

The Piper

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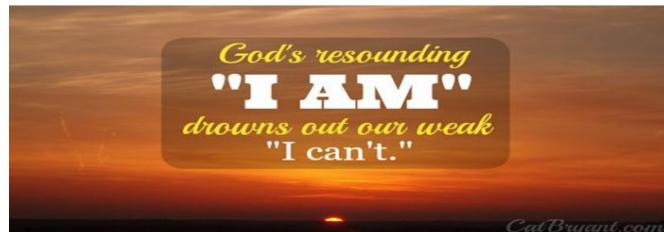


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A few words from the Senior Warden



Many times in the Bible, we read about good people. They do nothing particularly wrong. They go about their business, go to church, worship God, pay their taxes, and are all around good people. However, good for what? I remember reading about Thoreau and how he ended up in jail for not paying unjust taxes (1854). His close friend Ralph Waldo Emerson visited him and asked, "Why are you in there?" Thoreau looked at this friend and responded, "What are you doing out there?" Emerson was a good man who did all the right things. Thoreau was asking him – good for what?

God makes each of us unique. He gives each of us talents and expects us to use them. Einstein was no accident. Mozart was no accident. Hawking was no accident. So many thousands of people thorough out history were given talents who used them to benefit this world. These are the people we read about in history, or whose works we read and quote or whose example we try and follow.

I don't know what judgement day is or when it will come or if it will come or what will happen to us when if and when it comes. However, I do believe that at some point in our lives, we are held accountable. Our conscience knows when we have crossed the line. Our conscience knows when we didn't do something we could to make things better because it was just ... well, just easier to do nothing. When I was taking a clinical pastoral education course years ago, our teacher (he was a Lutheran priest and psychologist) always corrected us when we said we couldn't do something to say "we chose not to." We all have choices to do or not do things, to say or not say things, to show love or not show love. Sometimes we need help to realize that we can do things if we chose to do them.

So what helps us make the decision to go that extra step and become good for something? You got me. I don't know the answer.

Evidently no one else does either or there would be people doing a lot more good and making this a better place to live, worship, and be safe. I think each and everyone of us has some kind of answer to this question locked up in our mind. Perhaps, knowing some of human nature, we react to something hurtful and it causes us to retreat. I know I am like that. People have said hurtful things to me which has caused me to have less enthusiasm in completing things I know can be done. However, I do think I am not alone. We react to what is presented to us. St. Thomas Aquinas said “Quidquid recipitur ad modum recipientis recipiture (1485).” We respond to the stimulus presented to us. They understood that over 500 years ago. It is human nature to react to the good and the bad things said to us. So what does all this mean?

Bishop Michael Curry tells us to love one another. Jesus tells us the same thing. Ghandi says it too. All great people have said it. We hear it said in every church, by every advocate group, by many organizations, and so on and so forth. Why doesn't it sink in? Again, I don't have the answer.

St. Andrew's is struggling to continue. We all know that. There are those who can share more of their talents. We all know that. The Bible tells us to be good Christians, good for something. It tells us to do something. It tells us to act. It tells us to love one another and not say things to hurt each other. This is where I am supposed to give an answer, a solution, a “how to make this work.” All I feel is that I wish I could do that. All I can account for is my own life, all you can do is account for your own life. We are called to do some positive good in this church and the world. I just hope we all can be good for something. The alternative is being good for nothing. If we are to make this work, we all need to take a step forward – all of us working together and respecting each other and not looking back.

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.

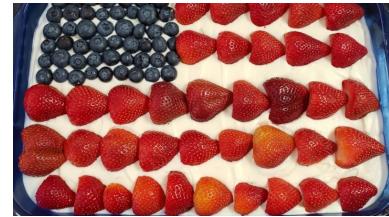


Something fun for July to celebrate this special holiday!!

No-Bake Cheesecake Flag Cake

Crust:

1 1/2 cups finely crushed graham cracker crumbs
1/4 cup white sugar
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
6 tablespoons butter, melted



Filling:

1 cup cream cheese at room temperature
1 cup mascarpone cheese at room temperature
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/3 cup white sugar
1 1/4 cups cold heavy whipping cream
20 large fresh strawberries, hulled and halved lengthwise, or as needed
24 large fresh blueberries, or as needed

1. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar, cocoa powder, and melted butter in a bowl until mixture is thoroughly combined and crumbly.
2. Transfer crust mixture to a 9x11-inch baking dish. Press crust into bottom of dish until smooth and even. Cover dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes.
3. Mix cream cheese and mascarpone cheese in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Stir in lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla extract into mixture.
4. Whisk 1/3 cup sugar into whipping cream in a separate metal or glass bowl until the cream is fluffy and forms soft peaks. Add whipped cream to the cream cheese mixture and gently whisk until filling is soft, fluffy, and well combined.
5. Spoon filling on top of the graham cracker crust, spreading and smoothing the top. Tap the pan gently on a work surface several times to settle the crust and filling. Cover pan tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled and set, at least 3 hours. Starting at the bottom long edge of the cake, arrange strawberry halves in a horizontal line with the pointed bottoms of the strawberry halves pointing to the right. Start a second stripe of strawberry halves at the top right of the cake, arranging strawberries with the bottoms pointing right in a line stretching about 2/3 of the length of the cake.

ON THE SCHEDULE

Join us at 10 am on Sundays

July 10. Mary Lou McKenney	July 31. Richard Leslie
July 17. Jerry Drino	August — Jerry Drino
June 24. Richard Leslie	

SAVE THE DATE

We are busy planning the fundraisers for the remainder of the year, please keep these dates in mind!! We will ask your help in making each of these events a success — and bringing in the local community to experience our wonderful church.

Book and Bake Sale — Saturday, August 27

Bring in those books you have already read and would like to share with others. Our baked goods are always a great draw and seller for St. Andrew's events — bring in your favorite goodies to share!!

Music and Wine-Tasting — Saturday, September 17

Enjoy some music and wine on a late-summer afternoon!! We will also plan for a silent auction.

Chili Cook-Off — Saturday, October 22

We'll be calling on all those who have a delicious chili recipe they would like to share. Be the one to have your name added to the distinguished list on the plaque in our parish hall.

Holiday Bake Sale — Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18

Here's the chance for all of St. Andrew's terrific bakers to share their favorite holiday goodies. Special raffle offerings!

Calling All Singers!!

Do you like to lift your voice in song? Come and join the St. Andrews' Choir.

Contact Cindy Garay, cindy3g@comcast.net, 831-246-3584



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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.

Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus.

As Jesus went to the highways and byways, he sends us beyond our circles and comfort, to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God with our lips and with our lives. We go to listen with humility and to join God in healing a hurting world. We go to become Beloved Community, a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

The pursuit of Jesus can often mean moving out of our circles of comfort and going to other places, geographically, culturally, economically, spiritually. How will you start going on the Way of Love?

Individual Is there someone in your life with whom you do not get along or often disagree? Find a way to engage that person with respect, curiosity, and hope.

Small Group Read or watch the local news. As a group, identify a situation where others' pain most breaks your heart. As a group, find a concrete way to join in the work of healing.

Congregation Pick a place where your congregation will show up to listen to and love those who are hungry, lonely, sick, in prison, or in need. Work with community organizers to host or join an event

Individual Participate in a reconciling practice, such as training for racial healing/anti-racism, nonviolence, refugee advocacy, or StorySharing.

Small Group As a group, prayerfully choose a group or ministry that is doing reconciling work (racial, creation care, economic, political) of some kind, and volunteer with it quarterly.

Congregation As a congregation, identify the justice concern that is closest to your hearts. Find a concrete way to join in the work of healing.

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

July Birthdays

St. Andrew's Birthdays

8 — Sue Roe	19 — Julian Katz
13 — Deidre Guindon	30 — Peggy Dwyer
18 — Miles Redman	31 — Erin Newfield

August Birthdays

14 —Mark Carling	26 — Colin Whitby-Strevens
14 — Finn Katz	27 — Rob Carling
15 — Diane Dearinger	29 — Jennifer Kennedy
17 — Shirley Greenwood	30 — Susan Greer
18 — Becky Rooks	

July 1, 1961 - Princess Diana, Princess of Wales
 July 1, 1961 - Carl Lewis, Olympic champion, track star
 July 2, 1908 - Thurgood Marshall, first African-American Supreme Court justice
 July 4, 1872 - Calvin Coolidge, 30th U.S. President (1923-1929)
 July 4, 1918 - Ann Landers & Abigail Van Buren "Dear Abby"
 July 5, 1810 - P. T. Barnum, circus founder
 July 6, 1747 - John Paul Jones, Revolutionary War, Father of the U.S. Navy
 July 6, 1923 - Nancy Reagan, First Lady of the United States
 July 6, 1935 - Tenzin Gyatso, Dalai Lama, Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader
 July 6, 1946 - George W. Bush, 43rd U.S. President
 July 8, 1831 - John Pemberton, Chemist, invented Coca-Cola
 July 8, 1838 - Ferdinand von Zeppelin, aeronautical engineer, airship designer
 July 8, 1839 - John D. Rockefeller, American business tycoon, philanthropist
 July 8, 1908 - Nelson Rockefeller, NY Governor, Vice President of the United States
 July 9, 1819 - Elias Howe, invented the sewing machine
 July 9, 1839 - Adolphus Busch, American brewer, Busch Beer.
 July 10, 1834 - James Whistler, American painter
 July 11, 1767 - John Quincy Adams, 6th U.S. President (1825-1829)
 July 11, 1899 - E. B. White, children's author
 July 12, 100 BC - Julius Caesar, Roman Emperor
 July 12, 1817 - Henry David Thoreau, author, philosopher
 July 12, 1854 - George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak Company
 July 12, 1864 - George Washington Carver, American Botanist
 July 14, 1913 - Gerald Ford, 38th U.S. President (1974-1977)
 July 15, 1606 - Rembrandt Van Rijn, painter
 July 15, 1850 - Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini), first American saint
 July 17, 1763 - John Jacob Astor, fur banker, real estate investor
 July 17, 1947 - Camilla Parker Bowles, second wife of England's Prince Charles
 July 17, 1954 - Angela Merkel, German Chancellor
 July 18, 1918 - Nelson Mandela, South Africa anti-apartheid activist, President
 July 18, 1921 - John Glenn, astronaut, Ohio Senator
 July 19, 1814 - Samuel Colt, Colt Manufacturing Company
 July 19, 1860 - Lizzie Borden, accused ax murderer
 July 20, 356 B.C. - Alexander the Great, King of ancient Macedonia
 July 20, 1919 - Sir Edmund Hillary, explorer, first to reach the peak of Mount Everest
 July 21, 1899 - Ernest Hemingway, novelist
 July 21, 1938 - Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General
 July 22, 1890 - Rose Kennedy, mother of President John F. Kennedy
 July 22, 1923 - Robert Dole, U.S. Senate majority leader, presidential candidate
 July 24, 1897 - Amelia Earhart, pioneer aviator
 July 28, 1929 - Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis,
 July 29, 1883 - Benito Mussolini, Italian Fascist leader during WWII
 July 29, 1936 - Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Red Cross president, U.S. cabinet member
 July 30, 1863 - Henry Ford, auto maker, industrialist
 July 30, 1947 - Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California, quote: "I'll be back!"

Special Days

- July 1** Canada Day / Dominion Day -
- July 4** Independence Day (U.S.)
- July 7** Chocolate Day
- July 9** National Sugar Cookie Day
- July 10** Eid-Ul-Adha - date varies
- July 13** National French Fries Day
- July 14** Bastille Day
- July 15** Be a Dork Day; National Give Something Away Day
- July 17** National Ice Cream Day
- July 20** National Hot Dog Day
- July 21** National Junk Food Day
- July 24** Amelia Earhart Day; Cousins Day
- July 26** All or Nothing Day; Aunt and Uncle Day
- July 29** International Tiger Day
- July 30** Father-in-Law Day; International Day of Friendship; Paperback Book Day
- July 31** Mutt's Day

OOPS!!! Why do churches ban Wi-Fi?

They don't want to compete with an invisible power
that actually works

Episcopal Church Women's Annual Mary Lou Thompson Retreat **August 19 @ 2:00 pm - August 21 @ 1:00 pm**

The title of the presentation of this year's retreat is:
"Reconciliation and Creating Community"

How have these past few COVID years yielded moments of reconciliation? What or whom are we reconciled with? How have recent current events stirred you to consider the necessity of reconciliation? What would it take to change our attitudes regarding our fellow humans in these days of war in Eastern Europe and children all over the world being randomly assaulted? How can we come into community with a sense of belonging and trust? Can we create such a community in our churches, homes, communities?

Join the Episcopal church women and Rev. Mary Lou McKinney, our retreat leader this year, for a time of reflection, conversation, and prayer to address some of these topics so pertinent to our lives right now. This year's retreat is extended to three days for added rest and rejuvenation. You can arrive on August 19 any time after 2:00 PM. The retreat program begins at 4:00 PM with refreshments and social time. It ends on August 21 at 1:00 PM.

The cost for this two day retreat, which includes overnight accommodations for two nights and 6 meals is:

\$195.00 per night for a private room (\$390.00 for the weekend)
\$155.00 per person for a shared room (\$310.00 for the weekend)
\$75.00 per day for Commuter. Meals provided. (\$150.00 for the weekend if you attend all days.)

Partial scholarships are available.

Please register by August 5, 2022. Indicate your preferences by sending an RSVP email the following questions to dsdonnaseelbach2@gmail.com.

Name / Address / email address / Phone number / Home church

Room preference: single, shared, or commuter (shared rooms have two single beds and a bath)

Dietary considerations. The retreat meals at St.Francis are delicious and applicable to meat or vegetarian preferences. If you have special foods along with you, there is a guest refrigerator in the dining area.

Handicapped concerns: There is wheelchair access to all buildings, and a golf cart ride to the dining hall from the Fireside Room if necessary.

Send your check and room preference information to: **Marge Smith at 2528 Sierra Monte Way, San Jose, CA 95116. Check payable to the Episcopal Church Women.** Please indicate your room preference or commuter rate in the memo line.

Anyone coming onto the retreat facility will need to show proof of a recent COVID vaccination. Masks are required for indoors, but we will be meeting out-of-doors as much as possible. Dining will be indoors, but there will be some seating outside.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Donna Seelbach at dsdonnaseelbach2@gmail.com or 831-535-9919.

Scripture at Lambeth

The Lambeth Conference, the international gathering of bishops across the Anglican Communion, will take place July 26 through August 8, 2022. This bulletin insert series, produced with The Episcopal Church's Office of Global Partnerships, introduces readers to Lambeth and what they can expect from the conference.

The theme of the fifteenth Lambeth Conference is “God’s Church for God’s World: walking, listening, and witnessing together.” As the bishops at Lambeth explore that theme, they will also maintain a Biblical focus through the book of 1 Peter. Over the past several years in planning, a range of resources have been developed for use in Bible studies, discussions, and seminars. These have been used in preparation for the conference and will be looked at on an even deeper level as the bishops gather together.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby describes why this letter was chosen as a focus for Lambeth: “The book of 1 Peter is a personal favourite of mine. There is so much in it that is pertinent for the Church, for the world, for the times we are living in and for us as we seek direction for the Anglican Communion in the years ahead.

“1 Peter is a book that doesn’t shy away from difficult things. It’s a book that addresses the challenges that Peter’s communities were facing. It speaks about belonging, alienation, exile, slavery and persecution – you can immediately hear the echoes in our world today.

“It’s a book that raises an utterly compelling and inspiring vision of God’s kingdom. It raises our eyes beyond the immediacy of our struggles and differences. It urges us to hear a far deeper call. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, Peter encourages us to live lives of witness, hope and holiness as God’s chosen people.”

The journey through the book of 1 Peter looks at specific themes in each of the five chapters which include: Calling, Communion, Peace-making, Suffering, and Authority. You and your congregation can join in reading through 1 Peter looking at each of the themes, asking together what it means to be “God’s Church for God’s World.” A series of videos and commentary was created before the Lambeth Conference was rescheduled due to the COVID19 pandemic. These videos can be found at <https://www.lambethconference.org/resources/1-peter-resources/watch-the-1-peter-videos/>.

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 Korieneck



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am
Services are not held in-person.

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