Tournament, or from the Preschool when we were able to have more students. So the Committee will have to think about ways to spend less money. One way would be to hire for fewer hours; another would be to hire retired clergy; another would be to share clergy with another congregation. These are a few of the things that will occupy the thoughts of the new Committee.

Another thing that will be on the minds of the new Committee members will be the feedback that was developed from the Living Room Conversation the Vestry held a few weeks back, seeking your input on who this congregation is, so that it will know your thinking as it looks at the names that are passed through the diocesan filter, in the person of Brian Nordwick, Canon to the Ordinary. He is the deployment officer for our diocese.

But, of course, we are not saying goodbye just yet. We have months ahead of us to experience the life of St. Andrew's together. What we need at this time is to

share the life of Christ together, and to resist the temptations which come from uncertainty about the future.

The Vestry is your body of delegates, and it needs to know it can count on your support and your trust. If you are not sure if you can support or trust them, then you should think about being on the Vestry yourself. The Vestry is doing its best to have your back; they need to know that you have their back as well. Please, if you have not yet done so, turn in a pledge card. Without that, the Vestry does not know what it can look forward to in the way of offerings, and thus it does not know what level of paid ministry the congregation can and will support.

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We have been asked by several people if we plan to stay in the area after I retire. The answer is that we are planning to move to where our children live. We are looking in the northern part of Western Washington; right now, our area of focus is between Port Angeles and Port Townsend, though some other areas have also been in our field of vision. I enjoyed being a part of the community in Washington's Long Beach Peninsula, but that is a long drive to visit children. Neither of us is fond of city living so that takes the Seattle megalopolis out of the picture.

You have had a chance to meet some members of our family when they have visited here, and Jerry and Sharon have allowed us to use their fifth-wheel for some of those visits. We are grateful for that, and for your welcome when they attended services at St. Andrew's.

As our plans develop further, we will keep you apprised of them. Meanwhile, we have some time together ahead of us and we hope to make the most of that.

Remember that our Bible Study on Sunday evenings is now starting up again. We hope to see you there. - Blaine



**P.S.** The Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's will take place on January 28th, following the worship service. There will be one service on that day, and it will be at 9:00 a.m. so you can get through the meeting before lunchtime sets in.

If you are a leader of one of our ministries, or are a member of the Vestry, please turn in an article for our Annual Report by the 14th so we can get prepared. And please attend—we need each other's support.

## Evening Prayer \* Wednesdays \* 5:15-5:45 PM

It's brief, quiet, and a great way to refill your spiritual tank half way through the week.

*Join us.*



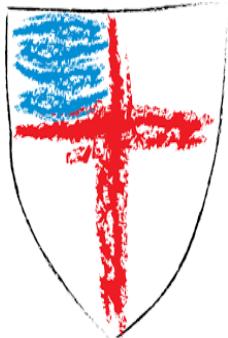
### St. Andrew's Women's Reading Group

When: Monday, Feb. 12th, 7pm

Where: Jean's

We will be discussing Oxygen by Cathy Cassela

Call Jean for more info, 335-5682.



### Why I Am An Episcopalian: Reason #66

We leave neither our minds, nor our hearts,  
nor our bodies at the church door.

*Larry Graham, Diocese of Atlanta*

*From 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*

### *Tidbits and FYI*

*The church no longer has fax service. This decision was made due to the lack of use and additional monthly cost savings.*

**Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following 9am service (one service only). Mark your calendar and please join us.**



## Angel in the Kitchen

*Feel good when cookn  
Sharing the love of God  
through your love of cooking*



**ROLO PRETZEL BITES** I'm a big fan of fancy desserts. BUT... there are times when you just need something quick, easy and still delicious! That's the kind of recipe I have for you today. In fact, I have a hard time even calling it a "recipe", when it only has three ingredients...

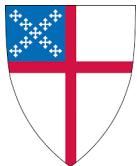
**Rolo** (store bought chocolate/caramel candies), **pretzels** and **pecan halves**. For these tasty treats, all you have to do is lay the pretzels on a baking sheet (I use cute square ones, but the mini twists would work too). Top each pretzel with an unwrapped Rolo candy.

Bake in the oven at 250°F for 4-5 minutes (no longer). When you remove them from the oven, the Rolo will still be in the same shape as when it went in the oven. Place a pecan half on top of the Rolo and press down a bit. Top each of the Rolo with one pecan half. Place the entire baking sheet in the freezer for about 5-7 minutes to allow the Rolo to cool.

Remove from freezer and enjoy! Or place in a container to enjoy later. These will last several days- probably more, but they've never lasted that long in our house! These are so delicious! A great sweet-salty combo.

Enjoy!

## Full Communion for Episcopal Church & United Methodists?



[October 23, 2017] The Episcopal Church-United Methodist Dialogue Committee met in Washington, D.C., to continue its work on establishing a full communion relationship between the two denominations.



During the meeting October 2-4, the committee began to plan for the future consideration of the draft proposal by each church's law-making bodies. Members further agreed to share communication celebrating the close relationship between the two denominations.

The Committee called for continued prayers for the United Methodist Church's Commission on a Way Forward, which is working on proposing a way forward for the denomination in regard to human sexuality.

The meeting concluded with a joint Eucharist.

## Some Parishes Share a Priest

There are now several parishes in The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, PA using one priest for two parishes. The people in these parishes take on some of the responsibilities of mission, administration, home visitations, teaching, and the priest continues with sacramental, worship, mission, and other duties. This is a new and exciting relationship between people and clergy in The Episcopal Church. One congregation has a Saturday evening service followed by a once a month potluck. The other congregation meets Sunday mornings.

## *Running of the Sheep*

October is a critical time of year for Idaho ranchers and their shepherders. They must drive hundreds of sheep south from the high summer pastures in the Sawtooth Mountains to warmer grazing land in the Snake River Valley. In Ketchum, Idaho the sheep are routed down Main Street.



Here Father Kenneth Brannon, Rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Ketchum, blesses 1500 sheep as they parade through town.

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## *In Memoriam*

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Part of my job is to remind you all to make wills. Our loved ones need us to do this. I have been there when people died intestate, and the chaos can be extraordinary. The worst family emotions are magnified by this situation and the results can last for years. I recently updated my will, and if I can get around to it, anybody can!

You might also think about two other things: 1) Remembering St. Andrew's in your will. Our budget has survived in part because of a generous bequest several years ago. 2) Investigate a living will, where you donate money and get income from the investment of that money throughout your life. Diocesan staff can help you set that up.

## Tribute to a Friend

Bill died  
In his sleep  
Last week

It isn't  
That he has gone  
So very far away

A silent chorus,  
The congregation  
Remembers him

Standing  
At the back  
Of the church  
With his cane

Standing  
With Jesus  
In his heart

He told me  
How frightened  
He was  
"I can't remember  
How to tune my guitar."

Now I know  
That Heaven  
Is a nice place

Is he making  
A joyful noise  
Unto the Lord  
With a new guitar?

*Mary Jo Neish*

## The Senior Warden Report

The Vestry met in special session in December to read, analyze, and discuss the many written responses from the congregation we received at our Parish meeting. We hoped and intended that soliciting our parish members' opinions very openly and broadly would provide us guidance as we enter more formally into the process of seeking a new rector, and I think our plan succeeded.

What we did was to share out the notes we received, then took turns reading them, discussing what was said, and trying to categorize them into various themes. And what were those themes? There are certainly broad views that emerge: we're old and it would be nice to get younger; it would be nice to have more money; and similar thoughts that we can all agree on.

But there are two more that I'd like emphasize, the first, identified by Father Blaine, is a fear -- a fear that St Andrew's, having done great work in the past and meant a great deal to its faithful members, won't be able to continue into the future. The second seems contradictory but really isn't -- a conviction that now is the time for us to come up with new ideas, about programs and activities, even about what it means to be a parish, and with that, a certain excitement in thinking about our possibilities.

What I would say finally is that your Vestry members are rendering great service in leading us into a future that is uncertain but also exciting. I'm proud to have an opportunity to work with them. We have a fine slate of new Vestry members and Search Committee members now pending, and we're hard at work on our profile. We'll do our best to keep you updated; I hope you'll all offer your thoughts to us as we proceed through the search process. *Mike Freeman, Senior Warden*

**In case you haven't heard,  
our Annual Meeting will be on  
Sunday, January 28  
following the 9 am service.**

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### *New Serenity Prayer*

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the people I cannot change,  
which is pretty much everyone,  
since I'm clearly not you, God.  
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,  
please give me the courage  
to change what I need to change about myself,  
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,  
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.  
It's better for me to focus on changing myself  
than to worry about changing other people,  
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,  
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up  
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter  
than everyone else in the room,  
that no one knows what they're talking about except me,  
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,  
grant me the wisdom  
to remember that I'm  
not you.

Amen

*by James Martin, SJ, originally published in Jesuit Post by permission*

### **Pledge and Stewardship Update**

Well, another year in the books and here we are at the start of a new year. This past year we started with 41 pledges for a total pledged amount of \$79,012 and actually received \$81,116 (this amount represents non-designated gifts from pledging members only and does not include any anonymous donations).

As of January 2, 2018 we have 28 pledge cards received for a pledged amount of \$55,084. There are 13 members that pledged last year that have not completed

pledge cards for 2018. Also, if you are a regular giver, but have not completed a pledge card, please consider filling out a pledge card to show your commitment to St. Andrew's. As we move forward into 2018 we are preparing for big changes, specifically the retirement of Rev. Blaine Hammond, our rector of St Andrew's. As the Vestry begins to assemble a Search committee one of the key components to be considered when deciding our future will be our financial outlook.

Thank you to all who have turned in your pledges. Your continued commitment to Saint Andrew's is essential to our moving forward. To those of you that have not completed a pledge card, we would ask that you prayerfully reflect on what you are capable of giving to Saint Andrew's. May our new year together be full of love, peace, and spiritual growth. Respectfully, Kim Rooks, Pledge Secretary

## Calendar Events

Sunday	Monday 1-Happy New Year	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
7 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	8-Women's Reading Group	9	10	11	12
14 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	15	16	17	18 Meeting 6:45pm	19 Vestry
21 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	22	23	24	25	26
28 9am Service Annual Meeting to follow	29	30	31	<b>January 2018</b>	

