

The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Connecting us in community and in Christ

MARCH 2019

THE WAY OF LOVE DURING LENT

Turn. Learn. Pray. Worship. Bless. Go. Rest.

These are the seven points of our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's program called, "The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life." The PB introduced this set of spiritual disciplines at the General Convention last summer. Our Compassionate Life group has already been using the Way of Love to structure their time together and explore what each of these disciplines means for them. Our Bishop Audrey Scanlan has embraced Bishop Curry's Way of Love and is preaching about it everywhere she goes this year. So, you will no doubt hear about it when she visits here on March 24. I will be using the Way of Love for the Wednesday evening Lenten program this year.

During Lent, on the Wednesday evenings, not counting Ash Wednesday or Holy Week, we will begin the evening with a Taizé service in the church at 5:15. Then at 6:00 we will have a catered meal in Canterbury Hall. Donations accepted. At 6:45 we will start the program, also in Canterbury Hall, and go until 8:00. I will lead the adult program, and there will be a program for children led by Kathy Hickner. You are invited to take part in all events of the evening, or to come only for what you are able to attend.

The Way of Love is not a particular set of activities. Rather it gives us a framework to think about how we structure our own personal spiritual disciplines or rule of life. The seven different steps are not intended to be something we work through in order over a set period of time, like during Lent. They are intended to help us each create a practice that we can sustain for a lifetime.

In a sense, the Way of Love contains nothing new. There have been many systems over the centuries for Christians to structure their spiritual lives. There have been monastic regimens, systems

specifically for the laity, and any number of hybrid systems. I have taught several myself in the past. The beauty of the Way of Love is that it is simple and easy to adapt to one's own personality and lifestyle. If we create an elaborate rule of life for ourselves, we are likely to feel good about keeping it for a season, but just as likely to drop the good habits one by one over time. If we simply ask ourselves, for each of the seven points in the Way of Love, how do I Turn - pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus - the answer will lead us to a personal practice? What does that look like for me? How can I structure my life to encourage myself to Turn, and keep turning, to follow Jesus? Same for say Worship, or Bless, or any of the others. The answer to that question can be simple. The plan associated with it can, and should, be simple too.

A few years ago, during Lent, while I was teaching a different system for people to create a rule of life for themselves a parishioner asked me, "How is this just not one more thing for me to work on and then feel guilty about not fully implementing?" It was an excellent question! As I recall, I don't believe I had an excellent answer at the time. However, I do see that the Way of Love is different. It isn't a set system or set of practices. It simply gives us a framework, a lens through which to view our spiritual lives. We don't even have to focus on all of them at once. We could spend time working on each of the seven points, working on for instance Pray and our prayer life for a while, then moving on to what it means for us to Go.

I hope you will join us for the Lenten program this year. I hope that the Way of Love brings you a blessing. I hope that as you consider these aspects of spiritual discipline you are able to use them to deepen your relationship with God.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomer's Brunch Sunday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. Room 325

You're Invited!

The Newcomer's Committee will host a brunch for parishioners new to St. Andrew's on March 17. If you have joined the church in the past year you are welcome to attend. To RSVP, or if you have any questions, please contact Marisa Ferger: 814-867-1961 (home) or <u>mferger@psu.edu</u> (email)



Watch this space for more information for and about newcomers to St. Andrew's.!

VESTRY UPDATE, Rick Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry

February 2019

Because of the snow storm on February 12, the regularly scheduled vestry meeting for that evening was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 19. The newly elected members of the vestry, Bruce Cramer, Andrea deCarle, Jason McCloskey, Connie Puckett, and Scott Strouse were welcomed and duly installed.

The year is starting off strong from a financial position, but there is still a long way to go in 2019. The vestry urges you to be faithful in your regular support of St. Andrew's throughout the year. Remember, should you not be able to participate in worship services in person, your contributions may be sent to the church office care of Mary Andrew or made directly online through the church website at <u>www.standrewsc.org</u>.

At the February vestry meeting, the vestry and parish officers are elected and confirmed. The positions filled include the following:

<u>Senior (Rector's) Warden</u> – The Senior or Rector's Warden is a member of vestry appointed by the rector to act as the primary liaison between the parish and the rector. In the absence of the rector, the Senior Warden may lead vestry meetings to conduct parish business.

<u>Junior (People's) Warden</u> – The Junior or People's Warden is a member of vestry elected by the vestry to serve as Junior Warden. The Junior Warden is often given the task of overseeing the upkeep of parish buildings and grounds, although the Junior Warden may be assigned other roles at the discretion of the rector. In the absence of the rector and the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden may lead vestry meetings to conduct parish business.

<u>Clerk of the Vestry</u> – The Clerk of the Vestry is elected by the vestry to serve as the secretary during vestry meetings. The Clerk of the Vestry records and distributes minutes of the vestry meetings and provides support to the rector and the vestry as needed. The Clerk is not necessarily a voting member of the vestry.

 $\underline{\text{Treasurer}}$ – At St. Andrew's, the Treasurer of the parish is a paid staff position responsible for paying bills and overseeing all outgoing funds from the parish. According to the parish bylaws, the position of Treasurer is confirmed each year by vote of the vestry.

<u>Financial Secretary</u> – At St. Andrew's, the Financial Secretary is a paid staff position responsible for overseeing all parish income ,recording and making deposits of pledges, plate offerings, bequests, etc. Like the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary is confirmed each year by vote of the vestry.

The officers for 2019 are Senior Warden – Steven Smith Junior Warden – Kathryn Yahner Clerk of the Vestry – Rick Hoover Treasurer – Sue Stephenson Financial Secretary – Mary Andrew

In addition to having responsibility for conducting business of the parish, each member of the vestry serves as a liaison between the vestry and one or more parish committees, e.g. Property, Adult Formation, Finance, Outreach, Parish Life, etc. Committee liaisons will be decided at the March vestry meeting.

Your vestry is enthusiastically looking forward to serving the parish in the coming year. Your support of the parish is extremely important to the fulfillment of the many active ministries at St. Andrew's, and the vestry urges everyone to regularly meet their pledge commitments. Remember that in addition to placement in the weekly collection plates, pledge payments may be made online or sent directly to the Financial Secretary, Mary Andrew, care of the church office. St. Andrew's ministries continue to serve even when members of the parish are on vacation. Your regular support is essential.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

LENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Lenten Program : Relaxed Making

Wednesdays in Lent: March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 10 6:45 p.m., Room 336

We invite kids and youth ages 4 through 10th grade to casual, open-ended time for relaxed making – Legos, clay work or coloring based on a small portion of scripture, as well as some time in prayer. We will meet Wednesday evenings during the education portion of the Lenten Wednesday program in the church school rooms across from Rm 325 upstairs. The space will be peaceful and whatever we do will be low-key and give everyone a chance to wind down

from the day and perhaps discover the connection between God and rest. I'll get materials ready and then we can pull them out based on who arrives!

If you have older youth, they are absolutely welcome! They might be surprised how much they enjoy these quiet projects at the end of the day.

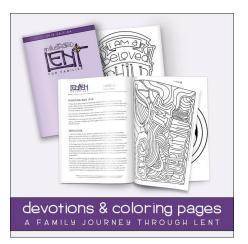
If you think you'll be able to come that Wednesday, I would appreciate a heads-up by the Monday of that week. Thanks! We'll see where the spirit moves us!

Families – Lent at Home

Throughout Lent

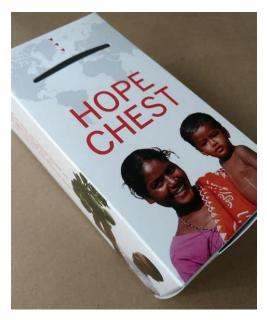
This year we are providing families with some wonderful materials from the exciting organization Illustrated Children's Ministry (<u>www.illustratedchildrensministry.com</u>). An ILLUSTRATED LENT FOR FAMILIES: REFLECTIONS ON PRAYER includes devotionals, activity pages, and coloring pages for families to use together as they journey through Lent.

An Illustrated Lent for Families invites families to focus intentionally on the spiritual discipline of prayer during the Lenten season. By exploring different Gospel passages of Jesus engaged in prayer, families will be encouraged to learn new ways to expand and enrich their experiences of prayer, individually, as a family, and in community.



- **Family Devotionals**: Seven weeks of family devotionals that are simple, but meaningful. Each devotional includes a brief reflection, discussion questions, an activity, and a prayer for each week.
- Activity Pages: These activity pages help give families concrete things to do to practice prayer during Lent.
- Coloring Pages: There are seven coloring pages that tie in with both the weekly scripture and activity.

Wherever you find yourself in your own faith – and however you share that faith with your children – take some time during Lent to be with God together. This can be daunting, especially for people who didn't grow up with religious parents (like me!) or with families who didn't talk about faith together much. But even the smallest steps can open doors to really rich moments. You don't have to prepare speeches, plan lessons, or have all the answers. But finding a way to share little bits at a time, honestly and from the heart, can point your children toward the God who already knows and cares for them. I am no expert, but I do know for absolute certain that whenever I take a step toward God with my family, *something* good happens – sometimes just my own satisfaction that I was able to express something important to my kids, sometimes the reward of a beautiful thought surfacing from their hidden depths that gives me a new understanding of who they are, and *sometimes* the sense that we are standing together before something ancient and everlasting and somehow good.



Episcopal Relief & Development Hope Chests Throughout Lent

We invite young and old and everyone in between to take home one of the small coin collection boxes from Episcopal Relief & Development (Hope Chests) to use for the traditional Lenten practice of *almsgiving*. These will be available at various spots in the church (including the narthex) beginning the first Sunday of Lent, March 10th.

The Journey Middle youth group (6th and 7th grades) has decided to devote the proceeds from Hope Chests this year to one project from each of ERD's areas of focus: Education & Business, Health & Safety, and Animals & Agriculture. The youth votes have been counted: this year we will be sending our Lenten contributions to (drumroll....): Wells and Water Systems, shares of a Cow, and Savings & Loan Groups for Women.

Children and youth are encouraged to put some of their allowance, chore or job money into their boxes. Other St. Andrew's members sometimes choose to take the money they *would* spend on treats or other extras to put instead into their boxes and then go without those items during Lent. Find your own method or discipline! Boxes will be collected on Easter Sunday.

If you are unfamiliar with ERD, the following is from their materials: *Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.* ERD works in 40 countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, the United States, Africa and Asia. You can learn more at <u>www.episcopalrelief.org</u>.

Winter Thaw

A resounding thank you to all who came out to eat, dance and bid at the Winter Thaw Contra Dance & Dessert Auction at the end of February! We surpassed our fundraising goal for the evening, but perhaps more importantly, had a wonderful, spirited time! Special thanks to Daniel Foster who stepped in as dessert auctioneer and dazzled us all with his skill and wit.





UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

The Journey Pilgrims are tickled pink with their latest fundraiser:

"Spring Some Flamingos on a Friend!"

Send a flock of flamingos to a friend's yard for a suggested donation of \$20. The flock will arrive in the night with a yard sign announcing the St Andrews Youth Group and include instructions on how to have the flock fly away (\$0) or migrate (\$20) to another yard. We respectfully request that all future landing sites are approved by the landowners, so that the flamingos will not be a surprise, (but the arrival date will!)

"Springing" will begin on March 10, but location requests can be made now. Please contact the youth group at <u>youth@standrewsc.org</u> to "Spring Some Flamingos!"

My My Chicken, Dine-to-Donate

Tuesday, March 19

If you're looking for a night without dinner-making, circle Tuesday March 19th on your calendar and head to My My Chicken! The Journey Pilgrims will receive a percentage of all restaurant sales that evening. The restaurant is located in the Weis plaza on Westerly Parkway near State High.



www.mymychicken.org

ADULT FORMATION

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

March 7 and March 21, 9:30 a.m. Room 325

The women of Compassionate Life have been growing in faith as we make our way through Presiding Bishop Curry's Way of Love study (Practices for Jesus-Centered Life). Recently, we have spent time together thinking more deeply about the nature of prayer and worship. As well as *talking* we are also *trying* whenever we can. During our time on Prayer, Christina Ford led us through various practices of prayer including Lectio Divina and movement prayer. Many thanks to Christina for being our prayer guide, and to Darlene Nordoff for her continuing leadership! We meet the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30-11 in Room 325. Contact <u>youth@standrews.org</u> to add your name to our email list!

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (resuming March 17) Canterbury Hall

Celebrating the Saints

"I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too."

We hope you will join the Adult Education Forum this spring as we learn about monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists, and more. We will get to know ten inspirational yet imperfect men and women, who lived in different places and times, and with different gifts and backgrounds. Despite these differences, they all made manifest the love of God, and their lives challenge us to live our own discipleship more fully and fearlessly. As part of our journey with the saints, we will also explore the history of the church, and the representation of saints in art and iconography.

The Sainsly Schedule:

March 17: Introduction: Meet the Saints March 24: Mary, Mother of God March 31: Mary Magdalene April 7: Peter and Paul April 14: Perpetua and her Companions No meeting April 21-- Easter Sunday April 28: Hildegard of Bingen May 5: Francis and Clare of Assisi May 12: C.S. Lewis (May 19 Hold for: art and iconography) May 26: Martin Luther King Jr.

Celebrating the Saints is a curriculum appropriate for adults and youth, and families with older children are welcome. Childcare is available upon request.

Kevin Lowe will guide our studies of the saints. He earned a master's in early Christian history from Drew University, and a doctorate in American religious history from Penn State in 2013.

LENTEN SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS



ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6

7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Childcare will be available during the 7:00 p.m. service.

TUESDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY in the Chapel

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Ted Christopher will lead a bible study on Paul's letter to the Romans.

FIVE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10

TAIZÉ in the Nave *

SUPPER in Canterbury Hall

A soup and salad meal catered by Elaine Meder and Webster's Books and Café

LENTEN PROGRAMS *

For Adults: _Bishop Curry's "The Way of Love" presented by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard

For Children and Youth (kindergarten and up) Activities in Room 336

FRIDAYS IN LENT

March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, 12

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the Church

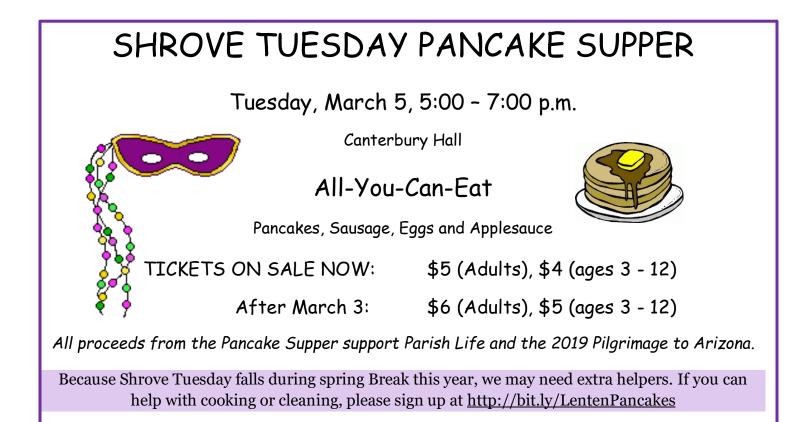
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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN LENT

MORNING PRAYER in the Church

8:30 a.m.

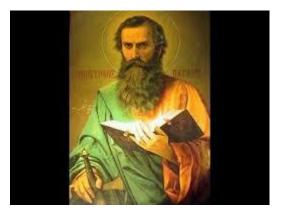
*Childcare is available for Taizé and the Speaker Series **upon request only**.



Lenten Bible Study

Tuesdays during Lent (March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9, 16) 9-10 a.m. in the Chapel

This Lent, Ted Christopher will lead a bible study on Paul's monumental letter to the Romans. We will work our way through most of this letter over the 6 Tuesdays in Lent, exploring the themes and theology at the heart of this challenging Scripture. Come and learn more about the Scripture claimed, next to the Gospels, to be the most central to Christian faith.



EVENSONG

Sunday, March 3 5:00 p.m., Church

The Adult Choir will sing the service of choral evensong the first Sunday in March. Music will include

The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Michael Praetorius O LORD, SUPPORT US by Maurice Besley O SING JOYFULLY by Adrian Batten PRECES AND RESPONSES by Richard Shephard PSALM 149 to a chant by C. V. Stanford.

Organist Gwen Catchen will play music by Parry and Johann Pachelbel. The Rev. Jeffrey Packard, rector of St. Andrew's, will be the officiant.

Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world. This is the form used at St. Andrew's.

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to touch us and to draw us closer to the presence of God.

Please join us for this service. Bring some friends! A reception will follow in Room 325.

The next evensong will be Sunday, April 7, 2019

FLUTE RECITAL

Sunday, March 23 7:00 p.m., Church

St. Andrew's parishioner, flutist Judy Moore, and pianist Asa Cairns will present a program of music at St. Andrew's. The program is free to the public. A reception will follow.



ARTS at ST. ANDREW'S

FRIDAY FILMS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Friday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. Canterbury Hall



Trembling Before G-d (2001)

Rating- NR 6:30 PM- Food and gathering 7:00 PM- Film

In March, Friday Films will work with the Social Justice Committee to present *Trembling Before G-d.* Directed and written by Sandi Simcha DuBowski, this film is an unprecedented feature documentary that shatters assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism. Built around intimate personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, the film portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma, namely how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbid homosexuality.

The Social Justice Committee, through dialogue, prayer and reading, seeks to discern a focus and a direction for the church's efforts to help our St. Andrew's community achieve a greater measure of social justice in areas such as housing, health, and hunger. The Committee also strives to educate others about manifold forms of prejudice and the grievous harm it causes to individuals and society.

The film is free and all are welcome! A discussion, led by the Social Justice Committee, will follow the film for those who wish to stay. If you have any questions about Friday Films, please contact Sharon Rovansek. If you have any questions about, or would like to learn more about the Social Justice Committee, please contact Michelle Hamilton.

ARTS @ ST. ANDREW'S

http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com

New article: Now available on the main page is Julia Kasdorf's discussion of her new book, *Shale Play: Poems and Photographs from the Fracking Fields* (Penn State University Press, 2018), with a sample poem and photo from the book.



"The long sleep of the Appalachians has been dramatically interrupted by the sudden discovery of the Marcellus Shale. This book helps us see and understand what that has meant for the region. It's a classic tale, with echoes of the region's past—and deep implications for the planet's future."—Bill McKibben, author of THE END OF NATURE

New review: This month we launch the Reviews section of the blog—click "Reviews" at the top of the main page—with Sharon Rovansek's review of *First Reformed* (2017), the story of a minister (played by Ethan Hawke) of a small and dwindling congregation in upstate New York. It was written and directed by veteran filmmaker and critic Paul Schrader, best known for the screenplays *Taxi Driver, Raging Bull*, and other major films over the last half century. Schrader's screenplay for *First Reformed* was also nominated for this year's Academy Awards.



Recent: If you missed the recent announcement in "This Week at St. Andrew's," the Arts @ St. Andrew's website recommenced activity with Jack Selzer's moving account of the Memorial Mass for our longtime fellow parishioner, Gary Knoppers, which took place on January on the Notre Dame campus in South Bend, Indiana. Scroll down the main page from Julia Kasdorf's article to see Jack's *In Memoriam: Gary Knoppers* and earlier pieces by other members of the Parish, all of whom welcome your comments and conversation on the blog.

Forthcoming: Next week Kevin Lowe will inaugurate a new section on Worship & Liturgy with a discussion of the Great Litany (*Book of Common Prayer*, p.148), which we will pray at St. Andrew's on the First Sunday in Lent (March 10th).

We welcome contributions—articles, reviews, announcements of current or future events--as well as comments. For inquiries about contributions, or if you wish to participate in the management and further development of the site, please contact Marion Schwartz <u>kmarsch@gmail.com</u> or Sanford Schwartz <u>sanford.schwartz@gmail.com</u>.

SAFETY

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN Sunday, April 7, 11:30 a.m.

Room 325

A training class will be held on April 7th, Sunday after church in Room #325. All members of Vestry must complete this training along with others who regularly work with children, all staff and clergy, and others with keys to the church. The class is also open to anyone who would like to know more about how we keep children safe at St. Andrew's and what safety concerns are important in our daily lives and lasts approximately 2.5 hours. Upon completion, you will receive a three-year certification. A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

Please call either of us if you have questions or would like more information. Thank you! Barb Downs (360-9648) and Rich Marini (692-8872)

AED /CPR Class Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 1:00 p.m.

AED

St. Andrews is scheduling classes in CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) training for ushers and staff to prepare them if they need to respond to medical emergencies during services.

We wish to offer the opportunity to all members of St. Andrews to receive this training. Even if you don't have an AED at home, having some knowledge could help you save a friend or family member's life.

Classes will be conducted at St. Andrews by staff of Centre Life Link. Classes last about 2 to 3 hours, cost \$55.00 and you will receive certification that is good for two years.

Please contact Doug Mace (dmace@thelastresource.com) with questions or to register.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Community Café has had a very busy and productive winter season! We held the **Third Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser**, and the night was a great success with much laughter and fun to be found. The competition was fierce, and this year, we had the first repeat champions. Caitlin Osborne's team, *Are We Not Boss?* took home the magnificent trophy for the second year in a row. Coming in second was the professional trivia team of *The Port Matilda Yacht Club*, and in third place was Ann Shepherd's team, *The Spring Chickens*. A total of \$1,994 was raised and all proceeds will go to benefit the Café. Special thanks goes to Peter Chamberlain, who has helped write the questions for the last three years, and who runs the computer and scoring table during the event.





Meanwhile in the kitchen, the Café has purchased some new equipment, including poultry shears, measuring cups, and new cutting boards. The cutting boards have color-coded designations for use, so raw meat is separated from produce and cooked meat during meal preparation. We would like to publicly and heartily acknowledge the efforts of Scott Thomas to help make the Café a much more efficient operation. Scott has created special props to help make the washing of the large sheet pans and mixing bowls easier and more thorough as they are run through the dishwasher. Scott has also planed the large white cutting board countertops so that they are compliant with health code regulations as after several years of use, they had become sliced up with deep groves cut into them. These boards are very expensive and would have been a major drain on the Café's finances to replace. Now, they are white, shiny and smooth again. To help the Café keep them that way, we would ask that you do not cut directly on them, put place a cutting board on top. They can still be used as a counter.



GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

This is not a comprehensive listing; regularly scheduled meetings and events are included only if an item has been submitted for publication. For complete and updated listings, please check your Sunday bulletin or weekly email.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, March 10, 11:15 Room 325

The Knitting Ministry meets March 10 in Room 325 following the 10:00 service (roughly 11:15). If you knit, crochet or would like to learn, you are welcome! We work on preparing hats, scarves, baby blankets and those adorable Peace Pals from <u>www.knitting4peace.org</u>, a wonderful organization that distributes useful handknits in the developing world. Bring a project to work on and a snack or treat to share. Even if you can't attend the meetings but would like to participate, you may knit/crochet at home and bring finished work to the Parish Office. For more information, contact Anne Hoag at <u>anne.hoag@gmail.com</u>. Future meetings: April 14, May 12.

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. Room 324

For its March meeting, the book club has decided to read Delia Owens' debut novel, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, currently #1 on the New York Times Best Seller list. Described as a coming of age, haunting, murder mystery, readers are drawn into the world of the recluse protagonist Kya Clark, who grew up in the rural



marshlands North Carolina and is suspected of murder. Owens memorably depicts the small-town drama and courtroom theatrics, but perhaps best of all is her vivid portrayal of the nature filled North Carolina setting.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a March birthday and don't see your name listed, we probably do not have that information in our records. Please contact the office – we may be missing other information, too.

Those for Whom We Pray

Ty, Jordan, Patty, Fred, Joe, Chuck, Mary, Lee, Christian, Gary, Bob, Roberta, Linda, Leon, Jan, Lisa, Pam, Debbie, Rick, Anne, Peter, Karen, Kathryn, Jocey, Joan, Jane, Don, Kathy, Jack, Carter, Tim, Sandy, Jessica, Bill, Amanda, Mandy, Sandie, Addy, David, Dick, Eugene, Navy, Mary, Jackson, Kevin, Frank, David, Sara, Emily, Vicki, Diane, Robbie, Mary

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Christie, Sean, Nathan, Ted, Blake, Chuck, Jordan, Matt, Ben, Katy, Fritz, and Jenna

Those Recently Baptized

Kaden Scott Strouse, Ryan Chidubem Nwala, and Isabel Chiamaka Nwala

Shirley C. Rader

July 17, 1936 - February 5, 2019

A funeral service for Shirley Rader will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, March 9 at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in room 325.