

The Piper

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A few words from the Senior Warden

(It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words)



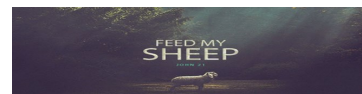
“Man is the only animal that deals in that atrocity of atrocities, War. He is the only one that gathers his brethren about him and goes forth in cold blood and calm pulse to exterminate his kind. He is the only animal that for sordid wages will march out...and help to slaughter strangers of his own species who have done him no harm and with whom he has no quarrel. ..And in the intervals between campaigns he washes the blood off his hands and works for "the universal brotherhood of man"--with his mouth.”
Mark Twain

Imagine if you will a leader of a country reading a map and believing the great cartographer had made a mistake. As the leader, it is his/her responsibility to teach the country a lesson in geography. How to correct the map to reflect different lines and words? The easiest way would be to hire another map-maker and simply redraw and rename the perceived mistakes. Then see if there is any disagreement. Or, a more complicated method would be to make a big show using all those surplus soldiers, tanks, missiles, and other armament that was just sitting there doing nothing. The map wouldn't be corrected on paper, but new words and lines would be drawn on the ground with whatever amount of blood was needed to achieve that goal. Surplus population would be addressed. Soldiers would be allowed target practice at real moving targets. Tanks could see first hand if they could destroy a building. What a great opportunity to test those classified electronic systems in the missile inventory and make sure those buttons still work. Plus, all that surplus ammunition could be used before it becomes too old to use.

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.” – Dwight D. Eisenhower
– General of the Army and President of the United States.

And this is the real point that concerns Christianity. Jesus was crucified, then his followers were killed, and genocide was the goal for all other Christians. Jesus reappears after his crucifixion and asks Peter, “Lovest thou me?” Then, “feed my sheep!” He never said, “revenge my death,” or to start a war with the Romans and Jews, or to conquer lands.

His command was simple.



It is difficult being a Christian today. We are asked (well more than asked) to provide food to the hungry, to find shelter for the homeless, to give clothes to those who have none, to tend to those who are sick and to love your neighbor. I have looked at every definition in reference books and no where does it say to show Gods love by invading your neighbor and killing its people. I have looked all through the New Testament and no where can I find Jesus telling us to take land and kill those on it. Michael Curry – “if it’s not about love, it’s not about Jesus!”

St. Andrew’s used to give generously to feed the hungry by placing food in the basket for Valley Churches. We don’t do that so much any more. The pandemic doesn’t mean that hungry people are any less hungry. It doesn’t mean that people who need to be clothed are any less in need; that the sick are any less sick; or the unloved need any less love. In fact, it means they need it more and the Christian response seems to be to provide less. What’s wrong with this picture? Jesus said to feed His people. He said to forgive. He said to love one another. Yes, it is hard to be a Christian when the world is headed in another direction.

We wanted war to stop. So, in 1945 we dropped two bombs. The first caused 135,000 casualties and the second 64,000 casualties. The message was heard loud and clear. Killing civilians with bombs caused the war to stop. Currently bombs are also killing civilians in an attempt to avoid war. If what I just said makes no sense, I agree. It makes no sense. It does make it difficult to be a Christian, however. War doesn’t determine who is right, only who is left.

“I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.” Albert Einstein

I want my cabin back. I loved the woods in Vermont. I was self sufficient. No one would invade or bomb Vermont. All we have there is Maple Syrup.

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.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
Ben Lomond



Dinner-to-go

Thursday, March 17th 4pm

*Thank you for your support —
We served 37 meals, raising
\$540.00 which will be donated to
Episcopal Relief and Development for
Ukrainian relief efforts.*

*You may make additional donations
to ERD by visiting [https://
www.episcopalrelief.org/](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/)*





LENT and HOLY WEEK

Lenten Suppers — Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2. Join for soup and fellowship on Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6. We will study “The Way of Love”.

Easter Week:

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10 am.

Good Friday, April 15, 12 noon;

Easter Sunday, April 17, 10 am (no reservations needed).

Join us for in-person services—no reservations are needed. Masks are encouraged, but not required.

We have a NEW ZOOM Link!!

Meeting ID: 898 7871 6358

Passcode: 876836

Garden of Eatin'

Those who like Mexican food will love this!!!

Acapulco Delight

2 lbs. lean ground beef
2 envelopes, taco seasoning mix
2 (7 oz.) cans green chilis, drained
1 (17 oz.) can refried beans
1 (2.2 oz.) can sliced black olives, drained
6 to 8 corn tortillas
2 cups sour cream
½ cup sliced green onions
2 cups shredded medium cheddar cheese
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
Sliced tomatoes, sliced avocados, and remaining sour cream for garnish

Brown beef in skillet. Drain excess fat. Stir in taco seasoning mix and water (according to package directions). Stir in green chilis. Simmer for 10 minutes. Place two tortillas in bottom of large casserole dish. Spread half of meat mixture over tortillas. Sprinkle half a cup of cheddar cheese over meat. Top with 2 or 3 tortillas. Spread with refried beans. Cover with about 2/3 of the sour cream. Sprinkle with green onions and black olives. Cover with remaining tortillas, then remaining meat, then remaining cheddar cheese. Sprinkle parmesan cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, until bubbling. Garnish with tomatoes, avocados, and remaining sour cream. Makes 6 servings.

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 For Young Children

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



Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID 868 1805 3036

Passcode: Storytime

Ukrainian Relief Efforts

For a way to provide relief and assistance for the people in and fleeing Ukraine, go to the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) site <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/> to donate quickly. On the homepage there is a button that allows you an easy way to give money; our prayers are in pushing "DONATE."

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 Korienek at canonmartha@realepiscopal.org by January 24, 2022.

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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

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

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/digital-resources)
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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 join us at St. Andrews for the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and walk in the Way of Love during the Lenten Season. Every Wednesday from 4 to 6 pm in the Parish Hall

The Second Step

Learn—Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.

By reading and reflecting on Scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus, we draw near to God and God's word dwells in us. When we open our minds and hearts to Scripture, we learn to see God's story and God's activity in everyday life.

Start by Choosing a Gospel or New Testament letter, and over the course of a week, read it as if it were a book

Then go deeper by reading Scripture each day, perhaps a passage from the Daily Office. Reflect on the passage by journaling for five minutes

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

Join us to study The Way of Love each week during Lent at St. Andrews' Parish Hall. Enjoy a warm, satisfying soup supper before our study session.

Wednesdays throughout Lent from 4—6pm. No reservations needed.

March Birthdays

March 1 1810 – Frederick Chopin
 March 2 1904– T. Geisel/Dr. Seuss—Children’s book author
 March 3 1847– Alexander Graham Bell –Inventor
 March 11 1916 -- Ezra Jack Keats- Children's book author
 March 12 1936– Virginia Hamilton – Children’s book author
 March 14 1879– Albert Einstein - Scientist
 March 19 1848 – Wyatt Earp – Sheriff and Gunfighter
 March 20 1928 – Mr. Rogers
 March 22 1948 – Andrew Lloyd Weber – Composer
 March 24 1874 – Harry Houdini – Magician
 March 26 1930 – Sandra Day O’Connor—Supreme Court Justice
 March 28 1899 – Anheuser Busch, Jr.—Brewer
 March 30 1853 – Vincent Van Gogh—Painter
 March 31 1685 – Johann Sebastian Bach—Composer

St. Andrew’s Birthdays

March

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



April

5 – Luke Banke	18 – Sheryl Mello
5 – Henry ValldeRuten	19 – Iain Holtzclaw
6 – Sharon Fishel	22 – Susan ValldeRuten
11 – Donna Brough	26 – Hyacinth Bevan
13 – Tetiana Davidson	27 – Tom Fogarty
14 – Barbara Banke	27 – Joan McVay

OOPS!!! The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing slogan—"I upped my pledge. Up yours."

Special Days in March

American Red Cross Month - It started in 1943 with the Presidential Proclamation.

Mental Retardation Awareness - has been occurring since 1979 by the charity, The Arc of the United States.

Music in Our Schools - The National Association for Music Education has chosen March to be the time of year to focus on music education in schools all across the United States.

National Women's History Month - This year's theme is "Women Taking the Lead to Save our Planet."

March 1st 1961- The Peace Corps was founded with an executive order by John F. Kennedy

March 1st 1872- Yellowstone National Park became the very first National Park in the world.

March 1st 1867- Nebraska Becomes the 37th State

March 3rd 1933- National Anthem Day - President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional act that made the song "The Star-Spangled Banner" the song of the US.

March 3rd - The Missouri Compromise

March 4th 1789- The US Congress First Session under the Constitution took place in New York.

March 5th 1946- Winston Churchill gave The Iron Curtain" Speech.

March 6th 1836- The Fall of the Alamo - During the Texas Revolution the Alamo fell to the Mexican troops.

March 6th 1857- The Supreme Court ruled on The Dred Scott Case

March 8th - International Women's Day was organized in 1908 and has been celebrated around the world since 1975

March 10th 1876- The Birth of the Telephone -

March 13th 1781- Uranus is discovered by the astronomer, William Herschel . Uranus is the seventh planet from the sun.

March 15th 44 B.C.- Julius Caesar was murdered by his friend Brutus

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day March 20th - National Agriculture Day -

March 20th - The First Day of Spring -

March 23rd 1775 Liberty Day - Patrick Henry gave the famous "give me liberty or give me death" speech.

March 30th 1867- The United States Buys Alaska -for \$7 million under a treaty with Russia

March 30th 1870- The 15th Amendment is



Remember to Spring Forward!!!!

Sunday, March 13 begins Daylight Savings Time



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.

**Reservations are no longer needed to
attend in-person services.**