

The Piper



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A Message from the Junior Warden

Dear Parish Members,

First, I hope the new year has been a good one for you all. As we face another year of uncertainty around Covid, I remind myself that we are still strong and in this together with God's grace.

I can't believe that this is my 29th year at St. Andrew's. What a gift it has been to be a part of this parish from the moment I walked in the door. I have never felt so welcomed. I also quickly learned that the Episcopal Church fit me perfectly. After much church shopping it was so awesome to find a church where my beliefs were such a match. Finally, I had come home.

And, since that time, I have done many ministries just like most of us. I've been on the Vestry and been Senior Warden many times. I've served on the Garden Guild. I serve on Altar Guild and have been a Eucharistic Minister for almost the entire 29 years. Oh, and I can't forget the Search Committees, Finance Committee and Delegate to Convention. And most of you could list the same.

And now, I am doing a ministry that I was never called to do in the past: that of Junior Warden. Yes, I am in charge of helping to maintain our beautiful church and Parish Hall. I have found immediately that there is a lot of work to do. As I could never call myself a "handyman", I know that if the call is put out for help, it will be answered by you faithful servants. I would only have volunteered to do this job because I know that you will all be there to help and I thank you in advance.

With much love and devotion, Rochelle

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Steve Lefever, Senior Warden
Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden
Cindy Garay
Susan Greer

Sheryl Mello
Sue Roe
Ray Wentz

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 3 pm in the Parish Hall.

Have a Holy Lent ...

Last year when people asked what I was doing for Lent I replied with a tad too much energy that for Lent I am not doing anything for Lent, because the lock-down, social distancing and refraining from gathering had been a year long Lent. If chocolate helped keep my sanity, then chocolate in Lent it was ...

So, it is a gift that with life so much more normal-ish that observing a holy Lent is thinkable again. I look forward to observing Lent together and being with you as your supply priest for Holy Week and Easter. And this Lent, I invite you to observe it together, in person -ish ...



Ash Wednesday Liturgy, March 2nd: 12:00 noon

We will celebrate the traditional Ash Wednesday imposition of ashes liturgy at St. Andrews at noon. I will have both the traditional ashes as well as a charcoal crayon that I will bless that you can use to impose ashes on yourself if you prefer a no contact option.

Ashes to Go: Felton Safeway parking lot: 4:00 pm - 6 pm

Ashes to Go returns! I invite parishioners who would like to join me for a public imposition of ashes at the Safeway. I have found people to quietly but eagerly embrace Ashes to Go and it is a lovely public witness of our faith. I would love it if a few parishioners could join in: let me know. An acolyte in an alb and with the cross would be nice.

Lenten Soup Study: Wednesdays at 5:00 pm; March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th

Please join us for a simple soup supper (= dinner; but have the words have the same root). We will be studying The Way of Love, a Lenten study from the national church and inspired by the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. He is known for proclaiming that “if it’s not about love, it’s not about God” This study is designed to help us reflect spiritually on that insight as a way of life as Christians.

Please call or email Sharon to volunteer to bring the soup for one of those Wednesday’s as we set up a roster for it.

And a big thank you to everyone for making me feel very welcome as your supply priest! I have enjoyed your hospitality and fellowship as I make my Sunday pilgrimage into the redwoods!

Fr. Craig Vance

Who is Saint Valentine – Is there more than one?

Some believe that he was a Catholic priest and physician in Rome who was beaten to death under the Christian persecution of Emperor Claudius II, who ruled from 268 to 270 A.D. Some accounts say that before he was martyred, he was thrown in jail where he befriended the jailer's blind daughter and restored her sight. The day of his execution, he left a note for this girl to thank her for her friendship and signed it "From your Valentine." Some accounts say that he rubbed ointment in her eyes on several occasions or prayed for her incessantly to heal her. The other legend is that he left a blossom in his farewell note, and that blossom healed her. This note may have been the first valentine.

The second, and perhaps more well-known, story is that St. Valentine was a priest who married couples during the reign of Claudius II, who outlawed marriage in order to keep his soldiers focused on war rather than wives. This priest was eventually caught and martyred. Some say that while he was in jail, lovers slipped notes and flowers into his cell to thank him for believing in marriage and love.

Both St. Valentines are believed to have been martyred on Feb. 14. It's interesting to note that, in ancient Rome, Feb. 14 was the day honoring Juno, the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses, who was also the goddess of women and marriage. Feb. 15 was the start of the Feast of Lupercalia, during which Roman boys drew the names of Roman girls from a jar in order to choose a partner for the festival. In the early Christian church, the Roman priests tried to Christianize the pagan holiday by placing the names of saints in the jar so that those choosing would draw a patron saint for the year instead of a maiden's name. Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 the day to honor St. Valentine in 496 A.D.

During the Middle Ages, popular thought was that birds paired midway through February, thus Feb. 14 lent itself to being a day for lovers. In England and France, St. Valentine was one of the most popular saints. Many traditions developed, such as children dressing up as adults and going from home to home singing verses like:

*Good morning to you, valentine;
Curl your locks as I do mine ---
Two before and three behind.
Good morning to you, valentine.*

Flowers, poems and small gifts have been a Valentine's Day tradition for centuries. The oldest known Valentine was given by the Duke of Orleans to his wife after he had been taken prisoner by the English in 1415.

In the United States, Esther Howland is credited with sending the first valentines. Commercial valentines were first produced in the 1800s.

Special Days in February

- **February 1, 1865** - 13th *Amendment* passed by Congress.
- **February 1, 1992** - United States and Russia sign a treaty officially ending the Cold War.
- **February 2 — Candelmas**
- **February 2, 1848** - Mexico and the United States sign the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War.
- **February 2, 1848** - United States gains what's now California, Nevada, Utah, and parts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming as a result of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
- **February 4, 1861** - Confederate States of America formed.
- **February 4, 1861** - Apache declare war on the United States.
- **February 5, 1778** - South Carolina is the 1st State to ratify the *Articles of Confederation*
- **February 6, 1788 - Massachusetts** became a state and was the 6th state to ratify the Constitution.
- **February 6, 1899** - United States annexes Guam, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico.
- **February 13, 1861** - 1st Congressional Medal presented to Col. Bernard Irwin.
- **February 14 -- National Clean Out Your Computer Day**
- **February 14, 1859 - Oregon** is the 33rd state admitted to the Union.
- **February 14, 1912 - Arizona** is the 48th state admitted to the Union.
- **February 17— Random Act of Kindness Day**
- **February 18, 1861** - Jefferson Davis sworn in as the 1st President of the Confederate States of America
- **February 20 - National Love Your Pet Day**
- **February 20, 1933** - 21st *Amendment* passed by Congress.
- **February 21, 1787** - Continental Congress adopts a resolution calling for a convention of state delegates to draw up a change to the *Articles of Confederation*.
- **February 23, 1861** - Texas is the 7th state to secede from the Union.
- **February 23, 1870** - Mississippi is the 9th state to be readmitted to the Union.
- **February 24 — National Chili Day**
- **February 24, 1868** - US House of Representatives impeaches President Andrew Johnson.
- **February 25, 1913** - 16th *Amendment* added to the Constitution.
- **February 27, 1869** - 15th *Amendment* passed by Congress.



BREAD PUDDING

Made the old-fashioned way, it's one of my favorite desserts!

Sue Roe

2 beaten eggs
about 1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teas. vanilla
1/2 teas. nutmeg
1/2 teas. cinnamon
4 cups scalded milk
1/4 cup soft butter
2 cups breadcrumbs – any kind of bread cut small will do
about 1/3 cup raisins

Combine first 5 ingredients. Add scalded milk and butter. Mix well. Add bread and raisins. Mix well. Pour into buttered baking dish. Set baking dish in a pan of hot water.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm or cold.

TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

St. Andrew's Story Time

11:30 am every Sunday.
All children are welcome.
Led by Sharon Fishel.



Give your child an introduction to Jesus
and the Bible.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 86818053036
Passcode: storytime

COVID INFORMATION

If you are having trouble finding at-home COVID test kits, you may order them at no cost from either <https://special.usps.com/testkits> or <https://www.covidtest.gov>

Each household may place one order which consists of four test kits. The kits will start being delivered the end of January.

If you need a digital copy of your COVID vaccination record, go to <https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

Join the 2022 "Pilgrimage with Race" course

The unique curriculum of [*A Storied Pilgrimage with Race*](#) explores issues of race in our diocese; it is a holy offering of video interviews, education, action items, and room for reflection. Throughout 2022 you are invited to participate in this course by attending monthly Zoom calls to undertake this journey together. Completion of this pilgrimage fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real; it is required for clergy and strongly encouraged for all in leadership.

We will meet 7pm to 8:30pm on **Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6**. To sign up, please email the Rev. Canon Martha Korianek at canonmartha@realepiscopal.org by January 24, 2022.

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An Invitation
 from Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry
 to Practice the Way of Love

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. — Ephesians 3:17-19

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." The framework you now hold — **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life** — outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Turn — Learn — Pray — Worship — Bless — Go — Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

+Michael

For complete information, please go to link
[Way of Love Introduction](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/introduction)
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/digital-resources>



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

What is the Way of Love?

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it.

What is a Rule of Life? How Do I Begin? A Rule of Life is an intentional commitment to a set of practices that provide guidance, rhythm and inspiration for living a beautiful, meaningful and holy life. As we place these practices at the heart of our daily lives and join with companions who share the commitment, we grow more and more in the unselfish, hope-filled Way of Love that Jesus embodied in the world.

Exploring and Living the Practices We invite you to take time exploring these practices for living a Jesus-centered life. Sit with the words from scripture and from the Book of Common Prayer, pray over the practice, reflect and discern where God is calling you, and note the “Helpful Terms” at the end if you want to learn a little more. And remember: no one follows Jesus all alone. The ideal way to live the Way of Love is in a community of love, support and accountability.

The first of the steps is

TURN: Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus

As Jesus was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. – Mark 2:14

“Do you turn to Jesus Christ ...?” – Book of Common Prayer, 302

Like the disciples, we are called by Jesus to follow the Way of Love. With God’s help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again, again, and again.

For Reflection and Discernment

- What practices help you to turn again and again to Jesus Christ and the Way of Love?
- How will (or do) you incorporate these practices into your rhythm of life?
- Who will be your companion as you turn toward Jesus Christ?

Over the next several months we will walk through the next step.

February Birthdays

February 1, 1818 - Frederick Douglass, American author and activist
 February 1, 1901 - Clark Gable, actor, "Rhett Butler"
 February 3, 1894 - Norman Rockwell, renowned painter
 February 4, 1902 - Charles Lindbergh, aviator, first to fly solo over the Atlantic ocean
 February 4, 1905- Clyde Tombaugh, astronomer, discovered planet Pluto
 February 4, 1913 - Rosa Parks, civil rights activist

St. Andrew's Birthdays

February

2 — Dena Robertson
 4 — Rochelle Kelly
 4 — Gene Kodner
 7 — Alexander Cadell
 10 — Paula Madonia
 13 — Tedd Parske
 13 — Ray Schmidt
 17 — Mike Leslie
 20 — Teresa Ruff
 24 — Angela Bauer
 25 — Ralph LeRoux
 26 — Brett McPherson



March

4 — Gina Carling	16 — Renee Katz
5 — John Brough	16 — Jerry Fishel
6 — Sabrina ValldeRuten	16 — Nia Wooliscroft
7 — Clark McPherson	24 — Tom Spring
8 — Aiden LeRoux	24 — Gary McCormick
9 — Elizabeth Forbes	27 — Steve Lefever

OOPS!!! The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

February 5, 1934 - Hank Aaron, Hall of Fame Baseball slugger, once long-time record holder for home runs at 755

February 6, 1895 - George Herman "Babe" Ruth, the greatest baseball player of all time

February 6, 1911 - Ronald Reagan, 40th U.S. President (1981-1989)

February 7, 1812 - Charles Dickens, novelist, "A Christmas Carol"

February 9, 1773 - William Henry Harrison, 9th U.S. President (1841) died a month after taking office

February 11, 1847 - Thomas Alva Edison, inventor of the light bulb

February 12, 1809 - Abraham Lincoln, 16th U.S. President (1861-1865)

February 12, 1809 - Charles Darwin, Author, "Origin of the Species",

February 15, 1564 - Galileo Galilei, Italian inventor, invented the telescope

February 15, 1820 - Susan B. Anthony, Women's Suffrage

February 15, 1927 - Harvey Korman, comedian

February 19, 1473 - Nicolas Copernicus, Scientist, controversial theory that the earth rotates around the sun

February 22, 1732 - George Washington, 1st U.S. President (1789-1797)

February 22, 1857 - Lord Robert Baden Powell, founder of [Boy Scouts](#)

February 23, 1685 - George Frederic Handel, German Composer

February 25, 1851 - Pierre Auguste Renoir, French Impressionist painter

February 26, 1829 - Levi Strauss, inventor of denim jeans

February 26, 1846 - "Buffalo Bill Cody", Wild West Show

February 27, 1827 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet and writer.

February 27, 1902 - John Steinbeck, author "Grapes of Wrath"

February 29, 1692 - In Salem, Ma. several girls are the first to be accused of witchcraft after exhibiting strange behaviors.

February is Black History Month — an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as **African-American History Month**. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom. It began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated in February in the United States^[4] and Canada, while in Ireland, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October. It was first observed in the United States in 1970.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 13 is Daylight Savings Time — Spring Forward!!!!

Thursday, March 17 — St. Patrick's Day is coming right up!!! The Fundraising Committee is working on the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. More information to come.

Lenten Suppers — Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2. Join for soup and fellowship. More information will follow.



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am

in person or for virtual worship on ZOOM

If you cannot join us for the live service you can watch the
Gospel reading and sermon on either Facebook or YouTube.

Please email to make a reservation for in-person or for the
Zoom link.

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