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The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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From the

Rector's Desk

Dear Friends,

Likely some do not know that I am away from the church. Briefly, over the past several years, one by one my fingers became tingly. Thus, I experienced “pins and needles” sensations 24/7. Turning papers, typing and doing shirt buttons became an increasing issue. Then I noticed I was often walking stiff legged. After an MRI I met with a neurosurgeon. The meeting was on a Tuesday. On Friday, I had two discs, C4 and C5 (meaning the neck) removed. This was my second neck surgery. The same surgery was 14 years ago at C3. Now I have a plate at C 3, 4, 5 and 6 held in by screws. So if you want to say “Robson has a screw loose”, you may be right. Unfortunately, I may face a third surgery in which the doctor will use “nail clippers” to remove a bone spur pressing on the spinal cord at C5 and C6. Healing will take a few months. For therapy, I need to re-learn (Yet, again!) how to walk properly. This therapy is because of the spinal compression. Many of the exercises are the same as when I had my knees replaced and was made 1/4 inch taller.

During my recovery, I have good days and tough days. Some days I feel awesome and ready to return to work. The next day I can barely function, never mind read or try to deal with some parish matters with various people. Since the surgery, I have watched much hockey, baseball, NASCAR and even a really awful zombie movie.

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library
of Poems, Letters, and
Stories Can Transform
the Way You Think and
Feel About Everything

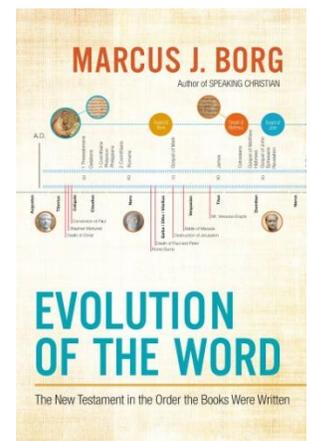
Rob Bell
New York Times Bestselling Author of Love Wins

However, during my good periods, I read books. For example, I just read the newest (just released) book by Rob Bell. I highly recommend this book to anyone! It is profound, and yet simple at the same time. Rob readily and easily provides excellent

insights on how to look at scriptures. He explores many difficult passages, themes and ideas in a light, yet thoughtful level. If you were to buy one Christian book this year, I recommend you buy this one.

At the other end of the spectrum, I am reading Marcus Borg's book where he uses refreshing insights to describe a new chronological order and dating of the New Testament books. It is not an easy read. But then again, Borg's books are intense reads and require readers to ponder. Sadly,

we live in a time where, instead of pondering, we desire information and knowledge to be laid out for us linearly. In other words, we like being led to conclusions by authors. We must resist this. It is ironic that times when book sales on Christianity are booming, readers seem to be less vertically engaged!



For me, it is helpful to learn how we view the early church, how it was influenced, how it acted and how people professed faith. The more I understand, the more I am able to share this with you. Borg notes various factors on how the gospels were “pulled” together and how and why other books and letters were written. In one section, Borg explains why Jesus was slow to accept Jewish titles and typically avoided titles like “Son of God,” “Lord,” and “Savior of the World.” Most people today do not realize those titles were attributed to Octavia Augustus, the Roman emperor. Thus, if Jesus openly acknowledged these titles, he would be taking political Roman titles head on. It was later, specifically in the letters of Paul, that these imperial titles were shown to be properly assigned to Jesus and not Rome. The gospels were written after Paul did not feel the need to remark on these titles and in turn, endeavored to stay true to the oral stories and transcribe them.

Question: Have you ever wondered if the letters of Paul and/or the gospels were completed in one draft or were there several drafts that corrected and revised accounts?

As I look at the deep pile of books around me, I cannot help but wonder about the great explosion of books written about Christianity in recent decades. For example, note the substantial rise in the new field “the Christian novel.” We have subsets of the Christian novel. For example, the popular “Left Behind,” series, which in my view, are long on novel and short on theology. There is a broad spectrum of all kinds of books on Christian thinking. We have some books predicting a Doomsday event (again there is very little scripture about such an event and those limited passages should be, in my view, illustrative rather than literal). Other books reflect the latest effort to unpack the Dead Sea Scrolls. There are many books on Christian thinking and many commenting on the Old and Testaments. There is much research in the area of spirituality. I am very amazed and delighted to discover that, in my own research, I can categorize about 80 different fields of study, beyond the Christian

church, engaged in research of spirituality in our society. For example, there is research on the use of corporations having spiritual directors who look after the spiritual care of employees. (P.S. Tyson Foods is a leader in this area).

In turn, I find it amazing that we are seeing an increase in the sale of books, articles, and research etc. taking place in Western Society and Western Christianity at a time when church attendance is in decline. Perhaps, in part, what we are seeing is the rise of individualized Christianity. In other words, individuals are reading books and articles without considering regular church attendance as necessary. As noted in several sermons and articles, the greatest rising “religious group” in America is the SBNR – spiritual but not religious. A few generations ago it was “expected” that people would attend church on a regular or semi-regular schedule. Television, good roads, interstates, and emerging new social mores changed that normative reality. Today, people want to be spiritually fed, but on their terms! In other words, whereas organized church used to inform people their needs in specific detail, we now face the situation where everyone has their own agenda on what they need.

Perhaps, one of the roles of the postmodern church is to offer church goers and other small groups opportunities to explore their spirituality! For me this means small discussion groups. Sadly, many church goers, I think, feel intimidated and nervous about their faith without realizing how much wealth of experience they own. As Episcopalians, we are not accustomed to speaking our faith and may feel awkward in trying to begin the process of seeking to make greater sense of the depth of the faith we own. We should not feel embarrassed or intimidated. After all, did not the disciples undergo the same reality?

As always,
David +

Worship News

Sunday, July 2

4 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II / Family Service



Sunday, July 9

5 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II / Holy Baptism

Sunday, July 16

6 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, July 23

7 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, July 30

8 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer



Scripture Readings for July



July 02	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 09	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45:11-18	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 16	Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 23	Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 30	Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Wednesdays — 10:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
has been suspended until August
due to David's surgery.
Please watch your bulletin for further details.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
ARE NOW PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

If there is someone you would like to include in the Prayers of Intercession,
 please call or email the Parish Office by 12 noon the Wednesday before.

Their name will remain on the list for three weeks.

843-3868 – secretary@standrews.org

RECENT ATTENDANCE

May 28	8:00 a.m.	19	10:30 a.m.	57	No Wed. Worship
June 04	8:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	66	No Wed. Worship
June 11	8:00 a.m.	22	10:30 a.m.	44	No Wed. Worship
June 18	8:00 a.m.	22	10:30 a.m.	44	No Wed. Worship
June 25	8:00 a.m.	27	10:30 a.m.	49	No Wed. Worship

Adult Education

Bible & Bagels
is taking a break for the summer.
We will resume in the fall.

Lectionary Scholars
is taking a summer break.
They will resume Wednesday,
September 13th, at 11:00 a.m.

The topic will be
“Mere Christianity”
by C. S. Lewis

Fellowship

“50 Shades of Grace” Women’s Social Fellowship Saturday, July 1st

The women's fellowship group, “50 Shades of Grace,” will meet for breakfast Saturday, July 1st, at 9 a.m. at Lyndon Diner on Route 30 next to Olive Garden. Contact me if you need a ride.

“50 Shades” is a fun, purely social group for women that meets the first of every month, regardless of the day on which it falls. All women are welcome. Church membership is not required so invite a friend.

Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs and who accept you for who you are. The “Shady Ladies” of St. Andrew's are that kind of church family to me.

Lynne Kearnan
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Summer Reading for “5-Book Club”

St. Andrew's Book Club is reading "The Guns of August" by Barbara W. Tuchman this summer. A Pulitzer-prize winning history of the start of World War I, "The Great War", Modern Library calls the book one of the 100 Best Non-Fiction Books of all time.

The U.S. entered the war 100 years ago in 1917. The historian Fritz Stern memorably called World War I “the first calamity of the twentieth century, the calamity from which all other calamities sprang.” We read history with the hope of understanding events today. We learn something from every book we read.

York County libraries have 3 copies of the book and an e-audio version available.

Join the discussion at St. Andrew's on Sunday, September 17th, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone of any age who reads the book is welcome.

The “5-Book Club” will read five books between September and May. Church membership is not required; invite a literary friend. Those who attend the September meeting will help select the book for November's discussion. Contact me if you need a ride.

Lynne Kearnan

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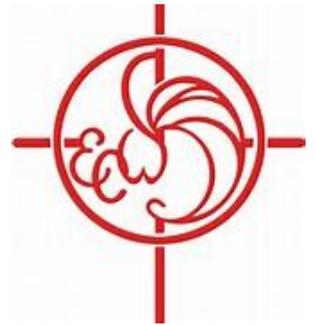
PARISH PICNIC CANCELLED

Lou Rene's son in CO, David, has had a medical emergency. Since Lou Rene and her daughter will be traveling to CO, the Parish Picnic has been cancelled. Please keep David, Lou Rene and family in your prayers.

ECW News

ECW Retreat September 15-17, 2017

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania Episcopal Church will hold their annual retreat at the Claggett Center - 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710 September 15th – 17th, 2017. The retreat program of "Sacred Ceremonies of Everyday Life: Exploring the Divine through Food, Song, Poetry, Nature and Meditation", will be presented by Rev. Rowena Gibbons, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church. Registration forms with additional information are available on the table in the Lounge. The deadline for registration is September 1st.



Outreach News

Birthday Church Offering – June House of Hope

Your gifts totaled \$97.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Birthday Church Offering – July Our Daily Bread, York Soup Kitchen Your gifts will be received Sunday, July 2nd.

The purpose of the Birthday Church is to supplement or support various identified ministry needs in the diocese, our community and congregation.

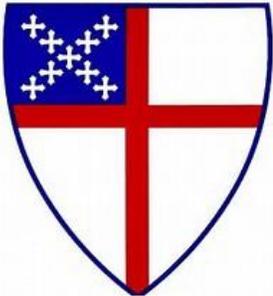
St. Andrew's Men's Club sponsored the final **Phineas Davis All Pro Dad's Breakfast** for this school year. Twenty-eight youth and their male role model were served in June.

All-Pro Dad's Breakfast is a simple idea with a profound impact. This breakfast, served in the Great Hall once each month September through June, is held before school creating an opportunity for children and their male role model to meet with others. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship. We look forward to continuing this outreach ministry in the fall.

Dan Rooney



Diocese News



Bishop's Open Golf Tournament *Monday, September 18, 2017*

This year's tournament at Overlook Golf Course, Lancaster PA will benefit *At-Risk Children & Youth in PA*. Registration forms with additional information are available on the table in the Lounge.

Bits & Pieces



Should you have any changes in your address, email or phone numbers, please call the parish office (843-3868) or email Paula at secretary@standrewsyork.org. We like to have our records as current as possible.

Parish Directory Updates

Add

**Mr & Mrs Robert Bowser (Kara)
Reese, Drew & Graham Bowser**
2025 Southwynd Ct.
York PA 17403
17360-6037

Address Change

Mrs Roberta Campbell
Suite 209
200 Kirkland Village Circle
Bethlehem PA 18017

Remove

Jose & Jenni Per Otero
Relocated

Parish Milestones Deceased

Donna Peterson
December 12, 1964 – June 01, 2017

The Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday, July 4th
in observance of Independence Day.

Words of Comfort & Hope

We are all feeling a great sense of loss with the passing of Donna Peterson. We were so blessed to have her with us and were inspired by her in many ways. I am reminded of something I read a few years ago during a period of grief. I have no idea who wrote it, but I want to share it in the hope that it brings us some degree of comfort.

The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not "get over" the loss of a loved one. You will learn to live with it. You will heal and you will rebuild yourself around the loss you have suffered. You will be whole again, but you will never be the same. Nor should you be the same. Nor would you want to.

Prayerfully yours,
Mary Jane Watt

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A Note from the Brownes . . .

Hi Father David,

I'm not sure you remember me or my family.

We attended St. Andrew's for the year that we lived in York after moving back from China. We moved to Bellingham WA in August of 2016.

It's been an interesting time adjusting to life here in the Pacific Northwest, but we're getting there....

I wanted to share a few pictures of the kids with you. Xander still asks for you all the time and you would be surprised to see Xia-Mari. She is such a fire cracker; full of energy and always smiling and singing.

Deran is settling into his job. He has a bunch of responsibilities but I think he is going to be ok. The people at his job are really nice people for the most part and they all seem to be supportive.

I recently started back working and I'm enjoying my job. I work for a company called Tabar and we make gloves. It is so nice to be back at work.

We miss you so much. The church here is nice, but definitely not St. Andrew's!!!

How are you and your family?

Please say hi to everyone for us, especially Ms. Leann for Xander.

I hope you are doing well!!!

Nneka and Deran Browne

July Birthdays

If your birthday is not listed, please call the parish office.

01 - Bruce Barse
 02 - Arieta Beamesderfer
 03 - Thomas Duffy
 06 - Lauren Vanaman
 08 - Jill Fritz
 08 - Miss Emily Myers
 09 - Darlene Ferguson
 10 - Gerry Davis
 10 - Kara Miltsch
 10 - Joseph Soldano, Jr.
 11 - Ronald Fimiani
 12 - Andy Streeter
 14 - Arlene Schmitz
 14 - Mrs. Emily Myers
 14 - Raquel Jeanmenne
 15 - Patricia Deliz
 16 - Mia Arcieri
 19 - Phillip Jeanmenne
 21 - Roger Stably
 22 - Jon Noel
 25 - Harry Snell III
 26 - Mackenzie Dalton
 27 - Rick Folkenroth
 30 - Barbara Hoopes
 31 - Aidan Douglas

July Anniversaries

If your anniversary is not listed, please call the parish office.

01 - Bert & Ann Myers
 01 - John & Sandra Mann
 02 - Tom & Mary Jane Watt
 02 - Ralph & Helen Dixon, Sr.
 04 - Jim & Judith Richard
 07 - Erin & Shawn Holtzapple
 10 - Adrian & Miranda Stanciu
 11 - Stacey & Travis Gottsch
 16 - Larry & Geri Oliver
 26 - Bill & Dorothy Devitt
 29 - John & Christie Bracher

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A newsletter by and for the St. Andrew's community

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The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan Bishop **Diocese of Central Pennsylvania**

Diocesan Mission Statement

We are partners in Christ with the love of God on our lips and in our lives.

Diocesan Web Site
www.diocesecpa.org

NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

July 15th for August newsletter
 August 15th for September newsletter

Please mark your calendars and be respectful of these deadlines.

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St. Andrew's Mission Statement

It is our purpose to serve Christ and his people through faithful worship, study, ministry, and mission, so as to reflect God's love for all.