

The Evangelist

January 2014

**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church**
100 Arroyo Piñon Dr.
Sedona, Arizona 86336
A Jubilee Church

Sunday Eucharist

8 am & 10 am

Healing Prayers offered on 2nd & 4th Sundays

**Sunday School & Child Care
9:45am**

**Midweek Eucharist Wed.
10:30am**

Centering Prayer 2nd & 4th Mon. 3 pm

Labyrinth Walks offered on special occasions but open daily for everyone.

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A Word From Our Rector:

The First of January brings wishes and resolutions for the New Year. But you and I have another New Year, already celebrated on our combination of St. Andrew Day and the 1st Sunday of Advent, the church's New Year. As you may have learned in Sunday School or other Episcopal teachings, our year follows the life of Jesus from Mary's holy pregnancy, through his birth, and soon through the visit of the Wise Men, Epiphany, and onward teaching, healing, and performing miracles – walking the way that led to the cross – crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. After Pentecost, the rest of the year concerns itself with understanding the work of Christ with Us through the Holy Spirit.

This last year we said goodbye to a number of long-time friends, people who shaped St. Andrew's – some of them from its very first days. Some, like Bob Stebbins and Sandie Hensley moved to be closer to family. Others died – Dave Murray, Al Croft, Faith Fuller,

Carol Phelps, Shirley Stevenson, Mary Bloomer, Dan Schlossman and Michael Teeple. We have said hello to wonderful newcomers who have stepped into our shared life bringing gifts of music, leadership, caring, and faith. With beloved friends and companions in faith, St. Andrew's (which could have been named St. Nicholas or St. Christopher – the other two names considered) has preserved a character of welcome throughout its years. St. Andrew's is a living body that invites newcomers to share in an active life of prayer, study, worship and service. At the same time, it is a body that cares for, and truly loves its old timers like a family. What we have together in Christ is a treasure.



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Important January Dates

Jan 7,, Tues Men's BBQ (5 pm- ?)
Jan 6, Sun Epiphany Sunday
Jan 19, Sun Annual Meeting after 10 am service

Jan 20, Mon ECW
Jan 25, Sat Chili Cook-Off (Noon)

Rector.....from page 1

I ask you to make a special intention in this new year to share the treasure. Invite friends and strangers to “Come and See.” Bring neighbors to Sunday services. Invite friends to the Second Annual Chili Cook-off, set for January 25, or one of many other special events during the year. Speaking of special events...

In the old days, there was a custom of Home Blessings during the church season of Epiphany. The priest would make himself (old days...only guys!) available to go from house to house saying prayers and sprinkling holy water – sanctifying the space for the coming year. The service still exists – though these days it seems only to be used when a family moves into a new home.

I'd like to propose that we revive the custom of Epiphany Blessings for all kinds of homes, not just new ones. The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and lasts until Ash Wednesday, March 5. Though I am not universally available, should you want to schedule a Home Blessing, I will open my calendar to you with great pleasure.

May your New Year – whatever comes – be full of the joy and love of God. May you be surrounded by the Holy Spirit, and may you live fully the life God created you to live. ~ MLP+



From your Sr. Warden

We all owe a big THANK YOU to Connie Brown, our Parish Photographer. She has worked very hard over the last two months to capture images of all of you for a (long overdue) new Parish Directory.



I have been resizing the photos to fit into our membership file, and then into a directory, and have been impressed with what a good job she has done.

As I worked on the photos, I surprised myself with how easily I was able to add each person's name to the file. I had not realized how well I had gotten to know all of you during my three years as Sr. Warden, and I am grateful for knowing all of you.

This may seem like a “sudden jump” in topic, but as Fr. Roger says - stay with me! Our Parish Annual Meeting will occur on January 19, following the 10 AM service. ALL are invited to attend and share in this review of our past year and our planning for the future. And here is the connection to the earlier paragraphs: as a part of our parish family, we hope all will join in this meeting, to show your support not only in your worship but in our “family planning”.

One further aspect you might wish to consider. Within your own household, as an adult family member, you are fully aware of the need for planning and budgeting resources for the coming months or “fiscal year”. A church must do the same, of course, planning for salaries for Priest Mary and support staff, maintenance of our lovely but aging facility, and of course ongoing expenses or mundane items such as copier supplies, cleaning, and even paper towels and toilet paper. Our Budget Committee has already put in solid time, working to balance out these expense items with planned income.

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2nd ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S

CHILI COOKOFF

Get your spoons ready!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH – Noon

Adults \$5 Children \$3



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Chili Chefs Wanted!

Enter Your Best Chili ~

~Win a Fabulous Trophy!

Entry Forms in Parish Hall



Sr. Warden *(from pp 2)*

Here is where we could use your help: many of you choose to contribute regularly, without making a “pledge” (which is simply a “pre-planned estimate” of what you plan to contribute to the support of the working needs of your worship family). The work of our Budget Committee would be so much easier if the number of “estimated pledges” could more closely approximate the number of photos in our church directory.

This is my final article as Sr. Warden: Priest Mary will announce at the Annual Meeting whom she has chosen to fill this position. I thank you all for your support, not only in my years on vestry and as Sr. Warden, but also through prayers and offers of assistance as I work my way through a silent but pervasive illness.

Paste calendar here

Serving Within the Church

Greeters: (10 am service)

Jan 5, Sally Noyes
 Jan 12, Margaret Kelley
 Jan 19, Peg MacMillan
 Jan 26, Jeannette Sasmor

Altar Guild:

Jan 5, Christie Palmer
 Jan 12,
 Jan 19, Isabell Blanton
 Jan 26, Winnie Follett & Connie Brown

Ushers: (January)

8 am Joan & Wayne Roberts

10 am:

Jan 5 Jack & Harriette Burkhalter
 Jan 12 Chris & Josie Williams
 Jan 19 Sandy Beck & Tom Turner
 Jan 26 Sally Kohrs & Peter Bloomer

LECTOR AND CHALICE BEARER SCHEDULE ~ January 2014

Dates	Readings	8:00	10:00
January 5 The Epiphany	<u>Isaiah 60:1-6</u> <u>Ephesians 3:1-12</u> <u>Matthew 2:1-12</u> <u>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14</u>	Lector: J. Brock Chalice: J. Brock	Lector 1: D. Sandvall Lector 2: J. Sasmor Chalice 1: D. Sandvall Chalice 2: R. Lipp
January 12 First Sunday after the Epiphany, Baptism of Our Lord	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u> <u>Acts 10:34-43</u> <u>Matthew 3:13-17</u> <u>Psalm 29</u>	Lector : D. Shreve Chalice: J. Shreve	Lector 1: G. Chanda Lector 2: J. Williams Chalice 1: J. Williams Chalice 2: W. Follett
January 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u> <u>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</u> <u>John 1:29-42</u> <u>Psalm 40:1-12</u>	Lector 1: P Ashton-Daniels Chalice: D. Sandvall	Lector 1: J. Haury Lector 2: P. Bloomer Chalice 1: W. Follett Chalice 2: J. Haury
January 26 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	<u>Isaiah 9:1-4</u> <u>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</u> <u>Matthew 4:12-23</u> <u>Psalm 27:1, 5-13</u>	Lector: S. Johnston Chalice: S. Johnston	Lector 1: Youth Lector 2: Youth Chalice 1: D. Sandvall Chalice 2: R. Lipp

FYI

Men's Group

Will meet on Tuesday, Jan 7, at 5 pm for BBQ and fellowship. This is open to all men in the Parish. Come bringing your own main course to grill. All side dishes will be provided.

For details call Scott Johnston at 634-1945

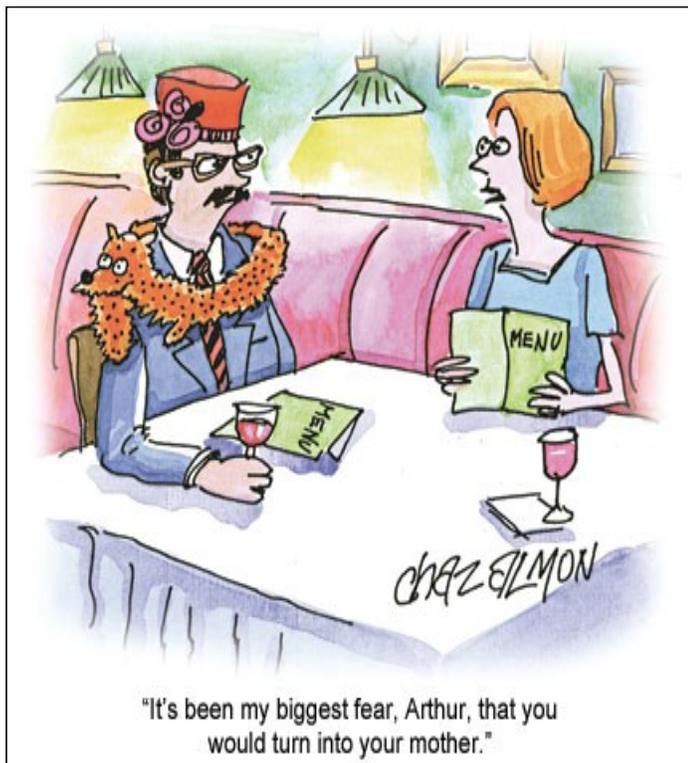


Sunday refreshments!

Sign up to do Sunday refreshments! Sign up on Bulletin Board.

Popcorn time!

Borrow a movie from our Movie Library and enjoy a great night at home—don't forget the popcorn!



"It's been my biggest fear, Arthur, that you would turn into your mother."

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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Sedona
Minutes, Vestry Meeting, November 8, 2013**

Present: Priest Mary Piotrowski, Treasurer Gary Livermont, Barbara Livermont, Fran Karuzas, Jeanne Hawn, Joan Roberts, Richard Shreve, Donna Robinson, Margaret Kelley and Jim Moeny

Absent: Margi Vanderlippe and Rick Baker

Guest: Darryl Hawn, Buildings and Grounds

Barbara Livermont presented opening devotions with Priest Mary Piotrowski celebrating the Eucharist.

Vestry Minutes from October 11, 2013, were reviewed and approved.

The October Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Priest Mary reported that we have lost some renters, so income for rent of the parish hall will be down. She encouraged us to let people know about its availability. Gary Livermont reported that the Rummage Sale income and Rummage Sale expenses have been reduced by the "petty cash" amount. The report was approved to file for audit.

Old Business:

Buildings and Grounds: The Regional VP of Church Insurance visited with Darryl Hawn and reported there would be no negative impact on our insurance rating and that the reroofing could have a positive impact.

The Fire Marshall does not recommend that we get smoke detectors because he feels they are not cost effective. Darryl is working on the following areas where the Fire Marshall expressed concern: emergency lights, exit lights, dry wall repair, and markings to indicate where materials should not be stored near furnace.

Margaret Kelley showed the Vestry the text for the sign for the columbarium donation box and explained that the courtyard plantings would not be done until after the courtyard flagstone is sealed.

Night Depository at National Bank of Arizona: Gary Livermont, Treasurer, reported that it is too time-consuming to prepare the complete deposit after church on Sunday. The new goal is to count all cash and deposit it on Sunday. He and John Siler will continue to work towards a more efficient and secure method of depositing money and checks.

Mission Rebates: Priest Mary reported that St. Andrew's can expect a total of approximately \$2,000 for the year. This means that we will have approximately \$1,000 left after the Patio Party and Dia de Los Muertos events. She asked the Vestry members to think of community outreach ideas for the December meeting.

Stewardship: Priest Mary reported that stewardship materials will be handed out Sunday, November 10. Remaining materials will be mailed Monday. The Vestry helped assemble materials.

Church Directory: Pictures for the Church Directory will be taken starting Sunday, November 10. The goal is to have the Directory ready for distribution by the Annual Meeting.

Rector's Report: There was no written Rector's Report.

New Business:

Vestry Openings and candidate recruitment: There was discussion regarding how to recruit vestry members, best time for meetings, vestry size, length of terms, etc. We will look at requirements in the By-Laws and continue the discussion at the December meeting. The vestry decided to try an early evening meeting for the month of December. **The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, at 5:30.**

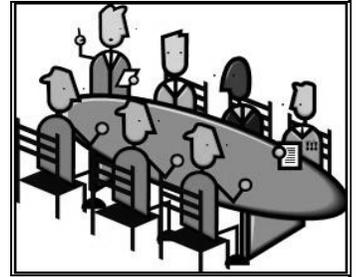
St. Andrew's may not participate in the Sonoran Christmas Shoebox project because of the new guidelines.

Margaret Kelley reported that the Raven's Cache, St. Andrew's store, is up and running and has taken in approximately \$600. She has used some of her own money for start up.

Margaret also reported that Sunday greeters will give Welcome Packets to everyone who is new to St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Livermont, Acting Clerk



My 2 Cents

Extracted from a Brother Toby meditation...



At this time of year, when am just one of a group clipping beans for freezing or packing pears for the food pantry. Where I live the dragonflies are beginning to show up. The black ones seem to come first. They cut through the air like travelers from some distant place and suddenly hover right before your face attempting to comprehend in a few seconds you and your story. Then they are off again but it seems as if they have packed away something of the essence of each of us.

As I was cutting the 358th bean I looked into a dragonfly's giant jeweled eyes and I really did see reflected "far distant mountains" and I knew I had walked in those places. And so have you. We have each lived out stories that are unique and yet they weave beautifully into the pattern of universal life. Once as I was standing in line, waiting for a theater to open, a young woman came up to me and said, "I wanted to thank you. You kept me from killing myself." Then she walked away. I have no idea who she was or what she was talking about. Experiences like that could be occurring to each of us. Perhaps it is someone we knew only for a few very important moments. A smile on a train platform. The hand when it was needed. Maybe it had to do with when we were there for someone we had known for a very long time. And we have each also been the recipient of that indescribable reassurance that, despite everything, we are still part of a community washed with love.

Recently in the clumsiness of my wheelchair I found myself temporarily alone in a restaurant as everything I was holding fell to the floor. Immediately a young woman was at my side picking things up and handing them to me. It could have been the same young woman, or a daughter. Certainly it was a relative because the point is we are all related to each other. We may not know each other but we are indispensable to each other. "Nobodies" are very valuable to the story of life. Or at least, that is how poets like Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) see it:

"I'm Nobody! Who are you? ...

How dreary – to be – Somebody!"

Goodbye dragonfly. Thank you for letting me see myself in your eyes. Now on to bean #359 ...

FR. Roger

ECW

The ECW met on December 16th for our Holiday Spirit Luncheon. We had a wonderful guest speaker, Allison M Saxman, Member of the Oak Creek Chapter of the NSDAR (Daughters of the Revolution) giving us valuable information on how to trace our ancestors.



Unfortunately, there were only four members there to share this wonderful lesson and to share our Spirit Luncheon.

We presented the 2013 Outreach Designations totaling \$7,170. The designations were approved and will be presented at the Annual Meeting. If anyone has questions prior to that, you may contact me.

We were supposed to have an Officer Election for 2014. Isabel Blanton has agreed to continue as treasurer, but there was not a vote. We have openings for President, Vice-President and Secretary.

In the last five years, I have been President three times and Nancy Pfefferkorn has been President twice. Our next meeting will be on January 20th. We will have a meeting with no officers and will discuss the future of ECW. It has been very tough to proceed with so few members participating. I encourage you to attend our January meeting to help plan our future. And future events Remember all women of St. Andrews are members of ECW.

Carol Keeton, ECW President 2013

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At St. Andrew's, we are called to LOVE GOD. SERVE EVERY PERSON
and to LIVE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.



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We pray for those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ

For those in Authority

Almighty Father, we pray for all in authority, for friends and enemies, and especially for our president, Barack Obama, our governor and our mayors, that they receive the full measure of your guidance and quickening of mind to govern with good direction and with compassion. *Amen*

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