

The Piper

September 2019



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Rev. Rob's Corner

Summer flew by so quickly. Beginning the weekend after this Piper comes out we will be back to our normal service schedule. I was pleased with the turn out this Summer as we averaged almost as many people at 9:00 as we do with two services during the year.

This fall as many of you know will bring a couple of our major fund raisers. In September we have our Wine Music Festival and in October our Golf Tournament. Please share and invite your friends and neighbors, not just to raise money but to build and reinforce community. Remember the church is the community and vice versa. The word Ecclesia from which our word church derives meant community. The name became synonymous with the building, but the church is not the building. We can grow the community by interacting with the community. That may bring people to worship with us but that is not the reason to do it. God's Kingdom is all of us, rich and poor, free and slave, Gentile and Jew as Paul so often reminds us. We don't use those delineations as much today but the point is God's community is all of us. Let's invite them. October brings the blessing of the animals as you remember. Invite your friends and acquaintances to the first Sunday in October service and we can bless their pets too.

The fall also brings the Stewardship campaign and while that is not for a couple of months I would like to tell you how grateful I am for those who stepped up with the adopt a bill effort. Several people came forward to pay a utility bill here and a garbage bill there (not sure which actual bills were designated). This really helps, so thank you. If you remember we operate on a faith based budget which means we can't forecast revenues to match expenses for the whole year even though we are very close. We are

doing our best to keep and lower our on-going expenses and raise more funds outside of our pledge and plate income but you all stepping up during shortfalls shows how much this community means to you.

Well that's all for now. Again I want to thank you all for being here during the Summer. As we return to our regular schedule don't forget those who attend the other services. It's been a year since I started come next week and it has flown by. Let me know how I can best serve you as we walk this walk of Christ together.

I hope you all have a joyful and prosperous September.

I remain yours in Christ.

Blessings

Rob+

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What's in a name?

Saint Andrew's Parish Hall was built around 1964ish with the second story added on in the early '80s. The hall has been used as a preschool, a reception hall, a meeting place, a place of respite in the storm for parishioners and community members. We all know it as "the Parish Hall", a place for our parish members to gather, but aren't we wanting to invite our community into our hall? It's not just about us, the parishioners. It's in this vein that the Vestry has been discussing renaming the parish hall as St. Andrew's Community Hall. Community meaning parishioners as well as our neighbors and friends in our local community.

Let your Vestry members know your thoughts.

Jennifer Kennedy submitted the following to be shared.

*An excerpt from Bishop Mary and news from El Camino Real: July 31, 2019 .
For the complete article click [here](#).*

I close with a prayer attributed to Saint Teresa of Calcutta. It will be familiar to many of us. It has its origins in The Paradoxical Commandments by Dr. Kent Keith and can be a helpful reminder of our covenant with God to be loved and to love, to be forgiven and to forgive, to be reconciled and to reconcile. Every act of forgiveness and every work of reconciliation increases peace in the world.

People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centered Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

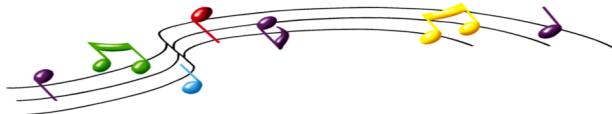
The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

St. Andrew's 3rd Annual Music and Wine Festival

ALL PARTY, NO PREACHING



Saturday, September 21-2pm-5pm

St. Andrew's Community Hall

101 Riverside Ave, Ben Lomond

Music by: Beyond the Purple Drum

Join us for fun and fellowship

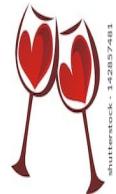
Vintage wines from the Garay private cellar

Silent Auction

\$30 custom wine glass with 3 wine tastes

\$20 wine glass only

Appetizers and soft drinks included free



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Katherine McCormick 3

Diane McCormick 4

Delle Townsend 5

John Woolliscroft 6

Jessie Landeros 10

Mary Jo Neish 13

Steve Rooks 26

Janet Butler 28



Thoughts from our Junior Warden...



PUT HIM AWAY

There is a Broadway musical titled Two By Two. It starts with Noah singing to God, “Why Me?” Which is followed by his announcement that they have to build an ark for all the animals to survive the flood. The cast sings “Put Him Away” where they want to pack him off to Nod where he can sit with the others and talk to God. Needless to say, they built the ark (mosquitoes included). Which is good, otherwise the Old Testament would have ended there, and I wouldn’t have anything to write about. The Bible is full of seemingly crazy people who do God’s will. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, “then we come to Jesus. Here is a man who also listened to God and went about doing Gods will in the world, so forgive me for saying it this way, but Jesus was, and is, crazy! And those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, those who would live as and be the people of the Way, are called and summoned and challenged to be just as crazy as Jesus . . . we need some crazy Christians. Here’s to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They’re not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can’t do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. While some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.” Glory Glory Hallelujah.

Changing gears. Machiavelli wrote that when you are in power, you need to get rid of all those who disagreed with you because they are a threat to your power. In that spirit, Stalin purged 35 million Soviets who disagreed, Hitler purged 11 million. Mao purged another 35 million. Leopold of Belgium purged 10 million. Kim Sung of North Korea purged 1.6 million. This list goes on and on and on and is much too long. We are lucky to live in a country where we can disagree with those in power, otherwise 65.8 million wouldn’t be here.

Mark 3:19. Jesus was everywhere preaching and healing and his disciples were mesmerized with his words. ““Then [Jesus] went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for they were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’” The ones who said “put him away” were his enemies. They had the most to lose . . . their power over the people. Jesus, however, spoke with authority from a higher power.

Jesus tells us that we need to feed the hungry. Nowhere does He say, let them go out and get a job and go hungry until they do. We are commanded to heal the sick and speak out for the disfranchised and others who can’t speak for themselves. He told us to become friends with and help the poor, and to forgive those who have wronged us. He told us to love our neighbors and defined neighbors as all those people who live on this fragile planet. All of us are children of God. Yes, in today’s world Jesus could be seen as crazy. Michael Curry emphatically states, “we need more crazy Christians!”

The message he communicated over two thousand years ago is the same one today. It hasn’t changed. There are those who hear those words and try to incorporate them into their lives, and there are those who don’t. There are those who are willing to speak up or act on those words and many more who don’t. We crazy Christians who believe and act on His teachings may be in the minority, but we will be heard, we will not cease, and we will carry that message into the world by thought, words and deeds. Action is what will keep the spirit of Christianity alive.

Bishop Curry ended his remarks about Crazy Christians with words from Julia Ward Howe: In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea. With the glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make us holy, let us die to make ALL free. While God is marching on. Glory Glory Hallelujah, His truth is marching on . . . and on . . . by us crazy Christians!

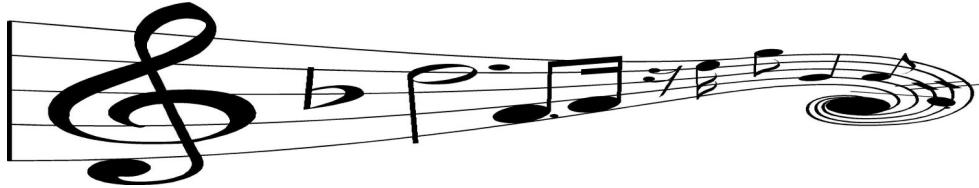
Always remember -- None of us are free until all of us are free!



Every Thursday

10:30am-12 noon

All are welcome, bring a friend.



OUR GOD IS LIKE AN EAGLE

Tune: by George Webb, meter 76.76 D "Stand up Stand Up for Jesus"

1. When Israel camped in Sinai, then Moses heard from God: "This message tell my people, and give them this, my word: From Egypt I was with you, and carried on my wing, The whole of your great nation from slavery I did bring.
2. Just like a mother eagle, who helps her young to fly, I am a mother to you, your needs will I supply; And you are as my children, the ones who hear my voice, I am a mother to you, the people of my choice."
3. If God is like an eagle who helps her young to fly, And God is also Father, what then of you and I? We have no fear of labels, we have no fear of roles-- If God's own being blends them, we seek the selfsame goals.
4. Our God is not a woman, our God is not a man; Our God is both and neither, our God is I Who Am. From all the roles that bind us our God has set us free. What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to be



Future Fun Raisers (a.k.a. fundraisers)

We've got a couple of exciting fundraisers coming up in September and October. The **3rd Annual Music and Wine Festival is set for Saturday, September 21st** starting at 2pm. There will be a silent auction showcasing some of our in-house artisans, San Francisco 49er tickets (we hear there's a couple a new guys that are gonna turn it around for the 9ers!) and numerous gift baskets. There's going to be some excellent high end wines being

poured, thanks to the generosity of the Garay's. We're fortunate that they've been so sharing with some fantastic vintages. The entrance fee entitles you to a beautiful inscribed stemmed wine glass along with 3 tastes of the wine of your choice. Oh, and there'll be live music courtesy of our own St. Andrew's musicians! So, basically it's looking to be a fun, relaxing afternoon to hang out and enjoy some music, wine and maybe get a great deal on some goods. This is a definite BYFON (bring your friend/family or neighbor) event. For more information see pg. 4 or contact Cindy Garay or Kim Rooks. Hope to see you there.



But wait, there's more!



We've had so much fun in the past at our golf tournament and barbecue that we decided to bring it back! The long awaited return of **St. Andrew's Golf Tournament takes place on Saturday, Oct 19th.** This year the tournament will take place at the beautiful Boulder Creek Golf and Country Club. A

fantastic deal of 9 holes of golf, with cart, and barbecue. Now even if you don't golf, there's probably a friend, family member or neighbor that you know that does golf. Get them to join in the golf and then you can meet afterwards at the barbecue, which by the way will be right there at the country club. A win win for golfers (well, maybe not a win like in first place, but you know what I mean) and for you. Sign up forms will be coming out soon. Contact Rochelle Kelly for additional information.



Save the Dates

Saturday, September 16th-Music & Wine Festival

Saturday, October 19th-Golf Tournament



Angel in the Kitchen
*Feel'n good when cook'n
 Sharing the love of God through your love
 of cooking*



A Couple a Real Winners!

Here are the recipes from the winners of the 2019 St. Andrew's Chili Cook-off. Yum....



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Ushers Union #5, Chili Recipe –Paul Balch

Meat: flat iron steak, 2lbs. *cut cross grain into 3in. steaks, *brush with red chili sauce, *add dry rub, *grill to medium char with charcoal and wet mesquite woodchips. *chop to 1/2 in. pieces.

Peppers: 2 green, 4 poblano, 4 jalapeno, 1 white onion sliced at latitudes. *brush with olive oil, *add dry rub, *grill with charcoal and wet mesquite woodchips until soft and charred. *chop to 1/2 in. pieces.

Beans: kidney 2 cans, pinto 2 cans, black 2 cans. *drain well, reserve juice, and wash.

Red or enchilada chili sauce 2 cans.

Liquid smoke 1 tsp.

Dry rub: paprika 1 tsp, cumin 1 tsp, coriander 1 tsp, chili powder 2 tsp, cayenne 1 tsp, kosher salt 4 tsp, black pepper 1 tsp. *blend well.

No tomatoes.

Combine all in crock pot or large kettle, *taste and correct, *bring to boil then simmer for 1 hr. *to thin, add bean juice and water, *to thicken, add roux or corn starch slurry.



GRANDPA CHUCK'S CHILI-By Sheryl Mello

Ingredients:

1 lb. bag small kidney beans	1 Jalapeno pepper, chopped
1 lb. ground beef	2 teaspoons chili powder
Thick-cut bacon, 3-4 slices	1 1/2 Tablespoons flour
6-7 cloves of garlic, chopped	1 can chopped tomatoes
2 teaspoons ground cumin seeds	1 Tablespoon vinegar
1 teaspoon oregano	1, 28 ounce can enchilada sauce
1 Habanero, chopped	Salt & pepper to taste

*Soak beans overnight. Drain water the next morning and put in large Crockpot.

Fry bacon, then brown the ground beef in bacon drippings. In large Crockpot, add the rest of the ingredients and cook on high for 2-3 hours. Then on low for the rest of the day.

Top with shredded cheese. Enjoy!



101 REASONS TO BE EPISCOPALIAN
REASON # 86
Catholic, without the pope, and with women;
protestant
without the gloom.

Catherine Gallouet
 Diocese of Rochester

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