

the CHIMES OF ST. ANDREW'S

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Lent

DEAR FRIENDS,

Every day I look around for things that can remind me of some sense of normalcy in life. For instance, our newsletter goes out each month, there is a Lenten program, we are already prepping for Holy Week. Things like this, which we would do any year, actually help me to cope with that which is not so normal. You know, the fact that our worship remains and shall continue to be remote, our vigilance at physical distancing is even more important now that vaccines are rolling out, Zoom is both a blessing and a curse.

In spite of these continuing challenges to our life together, we all are trying our best to make the best of the situation. Our community remains solid as we support one another. Cynthia Hibberd sent me a cutting from the *Salem News* reporting that our own Steve Harrington received the Salem Chamber Community Service award: "Harrington is credited with helping the NAGLY (North Shore Alliance for GLBTQ Youth) Center in downtown Salem become one of the largest LGBTQ youth centers in the country." Thank you, Cynthia and congratulations to Steve and his staff!

Charlotte Tannheimer celebrates a milestone birthday this month. She will be a young 100 years on the 27th. Maybe by the time you read this, it will have already happened, but please be sure to send her a hearty Happy Birthday. Our prayers and gratitude go with you, Charlotte. Your spirit, wit, and wisdom have certainly made a mark on our life together and we are better for your presence among us. Blessings to you, dear lady.

This past month we mourned the passing of two dear friends, Cynthia Davis and Judy Boal. Both ladies were longtime members and added their own spice to St. Andrew's. You will be remembered and missed. Memorial services will be planned for later in the year.

As noted, we have a Lenten Program that you can access online. It is founded upon the hymn known as St. Patrick's Breastplate or "I bind unto myself today..."—hymn 370 in our hymnal. You will note that in Lent we will sing two verses from this hymn each week for your pondering. The material for the program is found at [Barn Geese Worship](#). Just click on Lent 2021 and follow the prompts to the appropriate week to find a reading, a prayer, and a suggested action for that week. In addition to this resource, I will join the Rev. Jim Bixby of Clifton Lutheran and the Rev. Ross Johnson of St. Stephen's

United Methodist in a weekly conversation on the material. That will be posted each Monday afternoon and available as you can fit it into your schedule. Questions, comments, insights, whatever you might like to offer will be fielded via email so send me your wisdom and I will convey points as we have time in our weekly conversation. I hope you will find time to join us.

You may have heard from Bob Franke that the cantata is nearly complete but the recording will not be finished in time for our Good Friday slot where the cantata has lived for decades now. We will fill in this year with a version of Lessons and Carols appropriate for Lent and with an eye on Easter. Next year, we will offer up a celebration in thanksgiving for the ministry of and the lives changed by the *Meditations on the Passion*, by Bob Franke. Bob is still taking donations for the production of the cantata. Please direct those donations to Bob or you can send something to the office and we can forward it on to him as well.

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Dear Friends, cont.

Vaccines are slowly making their way to our population. Like other Americans and world citizens, we wait. We have to be patient given that the rollout of vaccines was not well prepared for, but that simply means doing what we have been doing and being vigilant in protecting ourselves and those we love. If you are living in Marblehead and are within the age/health tier that is currently being offered vaccines, you can contact the Marblehead Council on Aging and you can get assistance scheduling your vaccine. In other towns, I would recommend contacting your town and or the Council on Aging/Senior Centers. You can also try the Mass.gov website or call 211 or (877) 211-6277. If you still need help, you can call us at the office and we can see what we can do to assist you.

Stay tuned, be vigilant,
Clyde+

HAPPY 100TH, CHARLOTTE!



Our beloved Charlotte Tannheimer will turn 100 years old on February 27! Some know Charlotte as a friend at coffee hour who delights in knowing how your week was, an animated lay reader, a fascinating compatriot at retreats, founder of the St. Andrew's poetry group, a Church School

teacher with a salty tongue; others know her as a brave presence for peace in El Salvador who established our sister parish, an inspiring teacher of English at Endicott College and at universities in China, a companion whose stories keep you hooting with laughter and who sometimes is late answering her doorbell because she is "just getting to the good part" in reading a Shakespeare drama.

We want to shower Charlotte with cards, stories, and pictures. Please send them to 66 Beach Street, Marblehead 01945. Also, we are putting together an online album. If you are able to get your anecdotes and photos in by the 26th, we can send the link to her daughter in time for her birthday. Please send them to communication@standrewsmhd.org. If you have only hard copies of pictures, please deliver them to Penny Stratton, 30 Orchard Circle, Swampscott, and she will scan and return them.

When Charlotte was at Hohai University in China teaching, she was called "Ho Hai's treasure." She is our treasure—let's all celebrate this extraordinary lady as we each recall the sparkle she brings to us in every interaction.



MUSIC NOTES



Music continues to stream outwards from St. Andrew's!

This past February 14, Jubilate sang a beautiful Evensong that we broadcast and Salem Public TV also recorded and will broadcast it. We are working on another Evensong for March, a Bach cantata after Easter and an Early Music concert in May.

The youth choir continues on Zoom on Wednesday afternoons at 5:15-6:00 p.m. All are welcome as we work on sight singing, Episcopal traditions of the church, and thinking of ways we can show support and encouragement to our St. Andrew's community. I hope by now you have downloaded our Lent Bingo calendar (see page 4) and are spreading acts of kindness throughout the land.

The parish choir has been trying a game night run by Dottie Foley on Tuesday nights. Thank you, Dottie, for organizing this!

We also have four people singing at Sunday services: Cameron, Patricia, Teddi, and Matthew. We rehearse Tuesday nights and sing each Sunday, with masks and distanced. They are doing a great job under trying conditions.

Exciting news! Some of our choir members have been vaccinated and will return to choir in person soon! Some will be ready before Easter, but most of them after Easter. This is great news; so everyone go roll up your sleeve and get the vaccine so we can sing together again.

We will be recording a Lenten Lessons and Carols for Good Friday: anthems, hymns, and readings that reflect the path Jesus took to the cross that day. We are just keeping the Good Friday evening spot warm for you, Bob Franke—look for the cantata to return next year!

-Mary Judice, Music Director

WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE ONLINE ONLY

Wednesday noon services are shared live on Facebook and are videotaped for later viewing on Facebook. During this Lenten season they provide a gentle respite from the day's busyness with prayers, meditation, and beautiful music.

A LENTEN DEVOTION WITH FOLLOW-UP REFLECTION

Our online Lenten program this year is offered in collaboration with Clifton Lutheran and St. Stephen's United Methodist. It focuses on themes presented in St. Patrick's Breastplate, an Old Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick, and known to us as hymn 370, "I bind unto myself today." The program we are using was developed by Barn Geese Worship as a forty-day Lenten devotional inspired by this ancient and beautiful prayer. They relate the origin of this prayer:

St. Patrick sang it when the King of Ireland laid an ambush to stop him from coming to Tara to spread Christianity. When he sang, the ambush saw not St. Patrick and his monks, but a herd of deer and a wild fawn. It's called a Breastplate Prayer because of its genre as a protection prayer.

To participate, go to barngeeseworship.com and click on the link at the top of the page for "Lent 2021" and scroll to "Lent Devotional." There also will be a link to this sent each Monday. Each week a different verse of the hymn will be explored to inspire ways to pray, things from which to fast, and how we might give. For the first week of Lent the verse is about the Trinity and relationships that are manifestations of God's love. We are encouraged to:

- Pray for the needs of people behind the headlines in our news sources.
- Fast from complaint by refraining from gossip or negativity.
- Give our time by calling three people we have been meaning to contact.



Each week, the Rev. Jim Bixby of Clifton Lutheran, the Rev. Ross Johnson of St. Stephen's United Methodist, and the Rev. Clyde Elledge will offer a recorded reflection on the week's scriptures. This conversation will be available in a video recording that will be posted on YouTube on Monday afternoons. Every Monday we will send an email to announce when the YouTube video has been posted; it will include a link to the week's devotional.

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA: RECORDING UPDATE

Last year, as we were planning for a special 40th Anniversary performance of Bob Franke's Good Friday Cantata, the pandemic arrived and we had to cancel—just as we had to cancel so much and pull ourselves inside. Although we thought we would be able to perform it this year, it is not to be. As Bob himself points out, "The Good News remains; the cantata tells a story of love and sacrifice, which for all of us at St. Andrew's means that the decision to cancel this year for the same reason that we did last year was, as Jesus promised, an easy yoke to bear."



















Fortunately, recording of the cantata—at least of solo parts—has been able to proceed, and Bob reports that he is very pleased with what he has heard so far. We won't know yet when it will be finished—it's unclear when it will be safe to gather a group for the recording of choral parts—but it's safe to say we will likely have finished CDs in hand by Good Friday 2022, when the 40th Anniversary performance will take place at last.

































It's not too late to make a donation in support of the recording. Make checks payable to Robert J. Franke or Telephone Pole Music Publishing Co., and mail to 106 Winona Street, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960.

LENTEN CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Mary Jodice and the choristers have developed a Lent Bingo calendar focusing on kindness. It is chock-full of day-to-day activities for the season of Lent. Perfectly geared for kids, it's appropriate for use by all ages. Simply print it out, put it on the wall or your fridge, and use it as a guide to undertake a mindful activity each day of Lent.

Thanks to Shauna LeBlanc for taking the idea developed by Mary and the choristers and putting it into wonderful graphic format!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
14.  Valentine's Day	15.	16.  Put this calendar up in your home	17.  Ash Wednesday Go get ashes with the family	18.  When walking on the street, say "hi" to someone first	19.  Call an older parent or family member or grandparent	20.  Your choice: Bake, draw, or pick flowers and deliver secretly to someone
21.  Watch church at St. Andrew's 10 a.m. online	22.  Shopping day! Buy pasta & sauce for the New American Food Project	23.  Find a lonely person and talk to them	24.  Give someone a compliment	25.  Do a chore without being asked	26.  Write a nice card to a friend and mail it to them	27.  Make a secret delivery to someone!
28.  Watch 10 a.m. church service with the family						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.  Buy cans of soup for the New American Food Project	2. Write a prayer to be used for grace before supper with your family and continue to use it the month of March	3.  Hold the door for someone	4.  Use your very best manners without being told	5.  Send artwork or a card to a friend	6.  Make a secret delivery!
7.  Watch church at St. Andrew's at 10 a.m.	8.  Buy peanut butter and turn for the New American Food Project	9.  When walking on the street, say "hi" to someone first	10.  Call a grandparent or older relative	11.  Give someone a compliment	12.  Find a lonely person and talk to them	13.  Make a secret delivery!
14.  Watch church at St. Andrew's at 10 a.m. with family	15.  Buy rice and beans for the New American Food Project	16.  Volunteer to do a chore or two around the house	17.  Tell your family you love them and appreciate them	18.  Send a card or artwork to a friend	19.  Help by returning the shopping cart	20.  Make a secret delivery!
21.  Watch church 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's with your family	22.  Buy pasta & sauce for the New American Food Project	23.  (When your parents are near) give a stranger a compliment	24.  Do an extra chore around the house	25.  Use good manners without being prompted	26.  Tell your teacher(s) that you appreciate them	27.  Make a secret delivery!
28. Palm Sunday Watch church at St. Andrews at 10 a.m.  Wave your palms outside	29.  Buy soup for the New American Food Project	30.  Write a letter or make art and mail it to your friend	31.  Call your older relatives			

BELLS ARE THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH

“Bells are the voice of the church: they have tones that touch and search the hearts of young and old.”

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



During this lockdown, one of the things I miss most about St. Andrew’s is seeing the bell tower when I drive up the hill to park my car for a rehearsal or a meeting or a service. It is the tall stone beacon beckoning and welcoming us. It is the bell that calls to us—almost, it seems, as if it has chosen a hymn or a note especially to greet each of us.

The freestanding bell tower is almost unique among American churches. The tower was built in 1964 thanks to funds from a bequest by Martha Higginson Hills. A search of the archives yielded this description of it from *The Marblehead Messenger* in January 1965. “Standing free and tall next to an old pine tree is the bell tower of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church . . . built in the style of traditional freestanding bell towers of the Early Middle Ages in England.”

As much as the bell tower symbolizes to me, it is the bell inside it about which I often find myself meditating. We have a state-of-the-art carillon now, thanks to the generosity of Alan Daly, and I love the chimes and music emanating from it—still, I find myself wondering about what came before it.

Many of you probably know that the bell was not made especially for the tower. It is a Marblehead hand-me-down, though a very distinguished hand-me-down indeed. It hung in Marblehead’s Old South Church until that church was destroyed by fire. It tolled when the men of Marblehead left to fight in the Civil War. The bell then hung in the Summer Street Methodist Church, next going to St. Stephen’s before being given to the town. Finally, over one hundred years after its creation overseas, it arrived in our bell tower.

I researched the genesis of the bell. Though I couldn’t find many primary sources, I think I have found the most likely story of how the bell got to Marblehead and why its movements were so frequent.

All of the sources concur that the bell was cast in Sheffield, England circa 1860. As best as I can determine, the foundry where the bell was made was part of Naylor Vickers and Company. Naylor Vickers had only recently begun manufacturing bells and exported about 25% of them to North America. It had sales offices in Boston and several other large American cities. The company seems to have been interested in expanding into more profitable enterprises and used the quick money it made in the United States to finance its transformation into a shipbuilding and armaments company. Workers and even the odd muckraking journalist questioned the production methods and materials used to manufacture the bells and there were numerous reports of fissures developing even in brand-new bells.

It is no surprise, then, that this bell was passed from pillar to post before making its way to our bell tower, where our parish forebears tried to keep it in service by repairing cracks and non-functioning elements of the bell. Paul Haley and the Buildings and Grounds Committee worked mightily to help our bell sing and when they could do no more, left it in its place of honor and let it rest.

What touches me so much about this bell is that it ended up at St. Andrew’s in much the same way many of us ended up as part of this parish family. It was “born” imperfect, as we all are. It had moments of pride during its peregrinations. Decades of not quite being in the right place. Not quite living up to expectations. It arrived at St. Andrew’s and was well loved and even though it can “do” nothing for us, we still cherish it. We know its story, we don’t care about its flaws, we simply welcome it and give it a safe place to be. Like so many of us, it finally found its home right here.

—Dorothy “Dottie” Foley
Parish Historian



HOPE

In late April 2020, I looked on my front steps, and someone had left me an anonymous gift. The gift was a painted rock and on it was the word HOPE. At that time, we were all in the midst of a COVID epidemic, and I had recently suffered a serious concussion and had constant migraines and a vision problem. Hope was not on my list of thoughts, but survival was. Yet, the rock was placed on a sunny window sill and when the sun came in, the words HOPE would shine.

Time has marched on, along with the hope and the reality of a vaccine. I have gone, like many others, from thoughts of survival to plans of a future.

What about St. Andrew's precious community, YOU? St. Andrew's has creatively shown ways to give hope and support for all of us. In March, a phone chain reached out to everyone asking what they could do to help. Hope could be a phone call away, a connection during an isolating epidemic. Next, services went online including our wonderful choir. Zoom meetings became a weekly occurrence. St. Andrew's community stepped up to pay their pledges to the best of their abilities. The community helped to feed 53 families in Lynn who had lost their jobs and were not eligible for unemployment benefits. Hope is always easier when your children are not hungry.

In July we returned to live services in the parking lot. We sat six feet apart in our lawn chairs. Miraculously, we could see each other in our masked faces and have a visual connection. A moment of great hope in a long lonely summer. I cannot forget our baptism by water pistol—two beautiful boys with shining faces as they received God's special graces and the love of the community. What fun. The hope of the future.

In the spring we hope to return to the parking lot. A mask gathering in the fall. Even a rummage sale in the future. More importantly, we might even hope to worship in our church.

Finally, I feel that we, ourselves, and our church, and our nation, have a future. We all have hope of a healthy tomorrow. I have slowly healed and to the someone who placed that rock on our front steps, THANK YOU.

-Ginny Coffin, Vestry

NEW AMERICAN FOOD PROJECT

The New American Food Project continues at its winter location in the basement of Clifton Lutheran.

- Drop off food outside St. Andrew's red doors Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call the office (781-631-4951) or email to let them know you are dropping off a donation. Please leave homemade cookies **by 11:30 on Thursdays.**
- Sort food Thursday between 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Clifton Lutheran.
- Deliver the food bags Thursdays. Drivers should be at the site by 1:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to sign up.

MARBLEHEAD FOOD PANTRY



March is St. Andrew's month to supply the Marblehead Food Pantry. Because of the pandemic, food may be delivered to the lower level of the Masonic Hall, 62 Pleasant St., Marblehead on Tuesdays from 9-11:00 a.m. If you deliver it to

St. Andrew's, please let the office know first and clearly mark it for the Marblehead Food Pantry.

MORE HELP WITH MEALS

Here is another volunteer opportunity to deliver meals, this one organized via the "Welcome the Stranger" team. Christopher's Café in Lynn, along with the Mass Coalition for the Homeless, has been preparing and delivering meals to low-income people with COVID. You can make a big difference in a short time and the delivery is contact-free.

Slots are available for drivers to deliver food on Wednesdays in March. Pick up meals from Christopher's between 9:00-12 noon, leave them on the doorsteps of families, and text them to let them know the food has been delivered. To sign up, [click here.](#)

MASKS AVAILABLE

Thanks to Deanna Karwowski, masks are once again available in a container near the office entrance, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ANTIRACISM GROUP
SOME WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 P.M.
Next virtual meeting: March 17



We are currently viewing, discussing, and learning from a video series recommended by the Episcopal City Mission: *Make*

Me an Instrument: A Guide to Civil Discourse. Look for the link in the weekly eblast. All are welcome!

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS
EVERY TUESDAY 9:00 a.m.

Come join us for warm fellowship and great discussions as we explore each week's upcoming Gospel. Join us every week or once in a while—whatever suits you best! Please contact Margaret Eckman if you have questions.



OFFICE HOURS

A reminder that office hours are Monday-Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing at all times while on the premises.

Please call or email ahead for an appointment, so Pat can let you in and the office will know you are in the building. Call 781-631-4951 or email office@standrewsmhd.org. Clyde is always available by appointment, and the office is open to appointments when needed.

THE MEMORY CAFÉ

The Memory Café now is on alternate Tuesdays, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a judgment-free zone for those with memory loss and their caregivers. Join us for a fun, engaging online activity and a chance to make new friends.

BOUTIQUE ON HIATUS

The Boutique Sale will be suspended during Lent. A huge thank you for Carolyn Morrell for her dedication the past months in maintaining the sale to support St. Andrew's.

PASTORAL CARE

Please let us know if you can offer help to a parishioner in need.
Contact Pat Hahn in the office (781-631-4951).

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 when the church reopens. Diana Isbrandtsen will make gift baskets to deliver to local shelters. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

Youth leader, Summer Moore, has announced the following dates for **Youth Group meetings on Zoom** from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

March 21
April 18
May 16

Please contact the office for more information.

CHIMES SCHEDULE

The Chimes is published monthly.
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March 19, Friday
April 16, Friday



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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

