

The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, October 5, we will have our annual **Blessing of the Animals /Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** outside on the patio behind the Church at 10 am. Bring your pet, or a picture of your pet (or a beloved pet now gone), or for children a stuffed animal or other symbol of one's love for animals. We will remember what Jesus, Noah and Francis teach us about caring for the earth and all its creatures, and share Holy Communion outside (weather permitting). Invite friends and family.

On Sunday, October 19, we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Andrew and Celtic spirituality** with bagpiping in worship. Following our 10 am worship, we will have a shepherds pie luncheon and more Celtic/Irish music in the Parish Hall. Worship will also include the "Kirking of the Tartans" to celebrate Irish, Welsh, Scottish, etc. heritage. Please sign up in the Parish Hall to help with the luncheon, or contact Rochelle Kelly. Vestry coordinator is Ray Rischpater. Again, pass the word – invite friends and neighbors.

Then on Friday, October 31, join in **our Halloween ministry** as we give candy to the hundreds of children and others who will be trick-or-treating on Riverside Avenue. The Church will be open to visitors. Bring candy ahead of time and consider joining us to distribute it. See Cathy Newfield for more information. You may also share small photos of loved ones now gone for the 'ofrenda' at the church altar.

Our parking lot has been repaired, sealed and striped. Thanks to the generosity of our parish and community, the funds needed have been raised and surplus funds are helping cover recent expenses for plumbing, septic and tree work. Well done!

On Sunday, September 22, some 20 folks from our congregation and community gathered to **sing for peace**. We were one of 5 registered sites in California for this global Sing for Unity event where people met to sing for peace at 2 pm local time. (singforunity.com) thanks to Ann Moyer for arranging this ministry.

Our Women's Circle continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. (Would any men like to organize a Men's Circle?)

Tuesday Bible Study continues at 11 am to Noon in the Parish Hall. (No class on Sept. 30.) We are exploring Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and its theme of growing spiritually into the full stature of Christ.

With all that is going on in our lives, in our community, and in this troubled nation and world, let us remember to be thankful for all the blessings we do have. Take time to pause and remember all that is good around us and in our lives and families and this parish community.

And let us remember what St. Andrew's is about: "*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.*" Every one of us is an ambassador of Christ, sharing in this mission and reaching out with love to those around us. As we do, our hope shall be strengthened and our hearts become softened and more peaceful.

Thanks be to God.

Martin+

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



St. Andrew's Current Vestry Members

Jane Pomeroy, Senior Warden
John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden
Steve LaFever, Clerk
Susan Greer

Sara Hector
Sheryl Mello
Ray Rischpater

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.

Garden of Eatin'



Pumpkin Puff Pancakes

These are great for brunch at this time of year. Serve with bacon or sausage.

2 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup cooked pumpkin
1 3/4 cups Bisquick baking mix
2 tbls. sugar
1/2 teas. each of cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger
1/4 cup canola oil



Beat eggs in mixer bowl for 5 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour batter by spoonfuls on medium-hot, ungreased griddle. Bake until puffed and bubbles begin to break. Turn and cook other side.

Serve with butter and maple syrup.



HeeHeeHee!!! OOPS!!!!

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The Honeymooners are now having bile studies each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.

Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan who are preparing for the girth of their first child.

Thursday at 5:00 pm, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his private study.

(For the group of ladies called Moms Who Care and pray for the children in school). When their meeting was cancelled one week: "There will be no Moms who care this week."

St. Andrew's Ministries

The Women's Circle

Dear Friends,

Women's Circle meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the parish hall. Every woman is warmly welcomed. We'll be meeting October 8 and 22 from 10:30 -12:00. Please join us.

Ann Moyer, 619-321-8596

We would like to celebrate your birthday—please give the date (month and day) to Susan Greer at sgreerincruz@gmail.com, or to Sharon Fishel so we can update our list.



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.

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

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.

Thoughts from a Parish Member

The other day, I fell asleep in my chair having become exhausted from the day. It will be some time before I gather back the strength I used to have. I must have been dreaming, I woke myself up calling out the words “Mom, where are you?” My eyes opened; I was in Boulder Creek, and she was not. It seemed too real. I more than expected her to respond, “I am upstairs.” Silence engulfed the room. My eyes brought me back to the reality that I was in Boulder Creek, alone once more. One day a year, the altar is decorated with images of past loved ones. I gave a picture of my Mom to the celebration.



Growing up, my family taught me many lessons. One was that soap tastes bad as a punishment for swearing. Lesson One. Riding with my grandfather in his old pickup truck one day (I think I was about 10), he was sharing stories of incidents he had as a Deputy Sheriff. He was on night duty. Down a secluded dirt road, he saw a lone car parked. He approached the car and discovered two young men engaged in kissing and such. In those days, you just arrested them and off to jail. He told them that if they wanted to do that, it should be in private and not outside in car and told them to leave. He did not record their licenses He just gave them some sage advice. He said to me that along the path of life, I would meet lots of different people. He looked at me and said that we are all made by the same God. His message was clear, “Don’t judge people.”

Lesson Two. My father worked for the now defunct “Border Patrol” along the Arizona Border. I heard him talking one day to my grandmother. He was telling her that he finds families trying to enter the US across rivers and such. He could call for a bus and have them arrested and detained. However, he understood why they were making the journey. He simply turned them back and told them other officers would have called a bus and have them detained. Most of the time, he gave them what money he had in his pocket and wished them well. He always taught me that we are all one in this journey of life together.

Lesson Three. One summer I dedicated myself to helping out at my Episcopal Church. I must have been about 14. Each day I arrived and did what I could. I even created a church newsletter and published it. Father Jordan was my hero. He taught me a lot about the church. One day, my evil Step-Father told me that Father Jordan was Gay. No one cared. He was a great charismatic priest, but he just wanted me to

know. Father Jordan mentored me for many years, treated me with the most respect and taught me to care about all of God's children. I'll remember him as a wonderful mentor, Christian, and pastor. Well, my Step-Father is another story.

The are so many other lessons from my youth. However, they all center around acceptance of all people. No one should ever be marginalized. No one should ever be made to feel less than human. Our task in this world is to lift others to personhood in any way we can. Sometimes the smallest gesture produces the greatest reward.

So, for those who have passed on, I believe that God receives another Angel to watch over all of us. And I am confident that the other day when I called out "Mom," she heard me. Each of us has special angels looking over us. So when someone passes away, they go to a better place. They go to a new Jerusalem, of unfathomable, unconditional love. More importantly they look after us in ways that are unexplainable.

Steve Lafever

COFFEE HOUR PROVIDERS

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE YUMMY THINGS YOU BRING US

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. To let the office know please email staoffice@sbcglobal.net or call or text Sharon. I type bulletins etc. at home so don't always see the updates in the parish hall. Office Sharon Fishel 831-247-5572

Emily Kjaergaard	408-221-3830	October 5
Jennifer Kennedy	251-1471	October 12
Rochelle Kelly	(408) 691-2571	October 19
Jane Pomeroy	(408) 472-1586	October 26
Barbara Banke	345-2992	November 2
Eve Yabroff	(253) 225-8683	November 9
Emily Kjaergaard	408-221-3830	November 16
Andrea Dubov	831-291-2869	November 23
Jennifer Kennedy	251-1471	November 30
Jane Pomeroy	(408) 472-1586	December 7
Barbara Banke	345-2992	December 14
Eve Yabroff	(253) 225-8683	December 21
Emily Kjaergaard	(408) 221-3830	December 24
Andrea Dubov	291-2869	December 28

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Celtic Celebration

And Kirking (Blessing) of the Tartans

Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Join us for a Celtic Celebration, exploring ancient Celtic rituals. Bring your family tartan to be blessed. Revel in the compelling music of a traditional bagpiper.

Beginning at 11:30, savor a delicious luncheon of homemade shepherd's pie, salad, and soda bread while enjoying Celtic music.



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.