St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

On March 2nd we observe Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday ashes are ceremonially marked on the foreheads of Christians in the sign of a cross. Traditionally the words used to accompany this gesture are, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (These words are from Genesis 3:19) This custom goes back to the time of Pope Gregory 1 in the late 500's. So this tradition has been observed for many hundreds of years.

So what is the big deal? Why do we observe Ash Wednesday? Ash Wednesday is the day we begin the season of Lent which is a season of repentance. Repentance means to change one's mind about something therefore Lent is a season of changing our minds about certain behaviors. And while it is true that most of us are not mass murderers or sinners on such a grand scale, all of us are in fact, sinners. All of us to varying degrees act selfishly, or act in ways that do not show love to our neighbors. None of us love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. In other words, none of us are able to meet God's standards of behavior; all of us have some area upon which to work in order to become better human beings.

In the Episcopal Church calendar there are only two days when it is strongly recommended that we fast. Ash Wednesday is one and Good Friday is the other one. Traditionally the fast is from sunrise to sunset. For some the fast continues in some form throughout the entire season. This is where the 'giving up something' for Lent comes. So why should we fast? We see from Scripture and from our own personal experience that fasting is a natural response when we are grieving. Most of us who have gone through periods of great grief know that during this time, food is not even something we want to think about much less eat. This is how God wants us to feel about our sins. He wants us to grieve over what we have done. He wants us to grieve over how we are. He wants us to feel bad that we do not love others the way we ought to love them. He wants us to feel sorrow that we don't love God with all of our hearts. It is from this feeling of sorrow over our sin that our fasting is supposed to come. It is true

that during Lent many people fast as a way of developing self-control and there is nothing wrong with that. However fasting for that reason during Lent actually misses the point of the Lenten season fast.

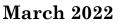
It misses the point because the fasting is supposed to come when we feel sorry about some behavior, some sin. But the fact of the matter is that most of us do not typically feel a lot of grief over our sins. We might experience a twinge of guilt or a stab of remorse from time to time but generally speaking most of us feel pretty good about ourselves. And it is because of our good feelings about ourselves that we have the reason for the season! Because it is during Lent we are supposed to take the time to consider the standards God has set and consider the people He has called us to become and to realize how short of those standards we actually are. But it isn't just about not reaching God's standard. It is also realizing how much we are loved by God; it is realizing how much we are being honored by God to be called his children. Behaving selfishly or unkindly or whatever behavior that is not proper is like wearing smelly, dirty and torn clothes to a fine dining restaurant. We should look around and be embarrassed. Jesus has called us, you and me, to join Him and His saints. It is in the midst of understanding this high position into which God through his love has placed us that we see our behavior as God sees it. It is in having this mindset that we are able to grieve properly over our sins, be ashamed of our behavior, and to want to change. And then God helps us.

Lent is one of the holiest seasons of the Christian calendar because it is during this time we once again see and sense God's call to us to be his children. And as we respond to His call, we feel His Holy Spirit moving in our lives; we sense God's great love for us, and that is a glorious and wonderful experience!

My prayer for us here at St. Andrew's is that we will experience God's moving in us; that we feel His presence and realize His love once again during this Holy season of Lent.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance



Sr. Warden's Remarks

Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden

I suppose the best kind of spring morning is the best that God has to offer. -Dodie Smith

Later this month, we will be ushering in the season of Spring, the season of rebirth. It feels that way at St. Andrew's. As the COVID rate continues to drop, Fr. Lance and the vestry continue to make plans to restart the various ministries that had to be paused during the pandemic. You should also see a gradual return to the communion service we all know so well. Rest assured, the service will still be available to watch on the internet.

Adult Formation is returning, as well as the coffee hour in the near future. Please feel free to call the church office or me directly, should you have a question about a specific ministry or program offering. Finally, on April 2nd, Father Lance, Kathy Ludwell, Connie Mehr, Janie Fritz and I will be attending the Diocesan Convention to elect the new Bishop. We are honored to represent the parish in this process and take our responsibility seriously. Please pray that God gives us wisdom as we make our decision.

Altar Guild *Glee Gates*



As we begin the season of Lent, the liturgical color changes to deep violet to represent penitence and solemnity. This year, the color will only be seen on the vested chalice and the Chasuble worn by the celebrant during the Holy Eucharist. The bare granite altar at St. Andrew's is being left unadorned. Visually, as with the covered crosses, may this be a reminder that we observe Lent as a period of prayer, meditation, self-discipline and restraint.

It is a time to reflect on what the birth of Jesus followed by His sacrifice and resurrection means to us as the foundation of our faith.



The Belles of St. Andrew's

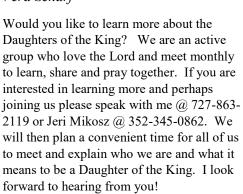
Judy White

The Belles, a social group open to all the single women of the church, meets every second Wednesday of the month, at 2 pm in Krysher Hall.

At this month's get together we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food and games! Although the purpose of the Belles is social, we also engage in outreach several times a year. We are a welcoming and fun group of ladies and hope more of you will join us!

If you would like information on the Belles please call Judy White or email me jazwhite826@gmail.com. Otherwise, just show up to a get together!

Daughters of the Constant King *Vera Scharf*



Pastoral Care Janet Crisfield

Pastoral team visits continue to be on hold for hospitals.



Extended care facilities have relaxed visiting parameters and the team has been able to visit and bring communion to those residents and private home bound parishioners . Fr Lance is able to visit in hospitals and continues to do so. All team members has been vaccinated and we call for any changes before we visit. We will continue to offer cards, prayers and phone calls to the homebound as well as all those in extended care facilities who do not care for a visit.

We have welcomed new team members Joan Hammell and Deborah Fox for training and preparation. They will soon to be able to begin visits. Joan attends the Saturday service and Deborah attends the Sunday 10:30 service.

New members are always welcome. There is training and "internship" served before you are fully able to visit on your own. We have had couples and/or two people visit as a team in some situations so if you feel this would work for you please consider and pray on this. Fr Lance and I are willing to talk to any of you who feel called to or are considering this ministry at this time.

A reminder: We cannot be in touch with you if we do not know of your needs. If you need our prayers and support you must contact the office and let them know. Lisa is very faithful in communicating with Fr. Lance and myself.

Sunday School Susan Villnow

We discussed believing in ourselves, in Yes, You Can. With my fishing poles, I came up with What A Catch. We talked about the search for happiness in ourselves, our families, our friends and our church. We talked about the Golden Rule, realizing that Jesus knew it would not be easy. All are always welcome.



Lenten Worship Series: No Wonder They Crucified Him

Fr. Fred Scharf will be conducting a Lenten Series beginning Wednesday, March 9. The series will continue for 5 weeks. At 5:00 on each Wednesday there will be soup served in Krysher Hall with the Lenten Study beginning at 6:00. Volunteers are needed to bring soup. Sign up is available in the Narthex for both the study series and to bring soup. Please call the office or see Fr. Fred if you have any questions.



Boy Scouts Debbie Smith



Boy Scout Troop 433 which has been sponsored by St. Andrew's for many years has been busy again collecting food for our food pantry. The boys were also featured at Scout's day on Sunday, Feb 13 as they processed into the church carrying our nation's flag. We currently have 25 boys in Troop 433 and are especially proud of our own Austin Cole who is working on his Tenderfoot rank. The Scouts also collected money for the "souper bowl" this year.

Music Ministry Jody Bowes

Easter Choir rehearsals have begun. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 2:30 pm in Krysher Hall Music Room, except for Saturday, March 5th rehearsal which is at 10 am. The Easter Choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday at the 10:30 services. I hope you will join us to worship and celebrate in song!



Lectionary

March 2

Ash Wednesday Isajah 58:1-12 Psalm 103:8-14 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

March 13 Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

March 20 Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 27 Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:

Julian Barry, Jason Hobson, Bradley Meissner, Courtney Foster McCorvey

Please call the office with updates to this list.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Services 10:00 and 6:00	3	4 Office Closed	5 4 pm HE II 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 10 am Choir Practice
6 8 am HE II 9:15am AF (SC) 10:15 am SS 10:30 am HE II	7 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop	8 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop	9 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 2pm - Belles (KH) 6pm Lenten Studies	10 9 am Backpacks 10 am Women's Bible Study (KH)	11 Office Closed	12 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 4 pm HE 10:30 am DOK 2:30 Choir practice 5 pm AF (SC)
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EVENT KEY			LOCATION K	EY		

AF = Adult Formation **BP** = Back Packs **DOK** = Daughters of the King **FOL** = Friends of the Library HE = Holy Eucharist JrI = Junior Inquirers

OSL = Order of St. Luke **SS** = Sunday School **YI** = Youth Inquirers **YM** = Youth Ministry

LOCATION KEY

C =Church **CH** = Coulton Hall KH=Krysher Hall $\mathbf{L} = \text{Library}$

TS = Thrift Shop**SC** = Chapel/Classroom in Narthex **MG** = Memorial Garden



1 Pat Culverhouse

- 4 Susan Fiegel,-Rapp
- 4 Rebecca Whilby 5 Sheri Haun
- 7 George Cotter
- 10 Mark Traudt,
- 12 Marion McClelland
- 12 Caroline Meissner
- 17 Norman Neill

17 Jackie McCabe 18 Sarah Lillpopp- Strzelczyk 18 James Skinner 19 David Ward 20 Justin Lightburn 21 Beverly McDougal 21 Charles DeCosa 23 Doris Derer 24 Fred Julian

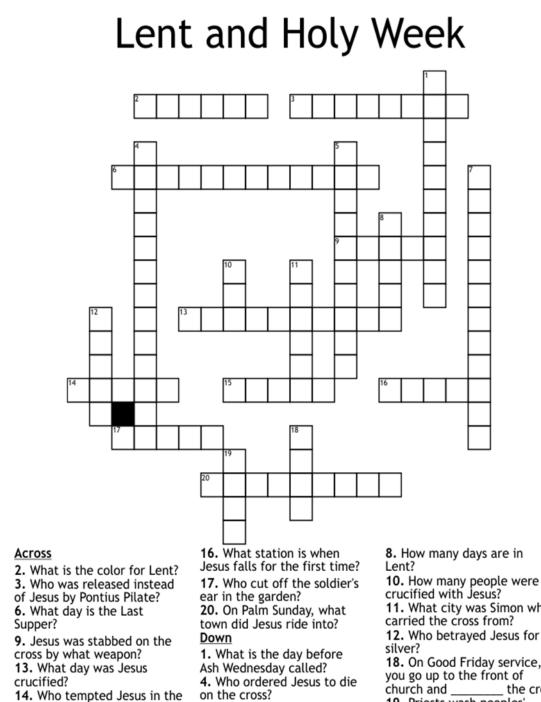
17 Clifford Dubiel

24 Lillian Lambert-Mulholland, 27 Susan Villnow 29 Audrey Mack 30 Deborah Fox, 30 Ronald Grant, Ronald 30 Margaret Hanel 30 Philip Seminerio 31 Tiberio Cevallos

- 31 Jeannie Fedoryk
- 31 Gail Niedurny
- 31 Fred Kull



17 Kay and Dale Hatch



desert while he was fasting? 15. Who denied Jesus three times like Jesus predicted?

5. What day starts Holy Week?

7. On what day does Lent start?

11. What city was Simon who

12. Who betrayed Jesus for

18. On Good Friday service, the cross. 19. Priests wash peoples'

during Holy Thursday mass.







ARE YOU AT RISK?

Life Line Screening will be at

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

on Saturday, March 26th

Ultrasound tests to **IDENTIFY RISK FACTORS** for cardiovascular disease and Osteoporosis as well as an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heartbeat) are offered for ONLY \$149 (averages out to only \$30/test) Pre-registration is required. **CALL 1-888-653-6450** to register and receive a \$10 package discount or go online to <u>https://llsa.social/HSC</u> or text the word CIRCLE to 797979

WHAT TO GIVE UP

A Lenten Reflection

Give up Worry—Trust in the Lord Give up Complaining—Focus on Gratitude Give up harsh judgments—Think kind thoughts Give up discouragement—Be full of hope Give up Bitterness—Turn to Forgiveness Give up hatred—Return good for evil Give up Pettiness—Become mature Give up Gloom—Seek beauty around you Give up Negativism—Be positive Give up Negativism—Be positive Give up anger—Be more patient Give up Jealousy—Pray for Trust Give up Gossiping—Control your tongue Give up Sin—Turn to Virtue Give up Giving up—Hang in There!

TREASURER'S REPORT										
Connie Mehr, Treasurer										
As of January 31, 2022										
	This Month	Year to Date	2022 Budget							
Revenues										
Core Church	33,057.09	$33,\!057.09$	352,447.00							
Thrift Shop	2,850.99	2,850.99	35,150.00							
Total Revenues	35,908.08	35,908.08	387,597.00							
Expenses										
Core Church	27,034.01	$27,\!034.01$	372,085.00							
Thrift Shop	1,228.01	1,228.01	15,512.00							
Total Expenses	28,262.02	28,262.02	387,597.00							
Net Gain/Loss										
Core Church	6,023.08	6,023.08	(19,638.00)							
Thrift Shop	1,622.98	1,622.98	19,638.00							
Total	7,646.06	7,646.06								
Investments		Bank Accounts								
SSGA	108,163.50	Sun Trust								
Alliance Bern-	30,709.09	Unrestricted	25,316.42							
		Restricted	131,931.26							
		Discretionary	267.58							
Total	138,872.59	Total	157,515.26							

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Things to Give Up for Lent

- Social networking 1.
- 2. Alcohol
- 3. Twitter
- 4 Chocolate
- 5. Lent
- 6. Meat
- 7. Swearing
- 8. Coffee
- 9. Soda
- 10. Sex
- 11. Worry
- 12. Sleeping in
- 13. Anger
- 14. Unforgiveness
- 15. Comparison
- 16. Gossiping
- 17. Stress eating
- 18. Complaining
- 19. Your Time
- 20. Your Money
- 21. Sleeping in a Bed
- 22. Taking Hot Showers
- 23. Watching TV/Youtube
- 24. Wearing Make-up
- 25. Games on Your Phone

- 26. Looking in the Mirror
- 27. Checking Your Bank Account
- 28. Bottled Water
- 29. Weighing Yourself
- 30. Questionable Books
- 31. Listening to the Radio
- 32. Using Instagram Filters
- 33. Texting While Driving
- 34. Driving Over the Speed Limit
- 35. Overeating
- 36. Getting Take Out
- 37. Talking About Yourself
- 38. Letting the Housework Pile Up
- 39. Avoiding Difficult Conversations
- 40. Working overtime
- 41. Nagging 42. Online Shopping
- 43. Snacking
- 44. Checking Your Phone
- 45. Hitting the Drive Thru
- 46. A Specific Food Group
- 47. Negative Relationships
- 48. Clutter
- 49. Negative Thoughts about Yourself
- 50. Trying to Get Your Own Way

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February Attendance						
Week Ending Sat./Sunday	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Total		
Feb 5/6	52	33	71	156		
Feb 12/13	58	32	102	192		
Feb 19/20	62	28	97	187		
Feb 26/27	61	34	93	188		
TOTAL	233	127	363	723		
AVERAGE	58	31	90	180		

February 2022

Weddings: 0

Baptisms: 0

Transfers in: 0 Transfers out: 0 Anointings: 0 Deaths: 3 Sachinko Sinjo 2-5-22 David Visnaw 2-8-22

Al Berry 2 - 10 - 22Joe Pignatiello 2-18-22

Funerals: 1 Joe Pignatiello 2-25-22

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Sunday Services

8 am Service (no music) 9:15 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services

4 pm Service 5 pm Adult Formation (via Zoom)

Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, and Thurs. 9 am - 12 pm (Closed Friday)

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COVID Testing Update

4 free tests can be ordered per residential address. Also test kits at pharmacies are now covered by insurance or if you have to pay upfront you can be reimbursed. https://www.covidtests.gov/