



ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

Dear St. Andrew's Family,

Last year at our Diocesan Convention, we were reminded by the keynote speaker Dean Jeffery John of "keeping the main thing, the main thing." This is not a new concept; business management experts, public administration professionals; and educators all preach the same message to their leaders.

In a sense that is the Gospel message. Jesus was all about getting his followers focused on the main thing - God's immense love for his children. Nothing - not sin, not disease, not ideology or religion, not legalism or nationalism, not even death - nothing should ever distract us from God's love. Jesus wanted everyone to know that and to respond by living out God's extravagant love in the world. "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself."

At St. Andrew's our vision statement expresses our desire to live out Jesus' message - "striving to be the face of Christ within our walls and beyond our doors." And how are we the face of Christ in the world? By looking with eyes of kindness upon all of God's children and all of God's creation, especially upon the most vulnerable and marginalized. By speaking words of comfort and joy to the poor, words of welcome and forgiveness to the lost and lonely; by standing up for the oppressed, persecuted, and disparaged we proclaim God's heavenly kingdom come near. And our ministries reflect that focus - the Children's Clinic, the Preschool, support of Crossroads Mission, Santa Cruz Training Programs, Kino Border Initiative and many other organizations that serve the needs of God's beloved in our community.

Later this month, at our annual meeting, the vestry will present a balanced budget for 2017. This budget is leaner than in years past, yet it reflects an increased number of people pledging, including six new pledging families. This reflects our growing church and the changing face of our faith community - more families, more young people. In the process of creating this streamlined budget, we've had to keep

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Calendar at a Glance

Jan 5 Children's Clinic
Jan 12 Preschool Board meeting 2:00p
Jan 15 Vestry Meeting 11:45a
Jan 21 ECW, St. Mary's Hall 11:00a
Jan 29 Annual Meeting following potluck
Feb 2 Children's Clinic
Feb 18 ECW, St. Mary's Hall 11:00a

On-going

Tuesdays: Evening Prayer and Eucharist,
Chapel 6:30pm

Wednesdays: Men's Group, Nickel's Diner,
Rio Rico 8:00am

Thursdays: Beginning on Jan. 19 Eucharist
and Bible Study at Messick's in Tubac
10:00am

2nd & 4th Saturdays: Casa Blanca Chapel in
Santa Cruz County Building in Sonoita
10:00am

Update on Annual Pledge Drive

As of January 4 there are 51 pledging units, up from 39 last year.

The amount pledged is \$138,690, up from \$125,746 last year.

Remember, it is still not too late to pledge your support of St. Andrew's for 2017.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2017

After Potluck following 10am Service

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focused on “the main thing,” being the face of Christ. The two greatest resources we have are our facility and our people. So, keeping the facility open and in good repair, and keeping our people spiritually fed and growing should be the main goal of our budget. In effect the budget should reflect our best efforts at “keeping the main thing, the main thing.” And, I think you will see that it does just that. However, because it is a leaner budget, we will need to rethink how we do some of our work at St. Andrew’s. During the annual meeting we will discuss strategies for working smarter. Our church family has always given generously of its time, talent, and treasure; and I am confident that we will come up with creative and effective ways to put God’s gifts to best use.

We will get distracted from “the main thing;” it’s part of life. The troubles of the world, the cynicism and complacency of those around us, and our own fears and resentments will try to confuse and derail us. So, we need to keep reminding ourselves and each other that we are the beloved children of God. And, as long as we keep coming back to the love of God in Christ Jesus, as long as we continue to remember that loving God and loving neighbor are what it means to be Christian, then we will continue to be an unmistakable force for good in the world.

Grace and peace,
Ernie+

Healing prayers at church services

—Sara Cobb, Healing Team Coordinator

The Healing Team welcomes two new members, Steven and Lisa Putnam. Other members of the Healing Team include Karin Rodes and Lou Clapper at the 8:00am service and Steve and Patty Ferreira, David Moehlman, and Sara Cobb at the 10:00am service and our "working from home" member Barbara Laupmanis.

A member of the Healing Prayers Team stands in the chapel at the St Peter's window during the Communion, so that those who are ill or troubled in some way can receive comfort and healing prayers from the one who is there to help on that Sunday. Just come to the Healing Team member in the privacy of the Chapel for prayers.

Deacon Anne Vellom started the healing team about ten years ago, but she has retired to San Antonio. She also started the Daughters of the King in Arizona in the 1990’s.

A New Year

—Martha Zybko, Senior Warden



As 2017 begins, I am more than ever grateful for the community of St. Andrew’s. The experience of our shared faith and concern for each other sustains my hopes for this year.

My biggest question for parishioners and others in need is “What can St. Andrew’s do for you?” What you can do for St. Andrew’s comes second, and I will spare you a list (except for the BBQ).

God bless everyone on Earth.



New meeting times for ECW

—Marilyn Hedges, Coordinator

Can you believe it is 2017 already? Happy New Year. In January and February, we will continue to meet on Saturdays to see how that works out for everyone.

Our January ECW meeting will be in St. Mary’s Hall at St. Andrew’s on Saturday, January 21st at 11:00am. We haven’t met for a business meeting for a few months so there will be a lot to discuss such as finances, meeting day, ECW Lenten Retreat, upcoming programs, outreach fund raising, slide show on ECW history, and sharing ideas for the betterment of our group of Episcopal Church Women. Please bring a small salad (4-6 servings) to share with everyone. Drinks (tea, coffee, fruit punch), bread, and dessert will be provided.

In February we’ll be meeting again at St. Andrew’s in St. Mary’s Hall on Saturday, February 18th starting at 11:00am. We’ll continue with what we didn’t get finished in the January meeting plus any new ideas or suggestions. Lunch will be chili, bread, dessert, and beverages, all of which will be provided, but any donations are welcome. Please let me know, Marilyn at ghedges1@cox.net.

All St. Andrew’s and Casa Blanca Chapel women are welcome at all of our meetings.

Bishop Kirk Smith visits St. Andrew's, Nogales, December 10 and 11

Bishop Smith had a busy schedule while he visited St. Andrew's on December 10 and 11. First he attended Casa Blanca Chapel in Sonoita. Following the service there was a potluck luncheon at the home of Dorothy Sturges.

In the afternoon at St. Andrew's Church he attended the Horns A Plenty concert of Carols and Readings.

On Sunday morning Bishop Smith met with the vestry at 9:00am, conducted the service at 10:00, confirming and baptizing members. He brought along his puppet Dexter to help with the children's message. Following a catered luncheon he spoke to the group in a formal presentation.



Collage from Casa Blanca Chapel



St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

—Vicki Fitzsimmons

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Christmas party at the December Clinic such a great success! Our patients were excited to see Santa and to receive many clothes and toys from generous donors. Pictured here is Jonathan Cordova receiving a stuffed owl from Aminah, one of the students from Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School in Tucson. The students in 8th grade raise money each year to buy stuffed animals for the children. This year they purchased 225 owls. The class arrives in a chartered bus. They have been doing this for several years.

Jonathan lives in Hermosillo, has cerebral palsy, and is confined to a wheel chair. His parents are faithful in bringing him to the Clinic where he receives physical therapy as well as augmentative/alternative communication speech therapy. Jonathan communicates with an iPad connected with a head switch on his wheel chair because his hands are too spastic to work the keyboard. His parents work with him at home on physical therapy exercises and using the iPad.

Jonathan will turn 19 in 2017 so he is nearing the end of being able to use Clinic services. We hope what we have taught his parents will help to sustain him. Also, they continue to look for affordable services in Mexico.

In 2017, we begin our 44th year of helping children living in Mexico. If you haven't yet had a chance to tour The Clinic, please contact the Clinic office to sign up for a tour: (520) 648-3242; office@standrewsclinic.org. If you are interested in volunteering, speak to Jim or Vicki Fitzsimmons about what opportunities there are. We ask all volunteers to take a tour to have an understanding of the overall working of The Clinic.



New members join St. Andrew's Congregation

On Sunday, December 11, Bishop Smith baptized Raymond, Ian and Devin Barta, Rebecka Putnam, and Bailey, and Nikolas and Brock Kane. He confirmed Brian, Lindsey and Emma Young, Sally Lockwood and Steven Putnam, and he received into membership Clair Danielson and Albert Wascher. The acts of baptism and the laying on of hands encompassed the congregation through prayers and sponsorships. Bishop Smith's last Episcopal visitation was five years ago.

We welcome these children and adults into our church family.

Our Vision: St. Andrew's strives to be the face of Christ within our walls and beyond our doors.



Birthdays



January	February
7 JZ Smith	8 Cynthia Bustamante
9 Zach Taylor	11 Richard Messick
10 James Lee	14 Richard DeLong
11 Deborah Tollefson	15 Luann Ahumada
14 Iselia Tadeo	26 Suzette Smith
16 Helga Boggess	27 Sally Hanson
16 Sara Mann Cobb	29 Elizabeth Campbell
16 John Maynard	
17 Hattie Wilson	
20 Karla Hernandez	
20 Andi Privette	
23 Ted Wingfield	
28 Ronni Tadeo	
30 Pat Robinson	

Horns-a-Plenty brought sounds of Christmas

On Saturday, December 10, Horns of Tucson performed classical music and traditional carols. Readings from scripture were interspersed with carols sung by the audience led by Elizabeth Campbell, Steve Ferreira and Patty Ferreira. We thank Jim Lockwood, a member of the group and of our congregation, for arranging for this afternoon of beautiful music.



More photos from the Bishop's Visit



Christmas Eve at St. Andrew's



Bishop at the home of Dorothy Sturges in Sonoita

ROTA or (Schedule of Service Participants)

Date	8:00 Lay Reader	8:00 Healing Team	10: Chalice Bearer	10 Lay Reader	10 Healing Team
Jan 1	T. Brown	L. Clapper	D. Harrelson	K. Endersbe	S. Cobb
Jan 8	P. Parkinson	K. Rodes	J. Moehlman	D. Barta	D. Moehlman
Jan 15	R. Brown	L. Clapper	D. Moehlman	A. Jehle	S. Putnam
Jan 22	L. Clapper	K. Rodes	B. Young	E. Campbell	L. Putnam
Jan 29	K. Rodes	L. Clapper	D. Harrelson	J. Ross	D. Moehlman
Feb 5	R. DeLong	K. Rodes	D. Moehlman	M. Hedges	S. Cobb
Feb 12	T. Brown	L. Clapper	J. Moehlman	P. Parkinson	D. Moehlman
Feb 19	P. Parkinson	K. Rodes	B. Young	K. Endersbe	L. Putnam
Feb 26	R. Brown	L. Clapper	D. Harrelson	D. Barta	S. Putnam

Date	Coffee Hour Hosts	Ushers	Counters
Jan 1	E. Galaz & E. Campbell	Marilyn Hedges & Kate Hutson	K. Briggs
Jan 8	K. Rodes, M. Hedges, E. Galaz	Brian & Lindsey Young	J. & J. Ross
Jan 15		Sara Cobb & Martha Zybko	L. Clapper
Jan 22		Luana & Dan Barta & Grandkids	K. Sykes
Jan 29	Potluck for Annual Meeting	Miriam Berke & Marilyn Hedges	G. Lockwood
Feb 5		Kate Hutson & Pam Parkinson	K. Briggs
Feb 12		Clair Danielson & Albert Wascher	J. & J. Ross
Feb 19		Miriam Berke & Sally Lockwood	L. Clapper
Feb 26		Marilyn Hedges & Anne Jehle	K. Sykes
Mar 5		Luana & Dan Barta & Grandkids	

Note: The Casa Blanca Chapel meets in the Community Room in the Santa Cruz County Building in Sonoita at 10:00am on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Readers at Casa Blanca Chapel

Jan 14	Dorothy Sturges
Jan 28	Karol Koon
Feb 11	Jo Dean
Feb 25	Dorothy Sturges

All are welcome at a Vestry meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will be January 15 at 11:45am in the Chapel. All are invited to attend.

Noticias Breves en español



- 5 de enero-Clínica para Niños-todo el día
15 de enero-Reunión del Vestry, 11:45am
21 de enero-Grupo de Mujeres (ECW) en St. Mary's Hall, 11:00am
29 de enero-Reunion anuario de los miembros de las congregación después del servicio de las 10:00 y un almuerzo estil 'potluck'
2 de febrero-Clínica para Niños-todo el día
18 de febrero-Grupo de Mujeres (ECW) en St. Mary's Hall, 11:00am
1 de marzo-Miercoles de Ceniza

Que continua

- Miércoles: Grupo de hombres, Nickel's Diner, Rio Rico, 8:00am
Martes: Vespertina y Santa Eucaristía 6:30pm
Segundo y curarto sábado del mes: Capilla Casa Blanca, en el edificio del condado de Santa Cruz, Sonoita, 10:00am

Coordinators of Lay Ministries

Contact the coordinator if you are assigned, are unable to complete the responsibility and can find no substitute. If you are trading dates with someone, please call the church office so that the bulletin can be printed correctly.

Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers: Jim Fitzsimmons (520-625-4341).

Healing Team: Sara Cobb (520-394-2721).

Counters and Office Volunteers: Elizabeth Campbell (520-909-4175).

Ushers: Marilyn Hedges (520-399-0477).

The mission of St. Andrew's Nogales is to provide a place of shared faith and a warm, accepting church family of all ages, living out Christ's ministry.

Newsletter and Internet Submissions

Newsletter and internet submissions are appreciated. Your material can be published in our print newsletter and digitally on Facebook or our website. Photos of church activities are always welcome.

The next newsletter deadline is February 21. Please submit your articles as Word documents, if possible. Email your submissions to editor Sally Lockwood at slockwood584@gmail.com and to the church office at standrews@standrewsaz.com.

How to donate food for our Food Banks

In the narthex of the church, just to the right of the front door as you enter, there is a collection basket for food to be donated to a food bank here in Nogales. This is another way that you can help to care for our neighbors. Thanks to Art Whipple who has accepted the responsibility of taking the food to the food bank.

How to help with Coffee Hour

Choice dates are still available for next year to host a Coffee Hour. Contact Karin Rodes 520-841-2448, khrodes@gmail.com for more information.

Photos of the Bishop's visit were contributed by Dorothy Sturges, Sara Cobb, Miriam Berke, and Sally Lockwood.

Church Office Hours and Emergency Contacts

Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm

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