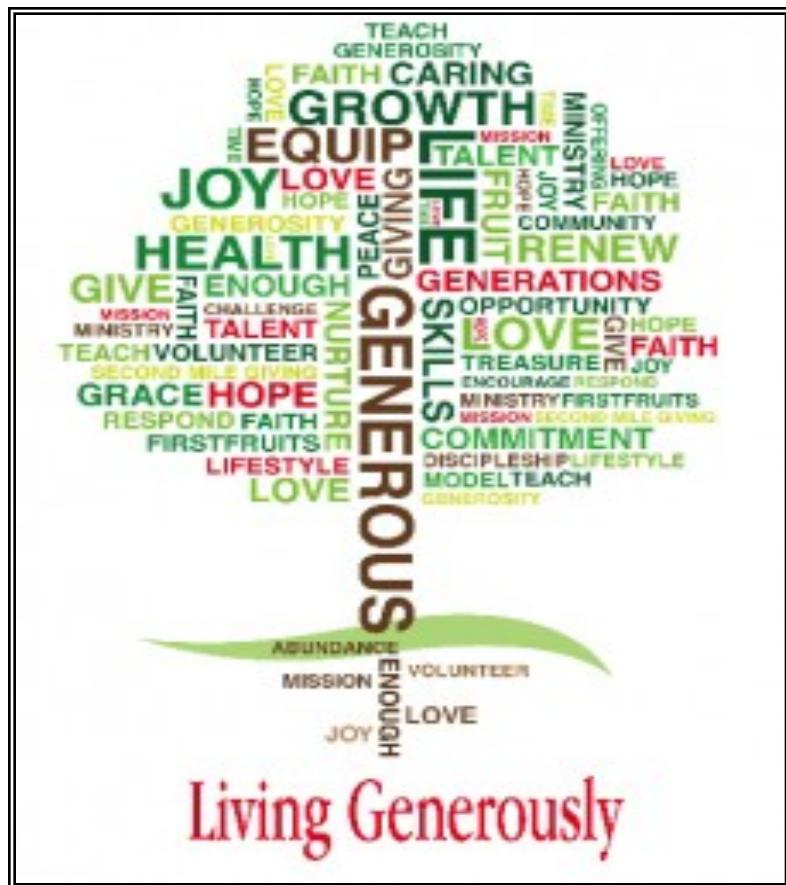


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Fellow Parishioners:

As I sit here this month I am waiting for the beginning of our Halloween open house. It is exciting to act as a community hub and although you all may be used to it this is the first time any of the congregations I have worked at or been a part of have joined in a secular celebration not sponsored by the church.

It is important to be good neighbors not just as a way to welcome people to our worship but to model and meet people where they are, to evangelize by just being ourselves and being a part of. This along with the Kirking of the Tartans coming up at the end of the month speak volumes to our integrating ourselves into the region where we live. This is known in church circles as casting a shadow with our steeple.

This being said it became apparent to me that there are many people who think of our community as home; their church and yet don't seem to attend very often. I need your help with these members of our community as you are the ones who know them. Reach out and invite when and where you can. Ask them to check us out again.

Being community isn't just about welcoming it is about inviting, inviting the community to come check out our church and organ on Halloween night, inviting Scots, Celts, Irish or anyone who thinks they may be or who just likes plaid to come and fellowship with us. It is about inviting people to fundraisers, concerts, openings, installations. It is about inviting people into our lives so that we can share and be with them.

We did that this weekend and will again twice more in November. It doesn't take much to grow a community like ours. One new family or one family returning can up our attendance 10%. A couple of new members contributing is the difference between running a deficit or breaking even. One new family means another voice raised in prayer and able to welcome and invite yet another family.

You all invited me this past Summer and I am grateful. Let's reach out to our lost ones and welcome them home for the Holidays if nothing else, and if you are reading this and have stopped coming I'd like to invite you back to meet you if nothing else. You are welcome, blessed and beloved.

That's all for now. Drop me a line at the rector's email starector@sbcglobal.net to make appointments to see me.

Blessings, I am happy to be and remain:
Yours in Christ

Rob+



**For Such a Time as This: A Call to Prayer,
Fasting, and Advocacy
Join the movement to...**

1. **Pray** for those suffering from hunger and the success of the efforts of those working to end hunger.
2. **Fast** to develop a spiritual practice of self-deprivation, to prepare for and strengthen advocacy efforts with our government.
3. **Advocate** by writing letters and emails, making phone calls, and visiting with your representatives.

Learn more about this campaign.

#ForSuchATime



Musings from the Junior Warden

Steve LaFever

WHY – WHY NOT

Some people look at life and say why? Others look at life and say why not? This quote, perhaps, has nothing to do with this article; however, I find it to be inspiring and thought I should share.

When I lived off the grid on top of a mountain in Vermont, it was an awakening experience. At night, I had a panoramic view of the sky. I could see so much of creation. There were “galaxies, suns, planets in their courses” as I viewed from “this fragile earth our island home.” As I tried to fathom where it all ended, what it all meant and searched for the creator, my head started to ache and I would walk inside filled with awe; nevertheless, with all that mental stimulation, no answers emerged.

The Egyptian Pharaoh Akhenaten (the heretic) believed in one god – the sun and named him Aten. Essentially, Aten was the sun god Ra. The Jews declared that G*d had no name and so they referred to G*d as Yahweh or Jehovah. To the Jews, G*d was the great “I am who I am.” St. Anselm defined the creator as “than that which nothing greater can exist.” Therefore, I feel justified in feeling unable to see beyond my own limitations.

I have taken an IQ test several times and it comes up about the same – 144. I guess this is good. When I watch Jeopardy, I do quite well. My family sometimes looks at me and asks “how in the world do you know that information.” For some questions, something triggers a response that I didn’t even know that I knew. I used to be more in tune with the answers, but am less now. I am not telling you this to brag about all the useless information I have gathered, but to wonder why I even bothered to learn or absorb this information. Surely, there must be a purpose. Surely, when I pass on, my consciousness must go somewhere for a some unknown purpose. So with that hope, I continue to learn, wonder and question.

Then I think about what happens to my essence. Early thought (Plato) referred to the mind as “nous” or cosmic mind. I, therefore have to believe and hope that my presence on this “fragile earth, our island home”

has a purpose, and that when I pass on, what I have learned contributes to a cosmic stream of consciousness.

This brings me to my article for the Piper and the thought I want to leave you with. “I want to say something to all of you who have become a part of the fabric of my life. The color and texture which you have brought into my being have become a song, and I want to sing it forever. There is an energy in us which makes things happen when the paths of other persons touch ours and we have to be there and let it happen. When the time of our particular sunset comes, our thing, our accomplishment, won’t really matter a great deal. But the clarity and care with which we have loved others will speak with vitality of the great gift of life we have been for each other.”

I, therefore, will keep learning, keep thinking in hopes my consciousness will contribute to some greater good. However, and most importantly, I hope my legacy is reflected in my relationships with those whose paths I have crossed and those who I have shown kindness and love. When I lived in Vermont, I spent time in spiritual retreat with the Benedictine Monks there. They wrote a song which I strive to be worthy of. “All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.” Peace!



“Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life and that is a Christian obligation.”

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Harvest Dinner

Our Annual Harvest Dinner was well attended this year. Was it the enticement of enchiladas and Sangria or maybe the draw was our speaker (getting the scoop on the new guy) or perhaps it was the chance to hang out with each other to spend an evening in fellowship and love. I suspect it was all the above.

The Stewardship Committee (Barbara Banke, Rochelle Kelly and Jennifer Kennedy) put together a great venue. The Harvest Dinner is our way of thanking all of you for supporting St. Andrew's and it's ministries, but without the contributions of those that made food, brought table settings and helped with clean up and set up it would not have been a successful event. Many thanks to all that helped with the evening.

Here are a few pictures....



Pledge Time

Kim Rooks, Pledge Secretary

As we move into a new year it's time to begin planning for 2019 and identifying which ministries are going to be part of St. Andrew's fabric. Of course there are bills to pay, maintenance and projects to attend to and in order to do that the finance committee and treasurer need to have an idea of how to budget to meet our obligations moving forward.

The 2019 pledge cards will be distributed soon, but before you complete or discard your pledge card from St. Andrew's, as Stewardship chairperson, I respectfully ask that you prayerfully consider what St. Andrew's means to you. The cover picture on this issue inspired me and I hope it will inspire you too.

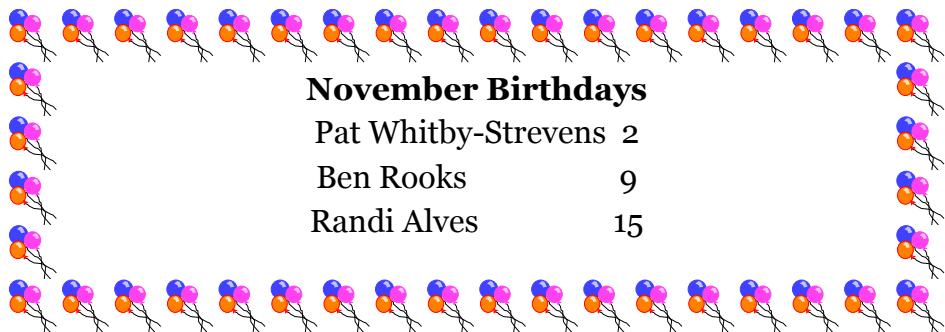


A Happy Belated Birthday to :

Mary Wooliscroft-Oct 10

Jean Templeman-Oct 18

Ray Wentz-Oct. 27





Angel in the Kitchen

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



Candied Walnuts

Last installment from Tillie's Christmas Bazaar & Tea Recipes

1 cup Sugar 1/3 cup Milk
1/3 tsp. Cinnamon 3/4 tsp. Vanilla
2cups walnut halves
Combine sugar and cinnamon in saucepan; stir in milk.
Cook slowly until mixture forms a very soft ball in cold
water (235 degrees on a candy thermometer) Quickly stir in
the vanilla and nuts, and pour onto waxed paper.
Separate nuts immediately.

Here's an easy way to donate to St. Andrew's and do some shopping at the same time..



AmazonSmile – You shop. Amazon gives.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates to your favorite charitable organization (St. Andrew's). If you ever shop on Amazon you need to check this out. It's easy.

[About AmazonSmile](#)

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

An Episcopalian, Robin Williams once listed his “Top 10 Reasons to be an Episcopalian”:

- 10. No snake-handling.
- 9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
- 8. Male and female God created them; male and female we ordain them.
- 7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
- 6. Pew aerobics.
- 5. Church year is color-coded.
- 4. Free wine on Sunday.
- 3. All of the pageantry – none of the guilt.
- 2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.
- 1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

Proverbs 3:9-10 “Honor the Lord with your wealth then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

Calendar & Events

All Sundays: 8am-Holy Eucharist-Rite I

10sm-Holy Eucharist-Rite II

All Mondays at 6:30pm-AA meeting upstairs

All Wednesdays at 5:15-Evening Prayer

Wednesday, Nov. 14th and 28th at 6:30pm-Girl Scouts

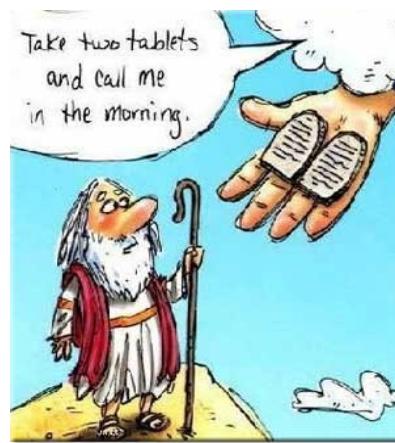
Saturday, Nov. 10th at 8am-Men's Breakfast at Rocky's Cafe

Thursday, Nov. 15th at 6:45pm-Vestry Meeting

Friday, Nov. 16th at 6pm-Installation of Rev. Rob Neville by Bishop Mary.

Saturday, Nov. 24th at 6pm-Kirking

Sunday, Nov. 25th-Piper articles due





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