

# The Piper

## June 2024



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## **A Message from Father Martin**

*Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.*

*For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,*

*For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,*

*For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,*

*For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,*

*For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,*

*For the communion of saints, in all times and places,*

*Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen. (BCP p. 838f)*

Dear Friends,

We are beginning the Season After Pentecost, this “Green” season of time from Pentecost to Advent next Winter. It is a season for growing in faith, for gratitude for all our blessings, and for giving of ourselves and our resources in the service of others.

Our Sunday worship services continue through the summer, and I would like to encourage everyone to continue attending even when the weather is glorious. Come share in worship to encourage one another, to hear and remember God’s grace and love, and to support our ministries with your presence and giving. (Our Treasurer assures me that our bills still arrive during the Summer season.)

Join with others on Saturday morning, June 8, from 9 to Noon for gardening and clean-up. Bring tools and come have fun working together.

Our Vestry will meet on June 5 with Canon Martha for an “Appreciative Inquiry” exercise to review how we are serving as a parish and to set goals for the coming year. Look for a report in the July Piper.

I am excited that the Santa Cruz Baroque Festival will hold a fundraising Event here at St. Andrew's on Saturday, July 13. Such events help introduce St. Andrew's to the larger community. (Our own Jesse McMilan may be one of the performers!)

Our Tuesday Bible Study continues from 11 am to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome, whatever your familiarity with the Bible. Come when you can.

Finally, this prayer "For Quiet Confidence" (BCP p. 832) is one I need this summer and which I commend to you all as well:

*O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,

Martin+

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#### St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Rochelle Kelly, Senior Warden

Sara Hector

John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden

Sheryl Mello

Susan Greer, Clerk

Judyth Suttle

(Cindy Garay resigned in May due to health and time commitments)

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. (In June: June 11)



## Boston Baked Beans

From an old cookbook that my mother gave me – published 1931 – Boston Baked Beans made the old fashioned way. Yummy! Sue Roe

3 cups pea beans  
2 teaspoons salt  
3 tablespoons molasses  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1/4 teaspoon mustard  
boiling water  
1/2 pound salt pork  
one medium onion



Soak the beans over night in cold water. Bring to a simmering point and cook until the skins begin to burst. Drain and put in a bean pot or casserole (oven proof). Mix the seasoning with a cup of boiling water and add. Pour boiling water over the salt pork, scrape the surface of the rind and cut through every half inch. Bury it in the beans so that just the rind is exposed. Skin the onion and bury whole in the beans. Cover all with boiling water – and add water from time to time during the cooking. Bake, covered, at 300 degrees for 6 to 8 hours. Serves 12.

### HeeHeeHee!!!

A three-year-old went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother there were 2 boy kittens and 2 girl kittens. "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied, "I think it's printed on the bottom."



## St. Andrew's Birthdays

### June Birthdays

2	Corinna Stevenson	11	Dawn Townsend
4	Laura Lewandowski	14	Bonnie Wolfe
8	Franceska Lewandowski	18	Joe Mello
9	Karen VanGroningen	21	Roxanne Spring
10	James Mello	25	Duquan Ruff

### July Birthdays

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

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#### Coffee Hour Organizers

Eve Yabroff (253-225-8683 June 2  
Susan Greer (207) 624-2569 June 9  
Janet Parske (831) 246-1839 June 16  
Rochelle Kelly (408) 691-2571 June 23  
Ellen Terry (415) 516-9123 June 30

If you are unable to serve on any date, please call someone else on the list and also call Sharon Fishel at 831-247-5572.

There will be a Celebration for the Life of Jeannie Henry on Sunday, August 25 from 12 noon to 3 pm at The River House, 200 Holiday Lane, Ben Lomond. Everyone is welcome. Her family encourages everyone to wear bright colors and festive hats.

## **Thoughts from a Parish Member**

Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord calling and asking who to send, and so Isaiah responded, “Here I am, send me.” And so it came to pass,



Sunday’s hymn says, “Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.”

And Isaiah went, out to the people and shared with them God’s word. “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners.”

We are all prisoners and captives of a sort. Rousseau said we are born free, but everywhere we are in chains. Chains bind us all. Getting rid of them is perhaps the hardest thing about being a Christian. If the goal is loving one another, then the journey getting there means having to shed the chains of oppression we try to put on others.

I know there are subjects we don’t discuss in church. It would be too upsetting to hear other peoples opinion about politics, international relations, prejudice, and many other forbidden subjects. However, the journey to the cross, where we abandon all the chains that bind us, is difficult, dangerous for some, and many of us never get there. I always seem to get lost from the garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. Over the years some of the chains that keep me tethered, are ones that I have become so comfortable carrying, that I don’t even realize they are there.

And so I hear the hymn this Sunday, “here I am Lord, I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.” I want so bad to hear the voice calling me, and I want so much to respond, “Here I am Lord.”

I want to be a Christian in my heart, mind, and soul. The world around me is busy repeating history. It is difficult to transcend history and step into God’s blanket of love. It is difficult to let go of the past and move forward. It is difficult to allow our scars to melt away. However reaching the goal means taking the journey. The journey won’t be easy, it will have obstacles, it will mean lifting off chains, it will mean keeping moving forward … no turning back, no turning back. So, if you see me faltering or stumbling, help me, and remind me to keep moving forward on the journey to God’s all powerful healing love, and if you can, join me in the journey.

Thoughts from Steve Lafever.

# St. Andrew's Activities

## Prayer Team

We have an active prayer team at St. Andrew's led by Sue Roe. When a prayer concern is made known to Sue, she sends it out to the group so they can be praying for you. Please contact Sue if you would like some prayers.

Also, if you would like to be one of the pray-ers, let Sue know and she will be happy to add you to the group.

Please contact Sue at Phone 562-243-4080, or by email [suemhr@aol.com](mailto:suemhr@aol.com)



## Outreach Committee

If you know of or support a non-profit organization and would like it to be considered for a grant from St. Andrew's, please provide information on its programs to the Outreach Committee. The members of the committee are Susan Greer, Joan McVay, and Ray Rischpater. We are also looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested, please contact Susan, Joan, or Ray. The committee meets after Bible Study, generally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

**ACA** (Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families) meets every Wednesday evening upstairs.

Nicki Kerns is holding a recital, Upscale Music, for her students on June 2 at 2 pm. The public is not invited.

On Saturday, June 28, the parking lot has been rented for wedding parking.



Join us for Worship Services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and the social hour after. The sermon may be watched on St. Andrew's Facebook page, if you are not able to attend in person.