



THE COMPANION

...of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,
Waterford, Michigan

April 2019

From the Priest-in-Charge

—The Rev. Canon Jonathan Sams

St. Andrew's has a great sense of humor. On the 3rd Sunday of Lent, at both services, members of the congregation could not restrain themselves from bursting out with enthusiastic Alleluias!!! in response to the dismissal at the end of the Mass (in their defense, I hasten to point out that the perpetrators were NOT the two most notorious Alleluia-freaks in our congregation, whose identity is known to all). Of course this occasioned much laughter as well as sympathy, as most of those in attendance had barely stifled the urge to do the same thing.

In our Study Group on the First Sunday in Lent we reflected upon the absence of the "A-word" and other changes that occur in the appearance of the church and the conduct of the Liturgy during the Lenten Season. My hope was to demonstrate how the absence of candles and flowers, an emphasis upon confession and forgiveness, and subdued music and intentional silence combine to create a kind of hollow place for the light of Easter to illuminate. It is the contrast between fast and festival, emptiness and plenitude, desert and promised land that seeks to touch us on the level of mind, heart, and, even deeper, of what I am calling "the gut".

Imagine, then, my pleasure at finding this agenda confirmed in an ultra-secular, sophisticated Sunday newspaper that I purchase chiefly for the purpose of doing the crossword puzzle (which takes me all week). In an article appropriately titled "Lent", written by a novelist named Rachel Howard, I read last Sunday afternoon about how she came to discover the Episcopal Church at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. "The idea of Lent was new to me...the church itself goes stark: rough, burlap-like vestments instead of shiny finery; no 'Alleluias'. ...what I didn't understand yet is that Lent concentrates guilt, then cathartically explodes it...deprivation itself can be a gift."

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Senior Warden's Update

—Joelle Chaney, Senior Warden

Hello,



It is a beautiful spring morning. I am at work, trying to think of a brief message for the April Companion, because I forgot to write something this weekend.

A couple of things come to mind. We had a Vestry meeting last week, and one of the items we discussed was the apparent shortage of pledge income received. There are a number of possible explanations for this. We have a few snowbirds, who may not have paid their pledges. We also have some members to pay their pledge on a quarterly basis, and they may not have paid their first quarter amount yet. I believe we will have a better idea of our situation after March is over. In the meantime, please make sure your pledge is up to date so we can stick to our budget and pay our bills.

Shrove Tuesday seems like a LONG time ago. Our pancake supper was well attended, with about 55 people. There was no cost to attend, but there was a basket for donations. I am happy to report that we gave \$194 to Scott Slocum to purchase water for St. Andrew's in Flint.

We are halfway through Lent. Some of us are participating in Sunday Lenten studies, while others of us may have our own Lenten disciplines or fasts that we are engaged in. I hope you will take part in the services at St. Andrew's on Hatchery during Holy Week; I feel that they make the Easter service a richer experience.

Blessings,

Joelle Chaney
Senior Warden

From the Priest in Charge

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I am glad that the experience of a transformative Lent has been documented in such a sophisticated and widely-read publication. I appreciate seeing our own traditional practices through a new set of eyes. And I agree with this author when she writes, "Lent...is not about cultivating bad feelings, but slowly disrobing them, letting them reveal their true nature. But this requires curiosity, and surrender." I hope we will indulge our capacity for "holy curiosity" this Lent, and that our Easter Alleluias will be a "cathartic explosion" of light and joy.

Jonathan †

Building & Grounds Update

—Contributed by Bob Rowcliffe, Junior Warden



The Spring Clean Up has been scheduled for Sunday, May 5th following the 10:00 am service. Please come to church that day in your work clothes. We will break into small groups for a couple of hours of work and fellowship. We will have the supplies, all we need is your energy.

Hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks will be provided!

Thank you!

Bob Rowcliffe
Junior Warden

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th / 8:00 pm—11:00 pm

Consider being part of a spiritually powerful meditative experience that takes place after the Maundy Thursday Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on April 18th.

Individuals sign up for 1/2 hour periods of silent prayer and meditation at the "Altar of Repose" where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for holy communion at the Good Friday Liturgy. The Vigil will be held in the Vesting Room, located to the right of the red doors. Materials will be made available to guide your meditations. The goal is to have at least 2 people signed up for each 1/2 hour period, but there is no reason why there cannot be more.

You may sign up at the bulletin board in the Richardson Room, or by emailing Father Jonathan at episcopal2@comcast.net. He will also respond to any inquiries concerning this or any other Holy Week observances.



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 18th / 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Lord's with Foot Washing Ritual. Don't worry, no one will be required to have their feet washed! However, take heed of what Jesus said to his reluctant disciples: "if I do not wash your feet, you have no part of me. If I, your Lord and master, have washed your feet, so you should wash one another's feet."

Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose / 8:00 pm—11:00 pm **Sign up in the Richardson Room**

Good Friday, April 19th / Noon

Dramatic reading of St. John's Passion Gospel, Solemn Prayers for the church and the world. Service of the Cross, communion from the reserved sacrament.

Good Friday, April 19th / 7:00 pm

St. Andrew Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil Service, April 20th / 7:00 pm

Blessing of the New Fire, Old Testament Prophecies, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and First Eucharist of Easter. Festive snacks to follow.

Easter Sunday, April 21st / 8:00 am

Festival Eucharist with organ and hymns

Easter Sunday, April 21st / 10:00 am

Festival Eucharist for all generations with choir

Bits & Pieces



Directory Update Coming Soon!

It's that time of year when we will be updating and publishing our annual Church Directory. The list will be on the large table located in the Richardson Room for your review. Please verify your information, including your email address, so that our records are accurate. We anticipate publishing the new directory sometime in May. If you do not wish to have your information published in the directory, please notify the church office.



Book Club

***Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens**
Thursday, May 2nd – 6:30 pm
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heart-breaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.



Eucharist in the Park

BAYCOURT PARK
Wednesday, July 17th

Be sure to save the date! More information to follow closer to the date. If you have any questions, please speak with Terry Karp.



Birthdays

- 5th Carol Leonard
- 9th Laura Petar
- 10th Margaret Chaney
- 12th Ben Donaldson
- 18th Emily Houston
- 20th Bill Foster
- 21st Bob Karp
- 22nd Emily Chaney
- 23rd Char Wall
- 24th Mary Eunice Fox
- 28th Christine Saiter
- 29th Robert Wollard



April Anniversaries



- 10th Mary Eunice & Bob Fox, Jr.
- 12th Sylvia & Richard Clemence
- 18th Terry & Bob Karp
- 30th Pamela & Glenn Morrison

Outreach Opportunity

BOOK-IT 5 K Run/Walk **Friends of the Waterford Township Library**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Registration 8:30 am / Race starts 10:00 am

Volunteers report at 8:00

There will be a volunteer tent where all volunteers will be given packet with general information, the course and names and numbers of event coordinators.

Registration

Runners/walkers Check in give out information/t-shirts, swag bags

Course Marshalls

Keep runners on course

Cheer/make noise

Parking

Direct traffic

Snacks

Set-up water and snacks

Raffle

Sell tickets \$1.00 each. 6/\$5.00

Oversee area

Select winning tickets

Make announcements

Games

Set-up outdoor games

Review rules/procedures for each

Encourage/ motivate

Vendors

Vendors/Information Tables

Make sure they have what they need

Clean-Up

Please email or call if interested in volunteering.

Joyce Wefel (248) 860-0764 or Jwefel@comcast.net

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Parish Administrator's Hours:

Monday & Friday

9:00 am—4:00 pm

(248) 673-7635

Email: office@standrewswaterford.org

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