

The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Dear Friends,

We are beginning in June a new season. June 8 is the Feast of Pentecost (wear red that Sunday!), and the long Season of Pentecost will continue until Advent. In this long season we celebrate the power, comfort and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and as we seek to be witnesses and servants of God's love in this troubled world.

It is also the beginning of wonderful summer-like weather and our enjoyment of the beautiful environment we live in. Time to sit and enjoy the weather, hike or swim or picnic or camp or whatever.

This month I would like simply to commend to you some reflection pieces for your June meditations. I hope that some may nourish your soul or prompt some fruitful self-examination.

Collect for God's Mission

(This Collect appears 5 times in the Book of Common Prayer, more than any other prayer except the Lord's Prayer)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Mission Statement at St. Andrew's

We are a diverse and welcoming family in Christ, united in the worship of God. We are striving as an Episcopal parish to follow the example of Jesus, loving one another and reaching out to our community in service.

The Mission Statement of the Episcopal Diocese of Navajoland

(English Translation) (Susan Greer, Ann & Brad Moyer and I heard presenters from Navajoland at the diocesan Spring Renewal event in May)

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Holy One
We set out to walk in harmony,
Seeking forgiveness and wholeness.
Through compassion and service,
Love binds us in relationship to all creation.
In the Beauty Way all is restored again.

A poem by Wendell Berry

It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey.
The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
The impeded stream is the one that sings.

How to Recognize Grace

by Marilyn Chandler McEntire

It takes you by surprise
It comes in odd packages
It sometimes looks like loss
Or mistakes
It acts like rain
Or like a seed
It's both reliable and unpredictable
It's not what you were aiming at
Or what you thought you deserved
It supplies what you need
Not necessarily what you want
It grows you up
And lets you be a child
It reminds you you're not in control
And that not being in control is a form of freedom.

May God's peace, which passes all our understanding, bless you and surprise you in these "ordinary" times.

Yours in Christ,

Martin+



Weeknight Guacamole

Ingredients

1 ripe, Fresh California Avocado, seeded and peeled
1/8 tsp. sea salt, seasoned salt or onion salt, or to taste
1/4 tsp. hot sauce
1/2 small tomato, seeded and diced, optional
1 Tbsp. minced chives and/or cilantro, optional

Instructions

Coarsely mash the avocado with salt and hot sauce. Stir in the optional ingredients, as desired. Add a squeeze of lemon or lime, stir in diced onions, minced serrano or jalapeño peppers or top with crumbled cotija cheese.

Serve with baby carrots for a pre-dinner snack or use to top everything from tacos to burgers to grilled meats.

*Large avocados are recommended for this recipe. A large avocado averages about 8 ounces. If using smaller or larger size avocados adjust the quantity accordingly.

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

LOSS (WINGS) Associated with Suicide Prevention Services of the Central Coast, it is a support (not therapy) group for anyone who has lost someone to suicide, years ago or recently. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm (please note this is a change in time) in the Parish Hall. The Facilitator is Dr. Joan McVay of St. Andrew's. For more information, contact Julie Cory at 831-246-8750.

The Women's Circle

Dear Friends,

The Women's Circle has decided to meet more often. Starting next week, Wednesday, June 4, we'll begin meeting every other week.

We'll also meet in members' homes as much as we can. We'll meet at my house on June 4, 10:00-11:30am. Address is 305 Eleana Drive, Ben Lomond. The house is on the corner of Eleana and Morningside Drive. The driveway and entrance to our basement apartment is off of Morningside Drive (across the road from 230 Morningside). You may park on Eleana or on Morningside ABOVE our driveway but not below our driveway on Morningside).

We'll decide at this next meeting who will lead and where we'll meet for the next time, June 18. In July, our meetings will be July 2 and July 16. Please bring your stories, your thoughts and hopes. And invite anyone you think would enjoy this time of sharing our lives.

Ann Moyer, 619-321-8596

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 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.



Coffee Hour Organizers

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE YUMMY THINGS YOU BRING US

I am updating the June listing as Shirley Greenwood is leaving us and others have moved or are away so this quarter's list goes from June through August. This is an updated list of folks who will bring Coffee Hour and the dates we anticipate they will bring it.

If you are unable to bring coffee hour, please call someone else on the list and also please let the office know so we can put the correct provider in the bulletin. Office Sharon Fishel 831-247-5572

Ellen Terry	415-516-9123	June 1
Susan Greer	207-624-2569	June 8
Eve Yabroff	253-225-8683	June 15
Emily Kjaergaard	408-221-3830	June 22
Andrea Dubov	831-291-2869	June 29
Jennifer Kennedy	831-251-1471	July 6
Rochelle Kelly	408-691-2571	July 13
Jane Pomeroy	408-472-1586	July 20
Barbara Banke	831-345-2992	July 27
Eve Yabroff	253-225-8683	August 3
Emily Kjaergaard	408) 221-3830	Aug 10
Andrea Dubova	831-291-2869	Aug 17
Jennifer Kennedy	831-251-1471	Aug 24
Rochelle Kelly	408-691-2571	Aug 31

HeeHeeHee!!!

A preacher, newly called to a small country town, needed to mail a letter. Passing a young boy on the street, the pastor asked where he could find the post office. After getting his answer, the minister thanked the boy and said, "If you'll come to the community church this evening, you can hear me tell everyone how to get to heaven." "I don't know, sir," the boy replied. "You don't even know how to get to the post office!"

Thoughts from a Parish Member



Mother's Day reminded me of this Hymn and I thought I would share its words with you all.

OUR GOD IS LIKE AN EAGLE

**1. When Israel camped in Sinai, then Moses heard from God:
"This message tell my people, and give them this, my word:
From Egypt I was with you, and carried on my wing,
The whole of your great nation from slavery I did bring.**

**2. Just like a mother eagle, who helps her young to fly,
I am a mother to you, your needs will I supply;
And you are as my children, the ones who hear my voice,
I am a mother to you, the people of my choice."**

**3. If God is like an eagle who helps her young to fly,
And God is also Father, what then of you and I?
We have no fear of labels, we have no fear of roles--
If God's own being blends them, we seek the selfsame goals.**

**4. Our God is not a woman, our God is not a man;
Our God is both and neither, our God is I Who Am.
From all the roles that bind us our God has set us free.
What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to be.**

AMEN - Steve LaFever

(Can be sung to the tune of "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus")

St. Andrew's Current Vestry Members

Susan Greer, Senior Warden

Sheryl Mello

John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden

Jane Pomeroy

Steve LaFever, Clerk

Ray Rischpater

Sara Hector

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.



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.