



The Call

St. Andrew's & St. Swithin's Episcopal Churches
December, 2009

To Know Christ and make Him Known

The Glorious Impossible

Three years ago over the first Sunday of Advent, Doug and Brian and I went across the sea to West Africa to visit Andrew who was studying for a semester in Ghana. One of the things required for the trip was immunization for yellow fever. I laughed when I had to sign a release (because this is a live virus) that I was not pregnant nor was I intending to become pregnant in the near future because this virus could be dangerous to a developing baby. Well, it's pretty much impossible for that to be a problem and it was even funnier when I heard that Doug and Brian had to sign the same thing.



Pregnancy is an important topic in Advent and the coming Christmas season. I am resisting the urge to write a Christmas message for the December newsletter, wanting to reserve that for January as we continue the Twelve Days of Christmas. Advent began November 29 and although we're not very good about waiting and patience Advent is all about waiting. It really is all about pregnancy. Not just about Mary's and her advancing pregnancy (good thing she had a donkey to ride!) over 2000 years ago when she was heavy with the Son of God. It is also about Advent's pregnancy itself.

During the four weeks leading up to Christmas, the Nativity of our Lord, the world is pregnant; waiting, expectant, knowing, just as parents do, what the outcome will be. Mary didn't need an ultrasound to know this was a son; she had the heavenly host! But nonetheless, the world waits. Mary and Joseph wait. We wait. God waits.

We cannot rush this, but oh, how we wish we could hurry it along. It takes time to prepare for new life. It takes time to prepare the heart and the mind and the body. Pregnancy and Advent are times of deep introspection: Of wondering about the miracle; of wondering at the "glorious impossible" as Madeline L'Engle writes of the birth of Christ. The world would like to rush us. Over these next weeks, it will be our challenge to resist the temptation to run headlong into Christmas. Stop. Breathe. Pray. Join us for a Quiet Afternoon on the 16th. Allow the deep mystery of the coming Incarnation reach into your heart and soul. We know what the outcome will be, so take your time through Advent. As we wait let the presence of the Holy in this season keep you pregnant with hope and confident in God's gift of Jesus to the world. May God richly bless you in this most miraculous season.

Gail+

An Advent Meditation from Henri Nouwen

Dear Jesus, I know that you can give me eyes to see the signs of your presence in the world, and I pray for this. But I also pray for faith in you for those times when I will not be able to see, to understand or feel your presence in my life. Grant me the courage to persevere and to hope in things unseen. *Amen.*



Monday, December 21, 7:00 p. m.

For many people, Christmas is not the joyous, fun-filled and exciting occasion that is reflected in the myriad of advertisements and retail store promotions we encounter on a daily basis at this time of the year. Sadness, mourning

and grief can permeate the holiday season for those who have lost a loved one, experienced loss through separation or divorce, or may be struggling with a personal health concern, job change, financial crisis or difficult family situation.

It is with these individuals in mind that St. Andrew's will offer a "Blue Christmas" service on Monday, December 21 at 7:00, also known as the Longest Night (winter solstice). This service is designed to acknowledge a sense of grief or loss that comes during the holiday seasons. It will provide a safe place for people when the culture-driven quest for a Merry Christmas does not reflect what they are experiencing. Loss or the continuing pressures of life can bring a sense of darkness at this time of year. This service welcomes our darkness, because it provides a place to remember that the light of Christ has been sent to overcome it.

This is not an "I hate Christmas" observance. It is a service that reflects the words of *It Came upon a Midnight Clear* when it says, "And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low; ... look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing." Safe space is created to bring our heavy loads or sadness to God and experience the light of the Christ Child shining into the darkness.

If you know of others, friends or family in the community who might find this service meaningful, please let them know of its date and time.

Prayers for lighting candles on your Advent wreath

First Sunday - November 29 - (opposite the pink candle if you have one)

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us. God of hope, when Christ your son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but ever watchful, active in his service and ready. Amen.



Second Sunday - December 6 - (go clockwise)

Almighty God, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your son; grant that those who proclaim your word may so guide our feet into the way of peace, that we may stand with confidence before him when he comes in his glorious kingdom. Amen.

Third Sunday - December 13 (pink candle if you have one; Gaudete Sunday)

Blessed God, come to us as the light of the world in your son, Jesus Christ. Give us grace to be a witness to that light so all might see and believe. As the Word becomes flesh, give us grace to cast out the works of darkness in his name and become the children of God. Amen.

Fourth Sunday - December 20

God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome that your son, Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself. Give us the grace and humility to let it be for us as it was for Mary; they will be done. Amen.



Contemplative Prayer

We will have guided contemplative prayer sessions each Thursday during Advent on Dec 3, 10 and 17th from 5 pm to 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your own cushions or benches if you have them, however, chairs will also be provided.



Fair Christmas Success

A big round of applause goes out to the folks of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for their excellent participation in the annual Fair Christmas.

A special thanks goes to the hard workers of Outreach Committee Karen Agee, Betty Marshall, Pat Churchley, Pat Milliren, Melinda Szatlocky, and Margaret Crawford. Also special thanks to the following individuals who volunteered their Saturday to help make Fair Christmas a success: Elizabeth Slater, Valerie Tutton, Pat Morgan, Harriet Angulo, Ann Wood and the Ladies of Mujeres de Maiz

Opportunity Foundation (Women of the Corn) and the Friends of the Field. We also wish to thank all of bread bakers and contributed so many great loaves of quick and yeast breads. There was wheat bread, dill bread, Norwegian Rye, and many loaves of delicious quick breads such as pumpkin-nut, soda bread, cranberry-orange and zucchini.

Thank you to the ladies of the St. Agnes Guild for offering tea, coffee, and great snacks to the Fair goers. They asked for donations to benefit the Port Angeles Food Bank and did very, very well. Everyone had a good time with the drawings for the hats, tote bags, Christmas stockings and miscellaneous donated items.

Those organizations benefiting from our giving were the: Heifer Project, Homeward Bound, Malaria Nets, Fair Trade Products, Bread for the World, MANNA (Ministry Assisting Neighbors in Need with Agape), the Friends of the Field, and Mujeres de Maiz Opportunity Foundation (Women of the Corn).

Again, thanks to all participants for making our endeavor such a great success. And we received donations in the amount of \$2,520.96; almost double what we received in 2008. Good job!

St. Andrew's Outreach Committee

A Daily Prayer for Advent

O Wisdom

Come to teach me the way of truth.

O Lord of Israel,

Come to redeem me with an outstretched arm.

O Root of Jesse,

Come to bring me new life; do not delay.

O Key of David,

Come to open my prison doors and set me free.

O Radiant Dawn,

Come to bring light to the darkness in my life.

O King of all Nations,

Come to save me and give me peace.

O God-With-Us,

Stay with me and send me forth in your name.

Amen.

Adapted from the O Antiphons, Hymnal #56

Black Nativity

honoring retiring Bishop Nedi Rivera

December 12

The African-American Committee of the Diocese of Olympia invites you to a performance of the *Black Nativity: A Gospel Song Play* by Langston Hughes and to a reception celebrating the ministry of Bishop "Nedi" Rivera, on December 12th. The reception starts at 12:45pm and the performance at 2:00pm. Both are at the Intiman Theater (on the grounds of the Seattle Center). Ticket prices:

1. Diamond Level: \$500 (free parking, reception/lunch and performance)

2. Platinum Level: \$150 (free parking, reception/lunch and performance)

3. Gold Level: \$100 (reception/lunch and performance)

4. Silver Level: \$50 (reception/lunch and performance)

5. Student: \$25 (reception/lunch and performance)

Proceeds from this celebration will support a Rev. Richard Younge Curacy Fund for Persons of Color. All donations are welcome. For ticket orders or for additional information please contact Sue Reid 206-325-4200 sreid@ecww.org

Olympic National Park lecture series continues – December 8

These monthly presentations are free and open to the public. They are sponsored by the Olympic National Park, Friends of Olympic National Park and Discovery: Your Northwest. The topic of the December 8th program will be: Fossil Sea Star Reveals Clues to Olympic's Geologic Past. We anticipate the presence of visitors from St. Luke's in Sequim for a brief service of prayer and thanksgiving for the wonders of creation before traveling to the Visitor's Center. We will gather for prayer about 6:15 or so, and the lecture begins at 7:00. Please join us!

Is it Cold or Flu?

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses but they are caused by different viruses. Because these two types of illnesses have similar flu-like symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone. In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. Colds are usually milder than the flu. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations. From the Hospice Interest [newsletter]

New Books in the Library!

FIC Macdonald, George

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The Gray Wolf and other Stories.

This was donated to the library
by Deborah Hansen

Jennifer Kelley donated the book

Saints Behaving Badly

by Thomas Craughwell.

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Chorale Concerts

Elizabeth Kelly and Margaret Crawford are members of the NorthWest Women's Chorale which will offer three performances of our winter program, "Voices of Light", in December: Friday, December 11, 7 p.m. at St. Luke's, Sequim; Sunday, December 13, 3 p.m. at First Congregational in Forks (heads up St. Swithin's!), and Monday, December 14, 7 p.m. at Holy Trinity in Port Angeles. You'll hear mostly Christmas music, but also a few other things. Sharon Snell is the guest artist with some spectacular flute accompaniment, and there's always a sing-along. Tickets are \$10 at the door.



ATTENDANCE

	8:00 am	10:00
October 25	13	68
November 1	24	90
November 8	23	82
November 15	13	80
November 22	no service	78
November 25	Thanksgiving Eve	34

Voice of the Day

You become what you do. We are shaped from the outside in ... So we do the Works of Mercy, we bend and we kneel, even when our head is clouded and our spirit is grudging. We cross ourselves even as our faith fails. We light candles and sing "O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine," even when the world seems dark.

- Mary Margaret Nussbaum, from her essay "Hope Is Our Means"

Verse of the Day

The spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

- Job 33:4

September in Christian Ed.

Monday Discussion Schedule

Cheryl Young began our four session study on "Women's Pathways to Crime" November 30, continuing on December 7, December 28 and January 4. Please note the two week break for Christmas on December 14 and 21.

Cheryl develops credited statewide training and professional development academies for the Washington State Department of Corrections. She has a doctorate in sociology and has been an educator, researcher and practitioner in corrections for over 40 years. She and her husband Phil are members of St. Andrew's.

This is a brief outline of the four sessions:

November 30, session 1: Gender and Criminality: Understanding the Differences

This was be an overview of gender trends in corrections. We examined how men and women offenders differ in their personal histories and the pathways that bring them to crime focusing especially on women's pathways: physical and sexual abuse, addiction, relationships and social marginality.

December 7, session 2: Pathways to Crime: Women's Stories

This session looks at women's pathways through personal interviews. Childhoods of abuse, addiction and pervasive trauma lead to physical, emotional and cognitive impairments, social isolation and spiraling marginality. Sensitive subject matter.

December 28, session 3: Pathways in Prison: How Women Do Time

Women's personal histories take on different dynamics in a male-offender-based correctional system, challenging conventional correctional practices, notions of "safety," goals of programming and resulting in problematic relationships with staff.

January 4, session 4: Leaving Prison: The Unknown Path.

Women who leave prison often face the same situations and challenges that brought them to prison with fewer personal and social resources than their male counterparts. Personal stories highlight their continuing struggles and the social impact of their incarceration on the structure of family. We will close with discussion on where we as individuals and members of a Christian community we can have an impact.

Everyone is welcome. We start around 6:30 with coffee and conversation, study at 7 and Compline at 8:15.

Wednesday Eucharist

These are the feast days we will be observing during the month of December at the Wednesday Eucharist.

December 2--Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910

December 9--Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

December 16--Saint John of the Cross, 1591

December 23--Saint Thomas the Apostle

December 30--Thomas Becket, 1170; followed by a brown bag lunch and the movie, "Becket"

Adult Forum Schedule

The Adult Forum Schedule of study was not available at the time of publishing. Adult Forum will continue to be held at our regular time, 9 am on Sunday morning. All are welcome.

PLEDGE

An early count of our pledges so far totals \$138,990.00 and \$2,079.96 to the building fund from 77 pledges. We know that there are still some pledges we haven't received, and they will continue to be received with rejoicing and gratitude. Gail+ was right—it was really amazing to be part of that procession to the altar last Sunday, giving back out of all the blessings God has given us.

Scripture contains several references to tithing. One of the noted Biblical statements about tithing is:

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Leviticus 27:32, which says:

"And concerning the tithes of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord."

November 22 was Consecration Sunday when we were asked to bring our personal commitments to the altar. The initial results are gratifying. We welcome those who have not yet made their commitment to mail their commitment cards to the church or to bring them to the service. Thank you all for your devotion to our church. Thanks also to those who attended the potluck after the service.

Okay, I'll bite. What are the O Antiphons?

The hymnal 1982 at no. 56 –
"O come, o come, Emmanuel"
contains the seven most often

used and they are called the "O Antiphons." We will be using most of them for the lighting of our Advent candles in the church. They date from the ninth century at least and some liturgical historians ascribe them to St. Gregory the Great in the sixth century. Although their number has varied, by the Middle Ages seven antiphons were universally accepted, the key words of which, when reversed in order, form an acrostic that fits beautifully into the season ERO CRAS – "I shall be (with you) tomorrow." The dates indicated for the use of each antiphon vary as well but conventional practice for centuries has been to begin on December 17. Using this schedule places the "O Oriens" (Rising Dawn) antiphons on December 21, the shortest day of the year!

Each year our choir has explored various musical expressions within the context of the liturgical cycle such as women composers, treasures from the files and original local composers. This year we are sharing some of the many fine pieces found in our Gather Hymnal. You may not have heard them before but they have been sitting right beside you in the pews all this time waiting patiently to be brought to life. During the current season of Advent all of our choir anthems will be from Gather. And by popular request, we plan to have our St A's children join the choir about once a month, something special for all of us to look forward to.

"When in our music God is glorified." Jim Couture



It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. Pastor Mike was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures. Immediately, Pastor Mike turned towards the church to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Jimmy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Pastor Mike walked up to Jimmy and said, "Well, Jimmy, where did you get the little infant?" Jimmy replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?"

With a sheepish smile, Jimmy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it."



Greening St. Andrew's

The Worship Committee has chosen Sunday, January 24, as the date for the presentation of our "Greening Congregation" banner from Earth Ministry. The presentation will be made during our worship service. This is the day of our Annual Meeting, and we will have a single service at 10:00AM. A representative of Earth Ministry will be with us to make the presentation that day. Let's welcome her and really celebrate!!

Another special event in January is a "Communion with Creation" workshop or conference at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Mercer Island on January 30. The special keynote speaker will be Bishop Mark MacDonald, who is presently bishop to indigenous peoples of Canada. He is a Third Order Franciscan and was/is also bishop to Navajoland. He is himself a Native American. Workshops will be offered by our diocesan First Nations committee; by the Third Order Franciscan fellowships of our diocese; by Island Vision, a civic group on Mercer island, by Earth Ministry, and by the Bishop's Committee for the Environment. A Spanish language workshop will be offered. The cost of the event is \$40/person, and scholarships are available. The event will go from 9am to 4pm. We can consider renting a bus with folks from St. Luke's.

Much closer to home, for three evenings of Winter Quarter at Peninsula College, a community class (no credit) will be offered entitled "Our Coastal Issues." Barb Blackie will be facilitating this class; she's a fun, dynamic person and no doubt there will be interesting discussions. The winter catalog lists this class as from 6:00-7:30pm on the Wednesdays of Jan. 13, 20 and 27 -OR- Feb. 10, 17, and 24 (you pick which is better for you). The class costs \$33.00; we could carpool for anyone who wants a ride. You can register online or by mail (see the catalog that came, p.21 about the class and the registration page near the end) or call the college for information.

Pat Milliren



The Emerging Verger

When I signed on to be a verger, I knew I'd be on my knees more but I thought it would be in prayer. I had no idea I would be on my knees crawling around the bowels of the church building. But that's just what I did a couple weeks ago with Larry Fox as he so kindly gave me a tour. He said, 'These are the things you've got to know to be prepared for the unexpected.' We scouted out water shut-off valves, electrical circuit panels, crawl spaces and attics, the fire alarm system, sprinkler timers and even an obscure electrical outlet behind a bookshelf. I have been busy locating fire extinguishers, fire exits, and first aid kits. Did you know we have nine fire extinguishers located throughout the building? I wonder how many you can find.

I go to the church often. I like to spend time there reading, meeting with others, and working with the Altar Guild. I have always taken it for granted that the building is cared for and kept in good repair. But the more I am there, the more I see what is actually happening in order for the people of St. Andrew's to have a safe place to gather for worship. Just the other day, the elevator was being inspected, the sanctuary carpets were being vacuumed and some new electrical wires were being installed. In the office, The Call was being compiled, and the pledges were being tallied. So much activity speaks loudly as to the importance we place on caring for the home in which our church family can gather to worship, pray, and share our lives together.

Having a place to gather for worship, prayer, and community is a vital part of being a church family. How blessed we are to have a beautiful—and safe—building to call our home. I want to thank everyone who contributes to the upkeep of the building we call St. Andrew's Church, whether it be with the labor of cleaning, repairing, or preparing, or with gifts, both tangible and monetary. All of us are vital parts of the living body of Christ.

Valerie Tutton



**St. Andrew's
Fair Christmas
services**



[left] St. Swithin's service music and pot luck

A Holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell". They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." "It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. The greedy think only of themselves."

St. Andrew's Schedules

Every Sunday

8 and 10 am Holy Eucharist
 9 am Adult Forum in the Library
 9 am Children's Sunday school
 2 pm Crestwood Ministry

Every Monday

6:30 pm Adult Discussion Group
 8:15 Compline

Every Wednesday

10:15 am Eucharist at St. Andrew's Place
 11 am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study
 7 pm Choir rehearsal



Tue 1 3 pm Vestry
 Wed 2 7:30 Men's Breakfast
 Thur 3 3 pm Stewardship Committee
 5-6 pm Contemplative Prayer
 Fri 4 2-8:30 pm Photo re-shoot
 Sat 5 6 pm Helvey-Deidiker wedding

Sunday December 6 2 Advent

8 am Lector: Mary Lee Long
 LEM: Dona Scarcia
 Usher: Ed Berrington
 10 am Lector: Keith Duppenenthaler
 LEMS: Pat Milliren and Mark Schander
 Greeters: Carl and Connie Wulfman
 Ushers: Rich and Sally Ruud
 Coffee preparer: Doris Mae Smelling and
 Jeanne Rolley
 Crestwood LEV: Pat Milliren

Mon 7 noon, Knitting Ministry
 Tue 8 6:15 pm Evening Prayer
 7 pm Olympic Natl. Park Presentation
 Wed 9 5:30 Worship Committee
 Thur 10 5-6 pm Contemplative prayer
 7 pm Bridge

Sunday December 13 3 Advent

8 am Lector: Tom Markley
 LEM: Von Markley
 Usher: Adrienne Monro
 10 am Lector: Sandy Long
 LEMS: Debbie Hansen, Melinda Szatlocky
 Greeters: Keith and Conny Duppenenthaler
 Ushers: Jerry and Peggy Newlin
 Coffee preparer: Conny Duppenenthaler
 Crestwood LEV: Debbie Hansen

Mon 14 1 pm Outreach Committee
 Wed 16 7:30 Men's Breakfast
 No Bible Study, Quiet Day 12-4 pm
 3:30 pm Congregational Development
 Thur 17 5-6 Contemplative Prayer

Fri 18 7 pm Lessons and Carols @ St. Luke's
 Sat 19 time TBA Assemble Greens

Sunday December 20 4 Advent

8 am Lector: Dona Scarcia
 LEM: Pat Milliren
 Usher: Dona Scarcia
 10 am Lector: Connie Wulfman
 LEMS: Ann Wood & Mary Reynolds
 Greeters: Rich and Sally Ruud
 Ushers: Keith Duppenenthaler and Doug Wood
 Coffee preparer: Harriet Angulo
 Crestwood LEV: Ann Wood

Mon 21 noon Knitting Ministry
 7 pm Blue Christmas
 Wed 23 CALL Deadline
 Thru 24 noon till noon on 25, NA-rathon

Christmas Eve December 24

6 pm Lector: Susanne McCoy
 LEMS: David McCoy and Debbie Hansen
 8:30 pm Lector: Kathy Balducci
 LEMS: Valerie Tutton and Ann Wood
 Ushers: Doug Wood and Doug Wheatley

Fri 25 no service on Christmas Day

Sunday December 27 Christmas 1 Single Service

10 am Lector: TBA
 LEMS: Deb Hansen and Deb Morgan-Ellis
 Greeters: Jeanne Rolley & Doris Mae Smelling
 Ushers: Jerry and Peggy Newlin
 Coffee preparer: Margaret Crawford
 Crestwood LEV: Deb Hansen

Sun 27 3-5 pm Handel With Care @ Trinity Methodist
 Thur 31 New Year's Eve
 noon until noon on the 1st NA-rathon

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Advent Quiet Day

There will be no Bible Study class on Wednesday Dec. 16. On that date, please join us after Eucharist for a silent meal in the Parish Hall. Lunch of Soup and bread will be provided, then spend the afternoon in silence. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your own personal spiritual practice. There will be a period of guided meditation and time for walking, reading, writing, and just being in a quiet space for a few hours. Bring your own art supplies, books, journals or writing materials. Weather permitting there will be walks outside. Come when you can, leave when you must.

HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24

Early service with children participating - 6:00 p.m.
Late candlelight service - Caroling and music 8:30;
Holy Eucharist 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - no service at the church; Light the Christ candle in the Advent wreath at home with prayer!

Christmas 1 - December 27 - Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist - single service 10:00

Christmas 2 - January 3 - Children's pageant at 10:00;
Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:00