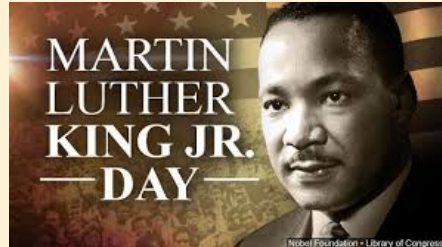




This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, January 11, 2024

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

2 Epiphany

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Curate: The Rev. Ben Cooke
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Ann Kash
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Kelley Kash
Lector: Brett Donham
Usher: Ann Kash
Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

The worship booklet for the 8am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

10:00am Service of Lessons and Carols for Peace with Eucharist

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward & Nora Lundeen
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Rob Flory
Lectors: Nora Lundeen, Bill Judd, John Ward, Mark Freese, Sara Sandberg, Ann Creamer, Rob Flory
Ushers: Cindy Freese & Fred Kraeuter
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Vestry Announcer: Marilyn Cheney

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).
The 10am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)
You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

Lessons and Carols for Peace: Sunday, January 14 at 10 AM (postponed from last Sunday)

The great message of the Christmas Season is "Peace on Earth." We want this peace, but find ourselves more often than not in the midst of war--war between nations, war between political parties, war with each other, war with ourselves. As we begin this New Year and gather to celebrate the Epiphany and the end of the Christmas Season, let us gather in worship to reflect upon and pray for peace in the world, in our nation, and in our individual lives.

At the 10:00am service on January 14th, we will have a service of Lessons and Carols for Peace with Eucharist. Our readings and music will all focus on peace. The Service was created by The Rev. Rob Voyle and was first used at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon in 2003.

There will also be a traditional 8:00am service of Holy Eucharist Rite I with music on Sunday, January 14.

Note about the music for January 14 for the 8:00 am service:

Written by Charles Wesley, and originally titled "A Morning Hymn," the hymn "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" first appeared in the Wesley collection *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (1740). In *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861) it was first paired with RATISBON, the tune that most often accompanies the text today. Wesley begins the hymn with the antithesis between light and night. Also found throughout the first stanza is the personification of "Sun," "Dayspring," and "Daystar." In stanza two of this hymn, Wesley uses the first words of each line to tell the story of redemption. The first three lines begin with "Dark," "Unaccompanied," and "Joyless." The plight of humanity has been set. The next two lines begin with "till" which represents hope for salvation. Finally, after the hope is given and the work is done, line six begins with the "Cheer" which comes from our redemption through Jesus Christ. In stanza three, "Radiancy divine" is personified in lines three and four. The picture of scattering our unbelief is wonderfully cheerful, which is only appropriate after sin and grief have been pierced. The repeating of "more" at the end implies the idea that we can never see enough of the "Radiancy divine" which has "[pierced] the gloom of sin and grief." - Sean Fleming

First Sunday Plate Outreach Recipient: Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention

This Sunday, the plate cash from both services will go to support the Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention (ECHP). If you would like to write a check, please make it out to the Damariscotta Baptist Church with ECHP in the memo line and place in the plate. You may also mail it to the church. Thank you for your support of one of St. Andrew's outreach missions.



Christmas flowers

The Christmas flowers in the church are available for adoption. Please take one home after the Sunday services or bring one to a friend or shut in. Many thanks to all who donated to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Altar Flowers throughout the year

If you are interested in having altar flowers given on a Sunday in memory or thanksgiving for someone in your life, please contact Sally Pearce

Stewardship Drive

The Stewardship Committee and the Vestry would like to thank all who pledged to St. Andrew's for 2024. Currently we have received 82 pledges for a total of \$258,308 and hope and expect that St. Andrew's will be on good financial footing for the new year. Thank you again for your support.

Pledge Envelopes

If you requested pledge envelopes on your pledge card for 2024, they are available in the atrium. If you would like pledge envelopes and do not see a packet with your name on it, please contact the office (563-3533) and we can get them for you.

Earth Keepers meeting

There will be an Earth Keepers meeting this Sunday after the 10:00 service? All are welcome.

Church offices closed Monday

Please note that the church offices will be closed Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King Day

**Holy Women, Holy Men
Julia Chester Emery**

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Julia Chester Emery.. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Earth Keepers: 11:15am Sunday, January 14

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays
All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.
Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Nathan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Janice Roman, Bob Gault, Beth, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard

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Senior Warden: John Ward
Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh
Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
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