

# St. Andrew's Signpost

**The Rev. Linda Mayer, Community Priest  
Linda Cox, Senior Warden  
Jack Reynolds, Junior Warden**

## **January 2011**

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St. Andrew's lost a faithful member and friend when Imogene Blair died December 22, 2010 at 97 years young. We will miss Imie "bouncing" into church Sunday morning greeting people as she made her way down the aisle to "her" seat -third row, right side next to the window.

Imie was pragmatic, caring and helpful. She was usually the first on the scene with a casserole or cookies to someone that needed comfort or help. She enjoyed people, and after years working at the Chelan Post Office knew many she called friend. She would make the rounds at Lake Chelan Hospital visiting the ill and elderly on a regular basis.

Born in Waterville she came to Chelan with her family in 1929 where her pharmacist father went to work at Mundt's Drug Store. Imie graduated with Chelan High School Class of 1931, many of whom became lifelong friends. She married Norm Blair of Chelan in 1935, eventually living in the house built by Norm's father on Gibson Ave. Norm and Imie celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at St. Andrew's in 1985, and was widowed in 1998.

On the day she retired from the post office Norm picked her up at work in the RV he had just bought, and they began years of traveling up the Alcan Highway, a railroad trip to Mexico with the RV on a flat car, and to Yuma, Arizona in the winter.

Those trips up the Alcan Highway to Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula were an adventure in the 1960's when most of the road was still gravel and it was a necessity to carry extra tires, tools and perhaps a radiator or two. Towns and service stations were rare and there were many miles of no facilities of any kind. They traveled with friends and caravanned with the three trailers or RV's, staying in touch with each other by CB radios. She was always game for the adventure whether it was traveling or a good game of pinochle along with a laugh or two.

Family was the most important to Imie, and she loved them unconditionally. She felt especially blessed when granddaughter Desiree and great-grandson Khye came to live with her. St. Andrew's has been blessed to have had her with us.

## **Notes from Linda**

Senior Warden Linda Cox reported that she will be gone from the first of January until March. Standing in for her as Senior Warden in January will be Pat LaPorte. Jean Haskell will be acting Senior Warden for February and March until Linda returns. Please call them if you have concerns or need a priest. The Rev. Patton Boyle will be available. Pat LaPorte, 682-1172; Jean Haskell, 682-4448

Linda Mayer will also be out of town, but will be available by cel phone (509) 670-6166.

## **Vestry Notes**

Sixty pledges have been returned with a slight increase over last year. The budget for 2011 will be worked on in January. It looks as though it will be much the same as last year.

After discussion, it was decided that use of the parish hall for non-church functions would be decided on a case by case basis depending on group and use.

Rudy Mayer advised that the caulking and paint of some areas of the exterior logs was redone. The paint patching will be redone in the spring. We will continue with the spider spray twice a year. It made a big difference in the amount of spider webs both on interior and exterior.

Three new 5 lb. fire extinguishers will be purchased as per requirement of our insurance company.

## **Office hours**

New office hours for January, February and March are:

Thursdays 8 AM to 4 PM

Fridays 1 PM to 5 PM

The answering machine is checked daily.

## **No ECW in January**

### ***January Birthdays***

April Clayton... 11

Don Jamtaas.....20

Hannah Hubbard..26

Phil Madden.....28

Jordana LaPorte...30

## *January Anniversaries*

No anniversaries in January??

**Note:** We would like to update our birthday and anniversary list. If your special day hasn't been listed please let the office know. 509 682-2851 Thanks-ed

### **Who was Mary, Mother of Jesus?**

Appointment books. Planners. Calendars. We outline our present, plan our future, and review our past. We know exactly where we want to be and how we want to get there. And then it happens – the unexpected, the unplanned, the unforeseen. The death of a family member. A job change. A serious illness. Our neatly ordered lives are shattered and we are left holding the pieces.

How do we react when things happen that we can't control? Do we rail against the heavens, demanding answers, or do we accept trusting that everything will work out according to divine plan?

Mary certainly wasn't expecting an angel to appear to her and ask if she was willing to become the mother of the Messiah. Naturally, she had a few questions – like, how can this happen when I am neither married nor involved in a sexual relationship? Yet once her questions were resolved, she answered "Fiat" ("Let it be done to me according to God's will"). She was willing to trust, even when it entailed mystery and the unknown.

As we begin a new year, let us resolve to accept with joy the twists and turns life brings us. Let us open our hearts to the wonder of each new day and trust that our lives are unfolding the way they ought.

Koenig-Bricker, Woodeene; 365 Saints,

## **CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2011**

**JANUARY 2 – Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Linda Mayer**

**JANUARY 9 – Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Marilyn Wilder**

**JANUARY 13 – Vestry 4:30PM**

**JANUARY 16 – Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Patton Boyle**

**JANUARY 23 – Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Patton Boyle**

**JANUARY 30 – Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Patton Boyle**

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