

# The Piper

## August 2021

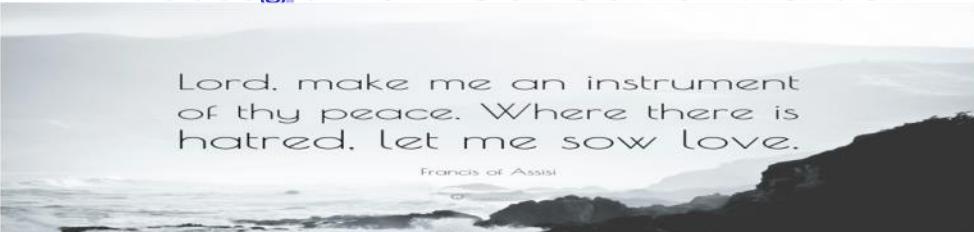


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# A Message from Our Senior Warden



Lord, make me an instrument  
of thy peace. Where there is  
hated, let me sow love.

Francis of Assisi

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for August 8 says, “We pray for those in leadership in this diocese [and elsewhere] that they may serve with wisdom, patience and a reconciling temper.” We are **all** in a leadership role at St. Andrew’s. This prayer is for all of us. The closing hymn is a paraphrase of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226 AD).

Both are noteworthy and a necessity for good leadership in the church, the government, and all those in power. No, this is not going to be a political article—no matter how close it relates to both politics and religion.

I am going to, however, talk about progress and change. Progress requires a forward movement, a willingness to embrace change, and dedication to the mission of the church. According to our parish profile, “we are a traditional Episcopal Church believing in the good news of the gospel and sharing our faith with others. We try to live by the guidance of St. Francis who said, ‘Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary use words’!” We are welcoming, inclusive, accepting and believe that all people are children of God . . . without exception. We embrace differences and seek to understand not tolerate.

Change in the church needs to augment the Gospel, demonstrate the acceptance of all people, and aid in our feeding each other and the community with love, care, and concern.

Someone in the church told me recently when I was frustrated (it happens sometimes), that the people in the church are unpredictable because they are human. They are given free will. There is no prayer that will make everyone live the Gospel, love one another and forgive each other. We all, myself most included, are on a road leading us to the mystery of loving each other, and sometimes we veer off the road into the ditch and wonder how to get back on the

road. We look to the church for answers.

A theologian of Systematic Theology , Paul Tillich, said, “ the church is a hospital ... for incurables. It’s a place to make people feel comfortable and uncomfortable.” So where does that leave us? In school we were told that the USA is a melting pot of backgrounds and nationalities. Indeed, we all have some sort of background. However, most of us consider ourselves to be Americans. Who our ancestors were is history. For most of us, our life is in the present. I asked my grandmother once where she met my grandfather. Church was the answer. I think one reason we belong to a church is we hope to be in community with others who believe in moral integrity, the Gospel of love and think alike [well, most of us do]; however, we do disagree sometimes. That’s the human part of free will. Fortunately, the Episcopal Church lets us agree to disagree . . . most of the time. Mark Twain, said “If you do what you’ve always done, you will get what you always got.” This is why change is necessary when trying to achieve a goal that wasn’t met by doing it the old way. Since no one knew Latin besides the priests, the Catholic church now says the mass in English. Progress. As we strive to make the church relevant and attract members, change is inevitable. The goal, however, is the same --- we are one road to God, traveling in His steps, showing His love, and forgiving when we are able.

Mother Goose: There was an old woman who lived in a shoe, she had so many children she didn’t know what to do. She gave them some broth, without any bread, and whipped them all soundly and put them to bed.” Wow. What a message. Child and Family services would have a field day over this children’s rhyme. Shame on you Mother Goose! However, when I was a child and did something wrong, my grandmother would send me outside to the large elm tree and make me bring in a switch from it. I tried to choose one that wouldn’t hurt so much. I cried. Lesson learned. Today, I could call the police and have my grandmother arrested—child abuse! I am sure her defense would have been, “that’s the way we always did it.” Times change, rules change, society changes. Perhaps the church needs to keep up with the times? It’s hard to embrace change and still keep focused on where we are going and how to get there. People resist change and do what they can to stay the same. As I have said before [from Thomas Merton] and it is worth repeating. “We are so convinced that past evils must repeat themselves that we

make them repeat themselves. We dare not risk a new life in which the evils of the past are totally forgotten; a new life seems to imply new evils, and we would rather face evils that are already familiar. Hence we cling to the evil that has already become ours, and renew it from day to day, until we become identified with it and change is no longer thinkable.”

I do think the phrase “that’s the way we always did it” should have gone out with Mother Goose. Church and many other organization’s membership is down. The way they all did it doesn’t attract the faithful anymore. Change is not only inevitable but necessary and imperative for survival. Tillich said “my job is to bring faith to the faithless and doubt to the faithful.” To survive, we need to look to the future and how it relates to a world needing a new horizon. We need to reinvent ourselves to be part of that solution and remain relevant to a spiritually starving society.

So where does that leave us? It leaves us celebrating with priests who aren’t tethered, while we figure out how we can achieve our goal of a prosperous church filled with parishioners supporting a priest everyone likes and admires and lives down the street, who charismatically attracts new and young members to carry on the work and ministry of St. Andrew’s, while we find ways to help and support the San Lorenzo Valley community and meet the needs of both our congregation and the community, fulfilling the Gospel of “ministering to the sick, friendless, and needy,” for the “victims of fear, injustice, and oppression” and for “all who work for justice, freedom and peace.” What a Godly goal. However, I believe it was St. Paul who believed only he could be all things to all people.

Now, where does that *really* leave us? Same goal, but step one is to keep having supply priests while we figure out the rest. We are fortunate to have a Bishop who cares about us and who has loaned us her Canon to help in discerning the future and the road to take. Like most Episcopal Churches, we will end up as Robert Frost says, taking the road less traveled, and we hope that for us it will mean all the difference.

To finish this thought. We have a church; we have a small congregation; we have dedicated people. If we embrace change. If we are willing to try new ways, we will become part of the future of this valley, not part of its past. This church and this article has come full

circle and back to the diocesan cycle of prayer where “we pray for those in leadership in this diocese that they may serve with wisdom, patience and a reconciling temper.” We are all in a leadership role at St. Andrews! The prayer of St. Francis and part of our mission statement is paraphrased in our last hymn this Sunday (August 8).

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Together, focused on God’s love for each other, we will move forward. St. Andrews is built on a foundation of hope and love. On Christ the solid rock we stand, all other ground is sinking sand! Jesus was about change – he changed the world. He wasn’t afraid to move forward and fulfill the scripture. Let us not be afraid to do that same thing. Let us move forward fulfilling the Gospel of Love. We are the change that will shine a light on this valley and **we will** make a difference. We are St. Andrews and proud of it!

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## Potluck with the Bishop

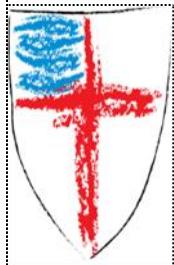
We had a lovely potluck dinner last Monday night with Bishop Lucinda and Canon Martha (see pg. 7 for the bio of Canon Martha). The gathering took place on the patio and despite clouds and wind earlier in the day the early evening was delightful. As usual with the St. Andrew's crew, we had plenty of food and drink.



Bishop Lucinda led the discussion and invited us to give our honest thoughts with Canon Martha taking notes and giving her impression of our areas of strengths and areas for potential growth. All participants had an opportunity to express their answers, thoughts and concerns to the questions that Bishop Lucinda presented.

We learned that Canon Martha will be joining us at times for worship, getting to know our congregation, and help to lead us in moving forward. Those of us in attendance were thrilled to learn that Canon Martha will be working with us when she is here. Canon Martha will provide us with additional leadership along with our Senior Warden and Vestry members to create a plan to stay alive and successful.

We hope that you will make a point of attending services and meeting Canon Martha. Please see St. Andrew's calendar on page 11 for dates that Canon Martha will be with us.



## 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian

### Reason 94

**Ours is the perfect church for people who  
aren't perfect.**

## Martha Korieneck is new Canon to the Ordinary

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Welcome to The Rev. Canon Martha Korieneck, the new Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real!

Canon Martha will support Bishop Lucinda Ashby in the areas of transition ministry and leadership development; her duties will include guiding clergy and parish transitions, arranging and coordinating clergy education and retreats, adapting diocesan structures for the future, and more. She will also preside and preach regularly at parishes throughout the diocese and work to connect congregations.

Originally from suburban Chicago, Canon Martha has spent most of her adult life in California, serving communities in Orange County and the Bay Area. She graduated from Yale Divinity School with her M.Div. in 2006, and later returned to school and graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2018, with an M.A. in Christian Formation. She is passionate about pastoral care, church vitality, and lifelong Christian formation.

"I am honored to serve as your Canon to the Ordinary, and excited for the opportunity to know the people of El Camino Real," said Canon Martha, "and share in the building of the Beloved Community." She can be reached by email at [canonmartha@realepiscopal.org](mailto:canonmartha@realepiscopal.org)



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## The Windows of St Andrews

A window panel in the front left window of our little church was created for both sets of Cindy and Rick Garay's parents, Moe and Rose Garay (Rick's parents, who were members of St Andrews) and Cindy's parents, Bob and Mickey Browne.

Religious symbols in the window are the white rose, representing the Virgin Mary and unfailing love. Rick's mom's name was Rose, and Cindy's mom's middle name was rose, so they felt this was perfect to represent both their moms and their unfailing love for their families.

The grapes and leaves represent Christ and Christian faith, and the olives and olive branch represent peace, the earth coming back to life after the flood. Cindy and Rich chose these to represent their parents' friendship and their getting together for many meals, even without their children. They enjoyed good food and wine, and they became fast friends.

The waterfall represents "streams of living water" (John 7:37-39) that flow within those who believe in Him with the Holy Spirit. All four of Cindy and Rick's parents were believers and passed their faith on to their children. The waterfall also stands for their dads' love of going fishing together.



## **Greetings Saint Andrew's community**

**We are planning to have a Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, August 21.**

If you have any books you'd like to donate to the cause, please drop them off at the church (you can leave them by the parish hall door if no one is there) before August 14.

And, all you bakers -- please bring your favorite baked goods -- cupcakes, cookies, cakes, desserts, breads, whatever else you might come up with.

We will also need a few people to help out on the day. If you are willing, please contact Susan Greer at [sgreerincruz@gmail.com](mailto:sgreerincruz@gmail.com).

Thanks, Susan.



**The Episcopal Church Women's  
Mary Lou Thompson Retreat will be  
held August 27-28, 2021.  
This year's theme is "Moving Forward:  
The Path of Love."**

The St. Francis Retreat Center is a beautiful location. This is a peaceful place to process our concerns in the light of our Christian Faith. We will gain insights into how we wish to proceed in the coming months as we transition into 2022.

All are welcome to attend, family, friends, and fellow parishioners who are seeking a deeper experience of healing and renewal.

The costs for this 24-hour retreat (includes overnight accommodations and three meals) will be \$180, shared room; \$220, single room, and \$110, commuter. Partial scholarships are available. More details to follow.

Space is limited so please let us know if you want to attend so we can save you a spot! Email Jane Pomeroy: [jane.pomeroy@prodigy.net](mailto:jane.pomeroy@prodigy.net)

# Garden of Eatin'



## Mexican Stuffed Chicken

4 - 6-oz. boneless chicken breasts, pounded to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch

1/2 cup canned refried beans

1/2 cup shredded Mexican Cheese Blend

1/4 cup diced green chilies, drained

Tortilla chips, crushed

4 Tbsp taco sauce

Preheat oven to 350; spray baking dish with non-stick spray. Cream cheese, green chilies, & refried beans; chill. Place chicken breast on flat surface, flatten to 1/4 inch and spread cheese-bean mixture. Roll up & place seam-side down in baking dish. Sprinkle with taco sauce & tortilla chips. Cover & bake 25 minutes; uncover and bake an additional 15 minutes.



## August

5	Dan	Kelly
10	Emma	Zilge
14	Mark	Carling
15	Diane	Dearinger
17	Shirley	Greenwood
18	Becky	Rooks
26	Colin	Whitby-Strevens
27	Rob	Carling
29	Jennifer	Kennedy
30	Susan	Greer



## September

3	Katherine	McCormick
4	Diane	McCormick
5	Delle	Townsend
6	John	Wooliscroft
7	Jim	Roe
13	Mary Jo	Neish
26	Steven	Rooks



## Church Calendar

We have an exciting schedule coming up. Here is what is planned so far

August 8, Rev. Stephen Mills

August 15, Rev. Mary Lou McKenney

August 21, 11-4PM, Bake and Book Sale

Bakers and books still needed.

August 22, Rev. John Buenz

August 29, Rev. Richard Leslie

September 5 is still open

September 12, Rev. Bruce Bramlett

September 19 & 26, Rev. Richard Leslie

October 3, Rev. Canon Martha Korieneck

October 10, Rev. John Buenz

October 31, Rev. Canon Martha Korieneck

November 28, Rev. Canon Martha Korieneck

The first Sunday of Advent

# Book and Bake Sale

**Saturday, August 21, 11 am -  
4 pm**



Are you looking for a new mystery novel ... or a children's book ... or a biography .... Come to St. Andrews to browse our great selection of books – many topics – hardcover and paperback – and take home a few selections for your reading enjoyment.



AND pick up some special treats made by the loving hands of the master bakers of St. Andrews!! Cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and

other treats!

If you have books to donate for the sale, please bring them by the Church no later than Saturday, August 14. Please only donate books that are clean and gently read.

Located at the corner of Riverside Avenue and Glen Arbor Drive  
Please share this handout with family, friends and neighbors. And...book lovers.