



Zoom at a Glance

Wednesdays:

- 3/25 Book Study, 11 am, weekly
- 3/25 Compline, 7 pm, weekly
- 3/25 Choir Gathering, 7:30 pm, weekly

Thursdays:

- 3/26 Hearing the Gospel, 10:30 am, weekly

Sunday:

- 3/29 EYC, 5:15 pm

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HARMONY

APRIL 2020

Signs of Life

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

As we are surrounded on every side by uncertainty, fear and limitation, I am aware of the spring buds everywhere straining toward new life. One thing is clear – we are all being called to do a new thing, to live with new rhythms, to pray and worship and gather in new ways.

In the Gospel readings from John this Lent, we see and hear Jesus pushing against old understandings to invite transformation. Jesus offers living water, heals the ill, raises the dead, and ultimately makes a brutal form of death, crucifixion, into a way of life. There is an invitation here. For we are part of an old, even ancient, story that tells of a strong, steadfast God and reminds us of our resilience and our hope as God's people.

Even while we are living with real and significant questions about our health, our financial stability, our daily commitments, God invites us to trust and respond. Trust comes first. Deep in your core, you can be sure of God's presence – for we begin and end in God. You are God's beloved and it is God who is the ground of your being, the giver of your breath. God holds you, and me, and all of us in the face of this crisis. Confident of God's care, we can then reach out, sharing with others this love and the peace which passes human understanding.

I hope you have received an email from us entitled St. Andrew's@Home outlining ways we can worship together and stay connected. One gift of this season, when so many must shelter in place, is the way that

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people have used what they have and who they are to express their solidarity, their unity. I have been deeply touched by the people of Italy who go to their balconies each evening to play music, to sing songs and to applaud those still at work. Taking a cue from their resilience, I want to invite you, the beloved people and friends of St. Andrew's, to share in our daily doxology at 6 pm. You can use your phone, your kitchen timer, your bedside alarm, but at 6 pm -- go outside or stand on your balcony or open your window and sing or say the doxology. Each and every day that we are encouraged to socially distance, we will be bridging that space with thanksgiving and prayer. This will be St. Andrew's shared spiritual practice of gratitude.

I hope you will also join us in weekly worship. We will begin livestreaming Worship at St. Andrew's this Sunday at 10 am. We will also share in Worship on Wednesdays, beginning tomorrow night (March 25) at 7 pm with Compline. You will be able to find information on the church website about times, as well as a link you can click or number you can call to join in worship. I ask for your patience and understanding in advance, as it will most certainly be an imperfect, but faithful attempt to do a new thing.

At St. Andrew's@Home, you will also find links for self-study and growing your faith. We will be offering a virtual EYC, resources for families, ways to care for those in need, and several online meetings that you can participate in with other parishioners.

St. Andrew's, you embody God's love. Keep the faith. Pray for one another and for those on the



frontline, for those who are sick, and for those who are scared. Find ways to share your light. Know that your Church is here and ask for help when you need it – whether it is food or prayer or just a reminder that you are not alone. We are not a building, but a people, knit together by grace and hope. Even as we walk towards Jerusalem, let us be a sign of the life that is within us.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Love in Christ,

Ginny

As a sign of the Life within us ~ We Pray For

Mary Stalter, Anna Stalter, Ella and Les Janssen, Jeff Cummer, Judy Wells, Norma Bullock, Moira Ermentrout, Hugh McLawhorn, Doug Scott, Laurie Simon Queen, Albert Madden, Bruce Adkins, Charles and Rebecca Goodrum, Dee Dee Fulton, Judy Stancil, Maria Wilmoth, Barbara Sherer, Leslie, Johnetta Shabrack, Dorothy Cook, Julia Testa, Jenna Cottrill, Jimmye Olivey, Erin, Karen Hall, Ann Clark, Don Lowe, Lynn Palmgren, Jamie Smith, Larry Phillips, Vik, Greg and Amy Chambers, Paula Pile, Sandra Witherspoon, Paul David Florence, Donald Beal, Patty Tennant, Faye Shane, Frank Tatem, Val Swan, Mary O'Brien, Warren Pittman, Dick Montgomery, Steve Love

SIGNS OF LIFE ON OUR CAMPUS

Herman Hall Restoration and Improvements



We are using this down time in our common life to do some much needed repairs in Herman Hall and the Undercroft. This space was cleaned after what we now refer to as the Great Flood of 2019, but was waiting to be refurbished.

A small team of painters has been busy at work in the last two weeks and it is amazing how much light a fresh coat of paint can bring! Since this is the area dedicated for our nurseries, our acolytes, and our youth, The Children's Ministry Team has been hard at work volunteering their time and talent to imagine ways we can make this space more life-giving using art and vibrant colors. We are restoring the Children's Chapel with plans to use it for worship in the coming year and plan to purchase some durable furniture for the youth space so the EYC can meet there in Herman Hall again. We are also painting and repairing the bathrooms off the church and in the Parish Hall. When the painting is complete, the floors downstairs will be cleaned and waxed. We will be waxing the floors in Herman Hall starting Friday, March 27. It will be closed through March 30. The Parish Hall floors will be done the following week. It will be closed April 3-6.

These efforts are simple and cost-effective ways to offer hospitality in our beloved space. We look forward to welcoming you back to see and celebrate these changes!

Solar Panel Installation Expected to Begin April 13

We are getting closer to starting the installation of our solar panel system. The work is now slated to begin April 13, with a completion date of May 1.

These dates take into account the impact of the COVID-19 virus, but are not 100% certain. Electrical work will begin a little earlier with the installation of inverters for the system.

The solar panels are currently in the warehouse of Eagle Solar & Light, and the inverters are set to be delivered to Eagle this week. The key component we are still waiting for is the racking system from SnapNRack, the hardware that holds the roof panels. We hope to get an update on delivery of the racking this week.

Another part of the delay we've experienced is the local permitting process, with many agencies short-staffed due to the coronavirus. We can only pray no further delays will occur. As with anything important, the anticipation should make the wait worthwhile!

-- Chris Berger



SIGNS OF LIFE IN OUR PARISH

EYC Online

The EYC will have a Zoom meeting this Sunday, March 29 from 5:15—6 pm. An email will be sent to all parents with the details and the meeting link. All middle and high school youth are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Calling All Gardeners: Let's Plant!

It soon will be time to plant flowers around our church sign, so plan to join us on Monday, April 13, at 7 pm. If you have gardening gloves, small tools such as a trowel, and/or watering cans, bring those with you. Call Cheri Courtright at 336-706-0911 to sign up. We don't want to exceed the 10-person limit in this time of the coronavirus pandemic.

Low Country Dinner Scheduled for June 6

Our second annual Low Country Dinner is now scheduled for Saturday, June 6. With the hope the coronavirus will have run its course, we anticipate a great night of fun and fellowship. Details to follow.

Men's Retreat: A Special Time

February's men's retreat, led by St. Andrew's own Leon Spencer at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center, proved a special time for all who attended.

Jesus Today, A Book Study, April 1

"Jesus Today", an online 8-weekhour long book study begins April 1 at 10 am. The subtitle is *A Spiritual of Radical Freedom*. Fr. Albert Nolan proposes a practical spirituality for today, based on an analysis of the spirituality of Jesus and the challenges of our 21st-century culture. Elizabeth Johnson writes, "Writing simply and clear as a bell, he lays out the heart of the gospel in such a way that it lights up the world and ignites the heart of the reader."

We will be introducing the series on March 25 and start the book the following week. Scholarship help to purchase the book is available, please contact the Rev. Ginny Inman. Contact the Revds. John and Tricia de Beer for more information or to sign up.



Front row (L to R): Leon Spencer, Tony Bengel, Dan Seaman, Jeff Richardson, Bill Hill, Alan Atwell; Middle row (L to R): Mark Kaley, Jon Anderson, Sean Hollern, Jankoba Sambola, Tim Fleming, Glenn Strohl; Back row (L to R): Stephen Inman, Chris Berger, John de Beer, Doug Sanecki, Tom Ergish, Dan Gobble, Charles

SIGNS OF LIFE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

How You Can Continue to Support Our Food Pantry

The response to the coronavirus, while necessary, has disrupted our ability to collect and distribute food to those in need through our food pantry. We suggest you replace your donation of nonperishable foods with a check in an amount to cover several weeks.

Checks should be made out to One Step Further Food Pantry, and mailed to them in care of First Christian Church, 1900 West Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403. Please write St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the memo line.

The food pantry is currently attempting to serve the needy while maintaining limited contacts.

We're certain there will be increased demands for food once "social distancing" is no longer necessary.

Thanks for all you do in His name.

-- *The Mission and Outreach team*

ECW Sponsors Glass Recycling Effort

The Episcopal Church Women has proposed, and the Vestry has approved, a glass recycling program to help our church and community be more ecologically proactive.

Since Greensboro is no longer accepting glass in its curbside recycling program, much glass has been going into the landfill, although there are sites around the city where people can take glass to be recycled.

At St. Andrew's, the ECW is providing a bin in the Parish Hall kitchen where we can put glass that has been used during church activities, or that people may bring glass from home to be recycled.

The glass may be any color, but must be rinsed and dried before putting it in the bin. If you bring your glass in a plastic bag, remember that plastic bags cannot go into any recycling bin. Please empty the glass into the bin and take the bag to a grocery store or other store that recycles plastic bags.

ECW members will monitor the bin and take the glass to a recycling site as needed.

Thank you for participating in this effort to ensure the future of this fragile Earth, our island home. Questions about the program may be directed to Nancy Rizzuto at 336-273-4537.

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