

# **The Piper**

## **January 2023**



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## **A Message from Father Martin**

Dear Friends,

We had wonderful Christmas services here at St. Andrew's. A large congregation at 7 pm Christmas Eve, with a choir, beautiful decorations, candlelit last carol – it was a special night. Christmas Day saw a good-sized congregation with more carols and celebration. Thank you to all who brought together these community celebrations.

It is now a new year at St. Andrew's. I am convening a Bible Study every Tuesday from 11 am to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. All are welcome – no Bible background required.

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, January 22, beginning with our 10 am worship (including my Interim Pastor's Report) and continuing in the Parish Hall immediately afterwards to elect Vestry and Diocesan Delegates, discuss the budget and other reports, and look ahead in mission. We hope to distribute the Agenda and Financial Reports the Sunday before the meeting, January 15. New Parish Directories will also be available beginning on January 15.

St. Andrew's Vestry at its December meeting approved our 2023 Budget. St. Andrew's has historically had a strong commitment to community outreach, especially since its involvement in the founding of Churches United Missions. The 2023 budget strengthens that commitment to outreach by setting aside 5% (half a tithe) of all parish operating income for outreach. The Vestry will establish a new Community Outreach committee to recommend how those funds should be used. If you are interested in serving on the Community Outreach committee, please let me or the Wardens know so we may bring your name to the Vestry.

The Vestry received the following Vestry nominations: Sara Hector and Susan Greer for full 3-year terms, and John Wooliscroft for the remaining 1 year of the late Ray Wentz's term. (Susan is currently completing the partial term of the late David Greer and is eligible to stand for a full term.) Nominations may also be made at the Annual Meeting.

The Vestry also revised the Letter of Agreement with the interim Pastor to extend through 2023 and to set compensation according to diocesan standards. This awaits the Bishop's approval.

Coming up on Monday, January 16, we will celebrate the life and ministry of Jerry Fishel in the Church at 10 a.m. with a reception following at Felton Community Hall. A celebration of the life of Ray Wentz will be on Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 pm at the Church.

At our Sunday service on New Year's Day, I shared ten 'commandments' or "invitations" for a deeper human and Christian maturity, written by the Catholic theologian Ronald Rolheiser. I commend them to you as we begin the New Year. (They are challenging and inspiring for me, and I am eager to discuss them with you personally at your convenience.)

1. Live in gratitude and thank your Creator by enjoying your life.
2. Be willing to carry more and more of life's complexities with empathy.
3. Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred rather than give them back in kind.
4. Let suffering soften your heart rather than harden your soul.
5. Forgive—those who hurt you, your own sins, the unfairness of your life, and God for not rescuing you.
6. Bless more and curse less!
7. Live in a more radical sobriety.
8. Pray, affectively and liturgically.
9. Be wide in your embrace.
10. Stand where you are supposed to be standing, and let God provide the rest.

Ronald Rolheiser, *Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity*, 2014, pp. 245ff

Yours in Christ,  
Martin+





## MULLIGATAWNY SOUP

This recipe came from my sister-in-law, Sylvia Roe, and has become a Christmas Eve tradition at our house. I usually have to double the recipe!  
Sue Roe

Saute' lightly but do not brown:

1/2 cup ground onion  
1 ground carrot  
2 stalks ground celery  
in 1/2 cup butter.

Stir in:

1 1/2 tbs. flour  
2 teas. curry powder  
Stir and cook for about 3 minutes.

Pour in 4 cups chicken broth and simmer 30 minutes.

Add:

1/4 cup ground tart apple  
1/2 cup cooked rice  
1/2 cup ground cooked chicken  
1 teas. salt  
1/4 teas. pepper  
1/8 teas. thyme  
Simmer 15 minutes.

Immediately before serving, stir in 1/2 cup cream.

### HeeHeeHee!!!

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough of his antics. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

**ON THE SCHEDULE**

**Join us at 10 am on Sundays**

Watch the sermon on the St. Andrew's Facebook page.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Please join in on the Upcoming Church Activities

**Weekly Bible Study** on Tuesdays from 11 am to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall, beginning on January 3, 2023. Everyone is welcome – no background required. We will begin with Luke's Gospel.

**Memorial Service for Jerry Fishel** will be on January 16 at 10 a.m. with a reception following at the Felton Community Hall.

**Annual Parish Meeting** will be on January 22, 2023 immediately following the church service. We will elect Vestry members and delegates to the Diocese Convention along with conducting other parish business.

**Memorial Service for Ray Wentz** will be on January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

**St. Andrew's Vestry Members**

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

Susan Greer  
Sheryl Mello  
Sue Roe

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 1 pm in the Parish Hall.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has consistently invited Episcopalians to reimagine ourselves as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, a community of followers who live Jesus' Way of Love. In these times of challenge and change, he offers this statement and the accompanying resources as a prayer, a vision, a fervent hope for who we seek to be and are already becoming.

## COME AND SEE ...

We are becoming a new and *re*-formed church, the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement—individuals, small gathered communities and congregations whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love, *no longer* centered on empire and establishment, *no longer* fixated on preserving institutions, *no longer* shoring up white supremacy or anything else that hurts or harms any child of God. By God's grace ...

## ... WE ARE BECOMING A CHURCH THAT LOOKS AND ACTS LIKE JESUS.

What does this *re*-formation look like in practice?

We'll know we're moving forward when we...

1. **Center on Jesus Christ.** His teachings, his example, his Spirit, his way of love and his way of life are the key to having loving, liberating and life-giving relationships with God, our neighbors, all of creation, and ourselves.
2. **Practice the selfless, self-giving way of the cross.** The way of "cruciform love"—Jesus' act of unselfish, sacrificial, self-offering love, or losing one's life in order to gain it— is our way to authentic life.
3. **Unite around the practice of a rule of life in small gathered communities.** These kinds of groups—small circles of people who support each other in following Jesus with intention and accountability— are necessary for cultivating Christ-centered life.
4. **Reclaim our Christian identity as a Spirit-driven, countercultural, underground movement.** We must break free of the church's identification with domination systems, empire, establishment, privilege, and social and cultural traditions that have held us captive— and get back in touch with the risk-taking, liberating ways of Jesus.
5. **Live and bear bold witness to the vision and values of Jesus.** We point to the reality of the kingdom (the peaceable reign) of God, and we seek to embody the beloved community, where each person strives for and celebrates the dignity and flourishing of every beloved child of God as much as we do for ourselves.

Barbara Banke shares this thoughtful reflection on entering the New Year.

God of all time,  
help us enter the New Year quietly,  
thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others,  
mindful that our steps make an impact  
and our words carry power.  
May we walk gently.  
May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life,  
help us enter the New Year reverently,  
aware that you have endowed  
every creature and plant, every person and habitat  
with beauty and purpose.  
May we regard the world with tenderness.  
May we honor rather than destroy.

Lover of all souls,  
help us enter the New Year joyfully,  
willing to laugh and dance and dream,  
remembering our many gifts with thanks  
and looking forward to blessings yet to come.  
May we welcome your lavish love.  
In this new year,  
may the grace and peace of Christ  
bless you now and in the days ahead.

by Vinita Hampton Wright



## St. Andrew's Birthdays



### January Birthdays

5 Nicki Kearns	15 Larry Laufenberg
6 Christopher Mello	17 Sari Mitchell
6 Sara Hector	19 Beth Leslie
10 Kim Rooks	28 Malachi Erdman
12 Sandra Cadell	30 Vira Erdman

### Special Holidays

January 1	New Year's Day
January 6	Epiphany
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
January 23	Chinese New Year
January 26	Australia Day

**Epiphany**, also called **Feast of the Epiphany**, **Theophany**, or **Three Kings' Day**, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, manifestation"), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.

The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ's birth. In Rome, by 354 Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25 (Christmas), and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man.

In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honour of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism, including the blessing of houses with holy water.

Ethiopian Orthodox Christians celebrate Epiphany, or *Timket*, with a major festival that begins the night before, on *Ketera* (January 18). In honour of Christ's baptism, celebrants escort a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, a *tabot*, to a local body of water with great ceremony. The night is spent in prayer and hymn services. The following morning the congregation is blessed with holy water, and the *tabot* is brought back to its church in a colourful procession.





### **Storied Pilgrimage with Race in 2023**

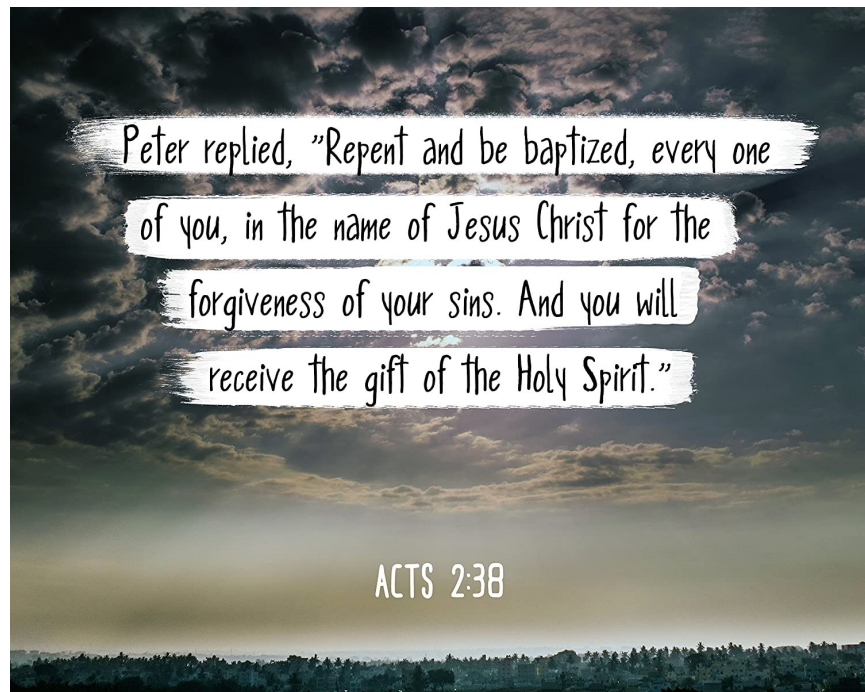
Storied Pilgrimage with Race is our diocesan anti-racism curriculum, which you can find on the diocesan website. The completion of this program is required for all those in diocesan leadership, all clergy, and all Lay Eucharistic Visitors; it is strongly encouraged for those in parish leadership, such as staff and vestry. All are welcome.

We will gather once each month in 2023 over Zoom and journey through the curriculum together. There are two sessions, a morning session (9:30am to 11am) and an evening session (7pm to 8:30pm); you can indicate which session you're signing up for when you register.

We will be meeting on: Jan. 25, Feb. 23, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6.

To register, please visit the Diocese website.

The Canon to the Ordinary, Canon Martha Korienek, will be leading the sessions. If you have any questions, you can email her



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>The First Sunday after Christmas</b>	2 Days of Christmas	3 Days around Epiphany	4 Days around Epiphany	5 Days around Epiphany	6 <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	7 Preparing for The Baptism of the Lord
8 <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	9 Reflecting on The Baptism of the Lord	10 Reflecting on The Baptism of the Lord	11 Reflecting on The Baptism of the Lord	12 Preparing for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany	13 Preparing for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany	14 Preparing for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany
15 <b>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	16 Reflecting on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany	17 Reflecting on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany	18 Reflecting on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany	19 Preparing for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany	20 Preparing for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany	21 Preparing for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany
22 <b>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	23 Reflecting on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany	24 Reflecting on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany	25 Reflecting on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany	26 Preparing for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	27 Preparing for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	28 Preparing for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
29 <b>The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>	30 Reflecting on the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	31 Reflecting on the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Reflecting on the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	2 <b>Presentation of the Lord</b>	3 Preparing for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	4 Preparing for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



*St. Andrew's Worship Service*

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am  
Services are now conducted with Eucharist.