

# the CHIMES OF ST. ANDREW'S

March 25, 2020

Lent

## DEAR FRIENDS,

In the matter of a couple of weeks our lives have changed. Even while the new normal is setting in, it still feels so very strange. I keep praying for quick relief but trying to think about ways that we can be prepared for the long haul. In the midst of social distancing, practicing good hygiene, and staying at home, we are challenged to find ways to stay connected as a community. I'm moved by the outpouring of grace and compassion by our people who have stepped up and offered assistance to help out in any way that they can. Adding your name to the growing list of volunteers for Pastoral Care is one way that you can help. Also, my mantra has become, "Stay in touch." Call your friends often just to check in.

We are figuring out ways to utilize the online resources for our services. My first thought is that many resources and services are being posted for things like a do-it-yourself Morning Prayer service so we are not going to add to that other than recommending some good websites. We are, however, working on a St. Andrew's Morning Prayer service where we ask our members to record on their phone a portion of the service and Cara will bring those disparate items together to create a virtual service featuring our members. Contact Cara if you would like to read a prayer or a lesson. Sermons will continue to be offered on their own (without the context of a service) so you can watch them as you like. Sermon texts will be posted as well. In addition, we will feature an ongoing offering of music and prayers. By the time you read this, we will have had at least one posted on our Facebook and web pages. If you would like to add a prayer request at this brief service, please let us know and we'll add your concern to the list.

Regarding our services, today the diocese asked that we not hold Holy Week or Easter services in person. The Good Friday Cantata has been canceled, but the fundraising effort to get the cantata professionally recorded is still in the works. You can donate to that effort. Please see details on our website or in the weekly online newsletter. Mary is working on an online musical offering that would be suitable for Good Friday. You have probably heard by now that the Rummage Sale has been at least postponed. We are hoping that we can bring it back in June. If not, we will have the fall sale. If we cannot hold the sale in June, we will take a significant financial hit and, as most of our costs are building and personnel related, I don't see cost-cutting measures covering that loss. The

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Friends, because of the current health crisis, the diocese has indicated that we must cancel Holy Week and Easter Day services—at least in-person services. We will let you know what virtual services we will offer, and the diocese will be holding virtual worship for the Triduum and Easter Day. As Bishop Gates says, "This is a bitter reality for us all, but represents our need to care for one another and our wider community."



## TEMPORARY PROCEDURES

The parish office is closed for the time being. Mail will be picked up, phone and email messages will be retrieved, and food pantry donations left at the door will be collected. Please let us know if you need our help.

**Stay safe and stay connected!**

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## Dear Friends, cont.

vestry will continue to lead us and they will take action that will help us to cover our operations. You can help by making a pledge for 2020 to support our ministry if you haven't already done so, and by keeping your pledge up to date. Mail your checks to the parish office or consider the bill-pay option through your bank. We are lucky in that we have the means to weather this issue at least for now. That doesn't mean it won't hurt, but our existence is not in question. As you well know, one real consequence of the closure of schools, restaurants, and other businesses related to the social aspect of our existence, is that people will be out of work and find it challenging to afford the basic necessities of life.

That makes our outreach that much more important. More people will be looking for help with basic needs, like food and shelter. Supporting our institutions like My Brother's Table, the Lynn Shelter Association, Lifebridge, and other organizations that support the homeless and those with food insecurity can literally be a life-saving effort. I encourage your generous and continuing support of these institutions.

Finally, I want to offer a word of hope. We are people of faith. We are literally called upon by Jesus himself to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. We are who people turn to for hope. The strength of our life as a community of faith and our acts of compassion are witnesses to the character of the faith we hold. Times like these test the best of people. To feel anxiety or fear is normal, but we will not be defined by those passions. We serve a God who loves us. Our task is simply to allow that love and to live the consequences of that knowledge in how we live. It may seem rather bleak right now, but this too will pass. Keep the faith. Stay safe. Take care of each other. I WILL see you in church again, but until that time, we'll see you on the Internet.

-Clyde+

### A Collect from Compline

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Give alms from your possessions, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you make it. Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor, and the face of God will not be turned away from you. If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. —Tobit 4:7-8

## KEEPING TOGETHER WHILE WE'RE APART

We miss each other, and miss gathering on Sundays and at other times! Here are some ways we can keep together while we are apart:

**Visit St. Andrew's Facebook page,** <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsMarblehead/>. Here is where to see videos and live-streams of services, readings, and sermons, and to see other information of interest to the community. You do not need to be a member of Facebook to visit the page, but if you *are* a member, Facebook offers a way to interact with other parishioners and comment on what you are seeing. Concerned about privacy on Facebook? Read <https://www.businessinsider.com/how-to-make-facebook-private>.

**Visit St. Andrew's website,** [www.standrewsmhd.org](http://www.standrewsmhd.org). The site is updated every few days, offering links to videos of sermons and services; links to letters from the clergy and bishops; the latest issue of *The Chimes* (and an archive of past issues); a photo album; and more.

**Subscribe to our weekly e-news.** Each week, and sometimes more frequently, we send an online newsletter, summarizing news from the parish. If you're not subscribed, or if for some reason you have stopped receiving the email blasts, send a message to [communication@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:communication@standrewsmhd.org), or call Peg Howard.

**Phone or email each other, or send a letter or card!** Members of vestry and the pastoral care team are doing this, but we should all take the opportunity to communicate however we can. If you don't have a printed directory, remember that you can access the parish directory online, at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/StAndrewsChurchMHD>. If you are on our parish email list, you received the universal password in an email from Pat (Brown) Hahn. To obtain the password, email [communication@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:communication@standrewsmhd.org), or leave a message at 781-631-4951.

*As always, let the clergy and pastoral care team know of any needs you or a loved one might have.*

“In profound ways, we are not alone in this.

We are together, by God's grace.”

-Bishop Alan M. Gates, March 14, 2020

## STAYING CONNECTED

Just about ten days ago I was making plans for my next business trip to Washington D.C., preparing the agenda for the March vestry meeting, and thinking about ideas for my U-13 girls lacrosse team practice. All of that seems a distant memory now with what has unfolded all over the state and the country as health officials roll out their plan to contain the coronavirus. No more travel for me, practices for spring sports are canceled for the foreseeable future, Sunday church service was online, and our vestry did meet, but over a conference call, a first for me, and apparently also a first for Clyde.

Almost overnight our lives have been completely upended, and let's hope it is short-lived and produces the intended result of slowing the spread of the virus so fewer people are impacted. In the meantime, you should know that your clergy, staff, vestry, and other key leaders within the parish are in constant communication devising ways we can stay connected and help each other through this unprecedented situation.

We have an amazing community who stands ready to help. We will be reaching out to all of you by email, phone, and through the creative online content that we are so grateful to have from Clyde and Cara and others in the coming weeks. We will get through this!

*-Nat Wyszor, senior warden*

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## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

- **Record a video of a reading** for a Morning Prayer service: Notify the Rev. Cara Rockhill.
- **Help with the pastoral care ministry** in this time of need: Notify the Rev. Clyde Elledge.
- **Make food donations:** Drop them outside the office door.



## HABITS OF GRACE

Read Presiding Bishop Curry's meditations on "habits of grace." He is posting a new meditation each Monday.

<https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

## THE WAY OF LENT 2020

We have already had several thought-provoking sessions of our online Lenten program. Four local churches, St. Andrew's, St. Michael's Episcopal, St. Stephen's Methodist, and Clifton Lutheran, have come together for a Lenten series that looks closely at Rules of Life, specifically the Way of Love. The discipline is designed to help all of us learn to walk in the Way of Love, even if we can't meet in person. We ask that everyone like us on Facebook at [THE WAY OF LENT 2020](#) and continue to engage at your online convenience. The entire series thus far is online, so it is not too late to begin. Journey with us as we work together to live as Christians in this world, to live into the Way of Love.

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## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Although we will be holding our Easter services online this year, we will have many other opportunities when church returns in the sanctuary to honor loved ones with memorial flowers. Please send the names of those you would like remembered, along with a donation, to:

St. Andrew's Altar Guild  
c/o Kathy Loveland  
15 Sparhawk Terrace  
Marblehead, MA 01945

Donations given to the Altar Guild are used to sustain their expenses throughout the year, from candles to altar cloths, to brass polish to wafers, etc. Any amount you would like to contribute would be appreciated. Thank you.



## LEADING A SEMICOLON LIFE

Probably because of the sermon from this weekend, I've been thinking a lot about punctuation. Specifically, about semicolons. For much of my life, I had no idea the purpose of a semicolon. And I still don't always know. But when the moment comes when a semicolon is the right punctuation, I KNOW.

Semicolons are important in my generation. I know many people with semicolon tattoos because of what they represent. Pause.

A semicolon is a pause. It's not a stop, like a period. It's not a break to make a point, like a colon. It's not a sign of one ongoing thought, like a comma. A semicolon is a pause in the middle of a sentence.

This weekend, for the sermon on John 9, in my mind there was one very prominent semicolon: neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind. The two halves of this sentence are related, but not one ongoing thought, nor is there a need for a stop or a break.

Pausing and semicolons are on my mind these days. Because, I think many (if not most) of us are living semicolon lives right now. Our lives haven't stopped. Our lives are not continuing. We're in a pause. Life continues, but differently. And it has really slowed down. Life will resume, but maybe a bit differently.

This is an unsteady and unusual time. With a sprinkle of dread mixed in. But, I also know that many of us will intentionally take vacations that allow us to slow down. Right now, the planet is forcing us to slow down.

We don't really have much choice except to pause.

This pause is a really great opportunity for us as a church community to see how we can be part of one another's lives, even from at least six feet apart.

We're offering digital content. We can offer more!

Is there anything that you would like us to offer? We could do a daily noonday prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. We could easily host Zoom meetings to check in with one another. Clyde and I can have "fireside chats" (even though I don't have a fireplace) over Zoom. We could do an online book group!

There are all kinds of things that we can also do. It seems like the Sunday sermon on Facebook is a hit, and everything we've heard about the community Morning Prayer, and the modified noonday prayer in the church has been positive. We'll keep doing both (and I would love if you would be willing to record a video for morning prayer).

This is an unusual, but also exciting time. I hope we all take this mandatory pause seriously.

And to all of the parents of young children out there, my heart and prayers are with you. If there is anything in particular that would be helpful to you all, for entertaining the children or to help you engage with someone over the age of 8 (and not your spouse), PLEASE let us know. I have a book in mind for a book club that could be specifically for younger parents (also women, but we can figure something out for the guys, too).

Be well; we'll get through this.

*Cara+*



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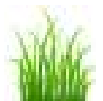
## GROWING INTO OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN THANKS YOU!

In the midst of current challenges, here is some good news!

### The Growing Into Our Future Campaign Thanks YOU!

In February, we met and slightly surpassed our goal!

THANK YOU to our community for its love, generosity, and belief in St. Andrew's mission and future. When the time is right, we'll celebrate this milestone with a special parish event at a time to be determined later. In the meantime, thank you for making it possible for St. Andrew's to hire Assistant Rector, the Rev. Cara, to implement many building improvements (including worship space improvements still to come), and to plan for a safer parking lot and beautified grounds.



## LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE

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*The following message was prepared for The Chimes prior to Covid-19's impact revealed itself in our daily lives. I started to feel it best to scrap the message as it perhaps sounds too upbeat for the current stressful time. However, when the vestry held its March meeting by telephone conference I began to change my mind. Once we got in sync on how best to manage the conversation without the pleasure of being physically together, we set to the work at hand. This centered primarily on how best to care for our community in this unprecedented time. I realized that even as we isolate now, we are still very much a community and we will get through this all the better because of these strong and committed relationships. So please be patient with me if I stay hopeful for the future.*

As I become more familiar with the diverse activities which St. Andrew's offers and which flourish in our parish community, I can't be anything but impressed with the sense of purpose and dedication of the people I have the privilege to know. The relationships developed among the parishioners feed this community. With the leadership of Clyde and Cara, we're in a good place to welcome and support people of all ages. As we prepare for the Centennial celebrations, how do we share what we know is special about St. Andrew's with the wider community? What can we do to help people find St. Andrew's in the coming months and years? If you have ideas, please share with a vestry member.

*-Billie Phillips, junior warden*

### PLEDGE PAYMENTS



St. Andrew's still has bills to pay. Please continue your pledge payments, and if possible make an additional donation to support the parish in its efforts to keep connected. Mail your check or visit our web page for other ways to donate.

### PLEDGE REMINDER

If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please do so at your earliest convenience. Our fiscal year has begun and with many pledges still outstanding, we have a deficit budget. Please mail in your pledge card, or email treasurer Jone Sienkiewicz, with your pledge information at: [treasurer@standrewsmhd.org](mailto:treasurer@standrewsmhd.org). Thank you.

## WWJD? CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

On my bedside table is (or was—we're cleaning up; it's somewhere else now . . . ) a slender volume of *Tales of the Sufi Masters*, collected by Idris Shah. One of its Teaching Stories, with an overt Christian echo, tells of a learned mystic who boards a sailing vessel for a journey. As was the custom on meeting a mystic, other passengers asked him for a saying as they boarded. His response to each was, "Think on death." Appropriately mystified, they avoided him after that. As the voyage proceeded, the mystic fell asleep in the stern. As happens in these stories, a fierce storm blew up, and to save the ship, passengers and crew desperately threw cargo overboard. The mystic slept on. After the storm blew over, the passengers angrily confronted him—"Did you not realize that a mere plank was between us and watery death?"

The mystic responded, "Do you not realize that it is always so? On land, there is not even a plank between us and death."

In January, as our ship bobbed encouragingly on a sea of full employment, rising 401(k)s, and mild winter weather, a storm began to blow. Our days and our larders were full; our worries were all in the normal range; the storm was there, and we were here.

All was rosy and well, and then, suddenly, it wasn't.

Our world has seen this before, many times in many forms: storms, earthquakes, wars, volcanoes, tsunami, famine and drought, plagues. Death delivered without warning, without direction. The Old Testament often ascribes these events to God's wrath and our shortcomings, and some Christians still do. Others point blame elsewhere, to fantastic conspiracies or evil forces in the world.

WWJD? What would Jesus do? When Jesus was confronted with disease or death, He created healing, and practiced mercy, overcame the evil with His love.

WSWD? What should we do, confronted with this novel but ancient form of disease and death, made in the form of an infinitesimal crown, threatening our very lives, and our fantasies of the future?

Authorities, parents, adult children of those of us who are older, are all full of instructions, inundating us with the mundane—wash hands; stand over there, not here; disinfect everything; be by yourselves, not together; protect yourself to protect others. These all speak of fear—how can we model love?

As a Christian community, we are trying to continue communal, regular worship, we're reaching out to communicate with everyone frequently, without physical contact, we're helping each other (a friend shopped for us today). The choir is working to find a way to bring music to our worship. Macy Bornhorst is making art to cheer up isolated oldsters, and Paxton led us in the Lord's Prayer today, on Facebook.

These are brave efforts to maintain our community in the face of this threat. Thanks to Clyde, Cara, Mary, Pat, Peter, and others for quickly creating these new channels of supporting each other.

What else can we do, for them, for you, for others, to extend the loving hands of Christ, here and now?

This isn't a rhetorical question. Send your ideas to Clyde or Cara to share thoughts on how we can be the healing hands of Jesus in our community, and beyond, during this threat to our world.

-John Howard

### GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA



While the Good Friday Cantata is canceled for this year, Bob Franke is seeking funding assistance for a first-ever studio recording of this work, *Meditations on the Passion*. If you would like to support the 40th anniversary of Bob Franke's Good Friday Cantata (*Meditations on the Passion*), please send donations to:

Bob Franke  
106 Winona Street  
Peabody, MA 01960

## WEDNESDAY NOON EUCHARISTS

A Wednesday service will be posted at noon on Facebook and will be available after that, as well. Especially during this time when many are at home, watching this can be a reassuring part of a Lenten spiritual practice. Take a break mid-day—or at any time—for a quiet, reflective service.

## MY BROTHER'S TABLE

My Brother's Table in Lynn is now closed for sit-down meals. They are open for take-out only daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. The participation of St. Andrew's and all other church groups that normally help out is suspended. If anyone would like to know other ways to volunteer, please call them at 781-595-3224.



The loss of income, coupled with the increased expenses of changing their operations in response to the pandemic, has put an incredible strain on their finances. They are reaching out to supporters to ask for help during this challenging time. If you are able, please consider making a donation via their website, or by mail.

**The church is not the building.  
The doors are closed; the Church is not!**



## PASTORAL CARE

We are looking to expand our pastoral care team. Please let us know if you can offer an occasional meal or ride or visit a parishioner in need.

Contact Pat Hahn in the office (781-631-4951) or Spencer Moore (781-771-4350).

For a pastoral visit, please contact the rector, Clyde Elledge, directly at rector@standrewsmhd.org or at his cell phone (see below).

*In case of pastoral emergency*, please call Clyde's cell phone, 781-576-0329.

## LOTIONS AND POTIONS



Please save your hotel-sized containers of shampoo, toothpaste, and other toiletries to drop in the basket in the Guild Room. Diana Isbrandtsen will make gift baskets to deliver to local shelters. Thank you.

## CHIMES SCHEDULE The Chimes is published monthly.

(Please e-mail articles to lakeloreyn@aol.com. Articles submitted after the deadline will be included on a space-available basis.)

**April 17**

**May 15**

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## Mission Statement

God calls us at St. Andrew's to grow spiritually and personally and to reach out to others as part of the global family. We will strive to respond to this challenge every day of our lives through:

- Worship that strengthens and inspires
- Love, mutual care, nurture, and fellowship
- Christian formation and teaching Christian discipleship at all stages of life
- Mission and outreach into the community and the world
- Faithful stewardship in gratitude for God's creation and gifts

