

The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Dear Friends,

It is June! the Season after Pentecost, and a number of exciting opportunities are on our Parish Calendar:

- ◆ Saturday, June 6 – **A Parish Work Day**. Join in from 10am to Noon to pull weeds, sweep and trim, chase cobwebs, etc. and spend time with some wonderful parishioners and new friends.
- ◆ Sunday, June 7 – **our annual Chili Cook-off**. Sign up by email or phone to the church to enter your favorite chili. Join everyone Sunday after worship to taste and vote. Contact Christian Kjaergaard and Paul Balch for more information.
- ◆ Saturday, July 4 – We are marching in the **Boulder Creek Fourth of July Parade!** See Jane Pomeroy and Sharon Fishel for more information. Join in to carry banners and give out candy.
- ◆ Saturday, July 11 – We are hosting the **Santa Cruz Baroque Festival** fundraiser at St. Andrew's from 1-4 pm. See me if you would like to attend as a Church Host.
- ◆ Saturday, September 12 – **St. Andrew's 125 Anniversary Community Party**: History presentation, parish concert, food and music, welcome neighbors and guests. Watch for more information – mark your calendars!
- ◆ Sunday, September 13 – **Anniversary Worship Service**.

Tuesday Bible Study is reading the Letters of Peter, followed by the Letter of John. Classes continue through June 16, then will begin again in September.

Our Tuesday Bible Study has just finished the First Letter of Peter. Probably written at the end of the 1st century at a time of great persecution of the Christian communities by the Emperor Diocletian, the author offers encouragement for the small groups and individual Christians seeking to maintain their hope under increasing stress and turmoil. (We spoke in class about the similarities with today for many.) Summing up, the author offers these words which are worth all of us considering as we watch the news and wrestle with powers and issues beyond our control:

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.
(1 Peter 4:8-11)

May God's peace bless and sustain
you and yours, today and always,

Yours in Christ, Martin+



Interested in what's happening in the Episcopal Church beyond St. Andrew's? Check out these web sites:

The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino:
<https://www.realepiscopal.org/>

The Episcopal News Service:
<https://episcopalnewsservice.org>

Early Church Service

No, not 9am. As in what they did in the early church. Writing in the second century AD, Justin Martyr writes:

"On the day called Sunday, there is a meeting in the place of one of those who live in cities or the country, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time permits. When the reader has finished, the president in a discourse urges and invites us to the imitation of these noble things. Then we all stand up and offer prayers...We all hold this common gathering on Sunday, since it is the first day, on which God transforming darkness and matter made the universe, and Christ our Savior rose from the dead on the same day."

Garden of



Eatin'

GOOD LUCK SOUP

This recipe is from my dad, Hartwell Russell Hillier, who loved to cook. It's a good one to use up the bone from the Christmas ham. Sue Roe

1 pint mixed beans (see below), washed and soaked overnight.

Drain beans. Add 8 cups of water and a ham bone (or ham hock or chopped ham). Simmer for 2-3 hours.

Add: 1 large chopped onion, 1 (#2) can chopped stewed tomatoes, 1 minced clove of garlic, juice of 1 lemon, pepper to taste, Mrs. Dash to taste. Simmer 40 minutes.

Mixed beans can include: black, red kidney, pink, baby lima, great northern (white), navy (small white), black-eyed peas, split peas, lentils, pintos, etc.

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. Sharon Fishel Office: 831-247-5572

June 7	Rochelle Kelly
June 14	Barbara Banke
June 21	Jane Pomeroy
June 28	Kjaergaard family

HeeHeeHee!!

The Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on their way into the church service, "Why is it necessary to be quiet in church." One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

St. Andrew's Ministries

The Women's Circle

Dear Friends,

The Women's Circle will meet on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 pm at the home of Janet Parske, 16100 Hwy 9, Boulder Creek. Then we will meet on Wednesday, June 17 at 10:30 am at the Parish Hall.

For questions, contact Ann Moyer at 619-321-8596.

Men's Circle

The Men's Circle will meet on Thursday, June 4 at the home of Christian Kjaergaard, 370 Hillside Drive, Boulder Creek.

Questions? Call Brad Moyer, 619-321-7316 or Christian Kjaergaard, 650-864-4404.

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 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 Laura McLain, Joan McVay, Janet Parske, and Ray Rischpater. We are looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested, please contact Joan, Janet or Ray. The committee generally meets after Bible Study, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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 4th Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Julie Cory at 831-246-8750.

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

Mens AA meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm upstairs.

Thought for the Month

1 Peter 3:8-12

Seek peace and pursue it

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

For

“Those who desire life
and desire to see good days,
let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;
let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”



Ramblings from a Wanderer

Recently a friend of mine asked me the question “What is your story?”, a question that has been asked by a number of people I’ve met since moving to San Miguel de Allende but was somehow different when asked by my friend.

As I reviewed “my story”, I realized my life has, even as a child, been a series of losses and leaving things, persons, or places along the way, followed by a move, then realizing gains, only to be repeated again and again. So, looking at it through the lens of “Without Oars” (note below) and pilgrimage, it truly has been a constant pilgrimage, leading me to the next step, the next experience, on and on.

It was quite an eye-opening exercise – one that has made me recognize and appreciate how God has led me on paths I would never have dreamt of. How God has held me while I mourned what was and wondered where or how I would ever go on. And how truly blessed I’ve been through the people I’ve met, the places I’ve been, and the lessons I’ve learned.

And, though there have been times I’ve looked back and thought, “I should have done this or that”, or “I shouldn’t have done this or that”, I know now that if I had not done or not done those things and not had those experiences, I would not be the person I am today (good and bad features). And I certainly wouldn’t have the memories of all the wonderful (and not so wonderful) experiences I’ve had. And I wouldn’t have the appreciation for the life I’m now living.

Sooo, if you haven’t, might I suggest you ask yourself, “What is my story”, and really consider what your story is and how your life has become what it is because of that story. It is quite a great adventure!!

Susan Greer

Note: Without Oars: Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage, by Wesley Grandberg-Michaelson

St. Andrew’s Vestry Members

Jane Pomeroy , Senior Warden

Brad Moyer

John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden

Sheryl Mello

Rochelle Kelly

Ray Rischpater

Joan McVay

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.



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.