

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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We are a welcoming faith community of all ages in the service of Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to witness God's presence and love

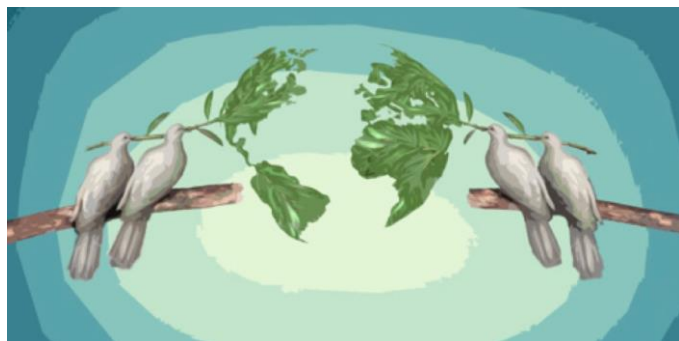


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more sense to think of the Holy Spirit as the actualizer and energizer of Divine Love.

It seems perfectly reasonable to understand the person of Jesus as God incarnate. It gets a little more challenging to apply the label of *person* to God or the Holy Spirit, doesn't it? But why spend so much time dwelling on the Trinity? Maybe the answer is wrapped up in our own persons/selves.

"Peace going and coming"



Between now and Trinity Sunday (following Pentecost) in the lectionary scriptures, Jesus lays a heavy emphasis on the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is essential according to Jesus that he depart so that the Spirit will come as our Paraclete (companion/helper), Spirit of Truth, one third of the Divine Triad. Although traditionally referred to as the third person of the Trinity, it may make

If one tends to be a very concrete, action-oriented person, then one may relate to the person of Jesus who lived and died as one of us, working to make a difference in the world while he lived on earth. If one tends to be more abstract in thought, pondering the ineffable, numinous God may resonate more deeply. If one tends to be both reflective and energized to make a difference in the world, as partners in God's reconciling mission, then the Holy Spirit may be a welcome companion on the "Way of Love".

The beauty of One, Holy, Undivided God is that we don't have to pick and choose! There's a great deal of fluidity between and among the Godhead. It is love and mutuality interconnected. It's not necessary to 'get it' but one must absolutely 'receive it'.

God has always been with us since the first nebula was only a glimpse in the divine mind. Jesus came to earth that we might touch God and I believe to be touched by us. And now, according to the scriptures, Jesus' time of walking with us is drawing to a close. But we are not abandoned or left to our own devices. It's actually quite brilliant, right?!

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, true even of Jesus. But then this amazing thing happens and Jesus returns long enough to bring a gift that will never wear out, grow old, malfunction, or disappear. The Holy Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell not only among us but *within* us. The Holy Comforter, Inspirer, Instigator is everything one needs, whenever and wherever one needs it (and sometimes not!).

Jesus said, "I do not give as the world gives. My peace I give you." It can't be taken away, commodified or sold. It is God's gift to everyone who will have it. Francis Chan, author of *Forgotten God – Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit* (2009) avers that the Holy Spirit

gets short-shrift, the short end of the stick (not by God of course but by us). Chan would like the Church to get back in touch with the Holy Spirit and claim its power to make a difference in the world according to God's vision.

On Pentecost, the anniversary of the birth of the Church, the fired-up Holy Spirit swooshed into the place where those gathered were praying. The Holy Spirit ignited the Jesus movement! It is when God empowered the followers of Jesus to 'go and do likewise'. Pentecost is an especially awesome day to baptize new believers. Not only is it full initiation into the Christian community, it is the bequeathing and activating of spiritual gifts through the power of the Holy Spirit. Why wait though? Why not be filled RIGHT NOW with the peace that passes all understanding? Invite the Holy Spirit to enter within, to keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ? Claim the blessing and strength to do God's will, in the power of the Spirit!

Amma Susan+

p.s. Don't forget to wear red or some other variation of fiery colors on June 9th!

p.p.s. A great theologian to read is Jurgen Moltmann, *The Church in the Power of the Spirit* (1977/1991)

Easter 2019



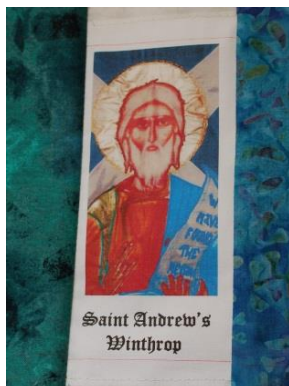
Easter 2019 was a joyous and special time at Saint Andrew's. The Altar Guild prepared the Sanctuary in its usual efficient and beautiful manner. Services were held Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday was fittingly completed with an excellent Coffee and Social Hour and an Easter Egg Hunt. The parishioners had a good time hiding the eggs but not as good a time as the youngster had in finding them.

Coffee and Social Hour

The coffee and Social after the service provides a time for Saint Andrew's congregants to meet and discuss items of interest. The Hostesses/hosts provide an abundance of goodies to fill the sweet tooth or stave off hunger pangs until home and lunch. Hostesses and hosts are always needed. If you would like to help, but would rather not be responsible by yourself, ask around for someone to share coffee hour with you. Charlene Maitland is the "official coffee maker" and she and Nancy Maitland fill any openings in the schedule so no one ever goes away wanting.

Quilt Square



We received, in the mail, an unfinished quilt square with a note saying that squares were being collected to be made into a quilt for Bishop Steve and Gretchen. It is to be made up of 66, 6 inch squares and we were instructed to finish the square in any way we wished to represent our parish. Very little time was available so the more elaborate schemes proposed by the members of the Women's Club were not practical. The group decided to photograph Suzan Katzir's wonderful Saint Andrew's Banner, reduce it to an appropriate size and print it onto the fabric. We added a caption to identify our church and Tina Barden effected the printing.

Diocesan Retreat

This is an advance notice for the diocesan retreat which will be held on June 14-16, at Camp Bishopswood. Join other Mainers for a quiet weekend connecting with God through Nature. Leave your workaday world behind and refresh heart, mind, and soul by attending this quiet retreat. More details will be forthcoming soon.

2019 Summer Kayak Raffle



Saint Andrew's Church has conducted a very successful Kayak Raffle at Longfellow's Nursery and Greenhouse for many years. Bob Peterson has been the coordinator and done a marvelous job. He has other commitments at this time and is no longer able to serve in this capacity. Because of scheduling problems and a lack of coordinator we have decided not to hold a Kayak Raffle in 2019.

Father Jim Gill's Ninetieth Birthday, Celebrated Sunday, April 7, 2019



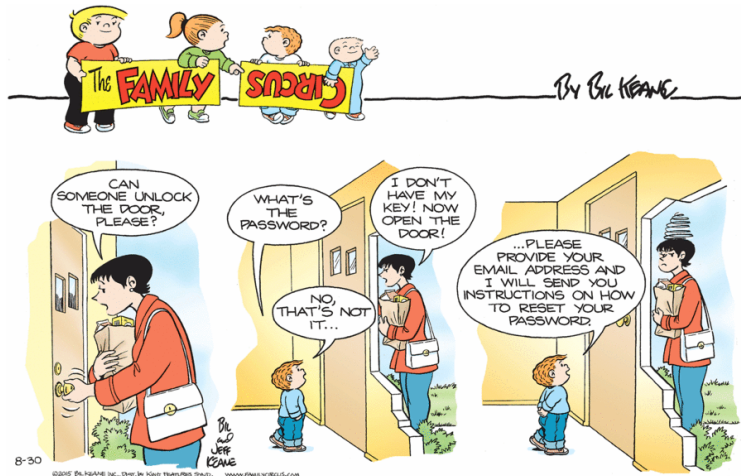
Sunday, April 7, 2019 was a special time as we celebrated Father Jim Gill's ninth birthday with him. Father Jim's family attended the service and provided the birthday cake and snack items for the coffee hour. As the pictures show Father Jim was enjoying himself. He gathered round the coffee table with young and older parishioners and sat and conversed with an old friend. Happy Birthday was sung to him by both the Friends and Saint Andrew's. Congratulations Jim and many more.

Road Signs show the way to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church



Traveling east or west on US 202 in Winthrop Center you will encounter road signs showing the way to Saint Andrew's. Traveling from Augusta the Road Sign is one of three on a Maine Dept Of Tran sign pole. The sign is about ¼ mile before the left turn on to Winthrop Center Road. Traveling from Winthrop the Road Sign is one of three on a Maine Dept Of Tran sign pole. The sign is about ¼ mile before the right turn on to Winthrop Center Road. The Welcome to the Episcopal Church Sign is on the east site of ME 135 South. The sign in front of the Friends Meeting House has been split to accommodate both the Friends Meeting and Saint Andrew's

Saint Andrew's Contact List



The Bishop's Committee of Saint Andrew's Church is in the process of updating our Parishioner List. We are attempting to validate names, address (both summer and winter), telephone numbers, and email addresses. We are also updating our list of recipients of The Lines of Fishermen, our newsletter. If you would like to update your contact information please email your current contact information to:

info@standrewswinthrop.org.

If you know of someone who is not receiving the Lines of Fishermen by email please send their information also.

Calendar

5/11 Memorial Service for Jeni Lewis 11 am

5/11 Bp. +Steve Farewell Eucharist/Reception "Norrth" 2 pm, Black Bear Inn, Orono

5/17 Bp. +Steve Farewell Eucharist/Reception "South" 5 pm, The Westin, Portland

5/18 Bp. +Steve Farewell Eucharist "South" 10am Cathedral of Saint Luke, Portland

5/26 Rev. Paul Tunkle

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