

St. Andrew's Signpost

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Notes from Linda

A special thank you goes to the Jr. Warden, Jean Haskell who has taken on many roles in the life of St. Andrew's, and has helped all of us immeasurably by training to conduct Morning Prayer, attending Food Bank meetings and doing public relations for St. Andrew's. Her commitment is inspiring.

The budget for 2009 was based on actual pledges received and not on hoped for additional income as in the past. So far, in the first quarter, we are staying very close to budgeted income and expenses.

The Rev. Holladay Sanderson will be with us starting May 10. More about her schedule in the newsletter.

Linda Cox, Senior Warden

Looking ahead.....

May 10—The Rev. Holladay Sanderson

May 14—Vestry 4 PM

May 24—The Rev. Holladay Sanderson

May 31—Pentecost—The Rev. Holladay Sanderson

June 11—Next ECW meeting 12 PM Parish Hall

June 13—Saturday 11AM Ordination of Linda Mayer

Annual Meeting

Senior Warden reported that we had over budgeted in 2008 in the amount of \$30,000, hoping for the usual increase in parish giving. For many reasons that did not happen and we ended with a loss of \$33,000. We had money in the bank to cover the loss. Money used for the PIE campaign is not used for operating funds.

The Food Bank announced that Walmart is donating food from their shelves to the Food Bank through the Nationwide program, which will start in March.

The new members of the vestry are Susan Fiala, Hannah Hubbard and Rudy Mayer. Delegates to Convention are Rudy and Linda Mayer with Jean Haskell as alternate. Pat LaPorte, Darryl Thayer and Liz Perry have completed their terms.

We are waiting for electrical bids for the courtyard security lighting. Plantings will be coming soon.

It was approved by those present that we go back to the use of the prayer book during services for three months. Service booklets will still be available.

Genie Rarden

Saturday April 25, was the day that St. Andrew's said Goodbye to another of our family. Genie Rarden passed away April 17th. Genie was a rare soul. Her smile and continuous optimism even in the face of illness and pain were an inspiration.

Genie loved bible study and was very knowledgeable. She was a strongly opinionated lady, but even if you disagreed with her point of view she would charm you with her radiant smile and good will.

Front row—gospel side was the pew of choice for Fred and Genie, and you sometimes could tell if she was agreeing or not with the sermon of the day.

She and Fred had been married for almost 57 years. Thirty five of those years as a Methodist ministers wife. One of her greatest joys was her garden and the designing of their retirement home in Chelan Hills .

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From Easter sermon by the Rev. Michael West

The Mark 16 passage ends “They said nothing to anybody, for they were afraid.” Devoted women disciples, Mary of Magdalene, Mary, mother of James, and Salome had come to the tomb to anoint the body and found the stone rolled away. A youth in white robe tells them Jesus was not there, to go tell Peter and the disciples that they will see him. The women said nothing. Do you believe it? Later endings in other manuscripts said that “they delivered instructions briefly to Peter.

In various New Testament accounts those who saw Jesus, the Risen Lord, Easter morning and later, in each account Jesus appears in yet another way, not by spectacular means but familiar recognition only to faithful and chosen friends. Not creating but confirming existent faith. Not only confirming risen life, but as before death meeting them in their need. He meets their grief and disillusionment and renews relationship. Mary of Magdala, prominent in each account but fullest in John 20:18. The disciples went home again, but Mary stood at the tomb outside weeping. We imagine her enveloped in a void of loss, familiar to all mourners. After a while a figure appears whom she assumes is a gardener, but then follows the beautiful recognition scene condensed in the “Mary, Master” exchange. Her grief was transformed to joy and devotion. She responds to the Risen Lord’s direction to tell the disciples and so becomes the first apostle, declaring, “I have seen the Lord”. Mary’s cry has echoed down the centuries—echoed into other experiences of each seeing in her or his own way.

Today there has been much focus on Mary. Through the centuries Mary of Magdala has been much depicted in art. In recent years, among Christians and non-believers alike, the fictional representation in *The Da Vinci Code* as a converted prostitute or wife of Jesus has attracted public attention. Though not documented the claim is imaged from the Gospel of Phillip 59:6-11.

A single manuscript of the Gospel of Phillip in Coptic was found in the Nag Hammadi Library. This was from a cache of documents that was secreted in a jar and buried in the Egyptian desert at the end of the 4th Century when Gnostic writings and pagan ones were being burned by the official church. The Gospel of Phillip has been cited for the idea that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, (for example see *The DaVinci Code*.

Much of the Gospel of Phillip is dedicated to a discussion of marriage as a sacred mystery, and two passages directly refer to Mary Magdalene and her close relationship with Jesus. “There were three who always walked with the Lord: Mary, his mother, and her sister, and Magdalene, the one who was called his companion. His sister and his mother and his companion were each a Mary.

Contrary to the Da Vinci perspective the appearance of a papyrus book in Cairo, Egypt in 1896, containing fifth century Coptic manuscripts in excellent condition of early second century origin. It also contained the Gospel of Mary and three other previously unknown writings. These present an enlarged view both of Mary Magdalene and of early Christian understanding of the significance of Jesus. Subsequent discovery in 1945 of other manuscripts later termed the “Gnostic Gospels”, enlarged awareness of widely dispersed Christian communities during the second and third centuries and of divergent views about Jesus’ teachings, nature of salvation, roles of women and slaves. Termed Heretical by “Orthodox” Church authorities, most were destroyed or lost for 1,500 years. They now provide an opportunity to review understanding to enrich relationship with the Christ and to widen understanding during the second century of the Christian community.

Mary’s vision of the “living Jesus”, and similar experiences in other Gnostic Gospels, claim that “resurrection appearances” were not confined to forty days. Over the centuries many generations have “seen the Lord”—each in his own individual way. Often in crises of grief, disillusionment, aimlessness—also times of strength, joy and confidence. To confirm conviction, revive hope and inspire purpose. As with Mary Magdalene Easter day can renew for us our joy, hope and our privilege to proclaim that Jesus lives.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Communications

May Birthdays

John McLeod—3
Dave Gellatly—12
Mike Clayton—17
Nyla Kamphaus—20
Jon Madden—23
Judy Thayer—29
Fred Rarden—31

May Anniversaries

Jeannine & Bill Shaffer—4
Orlo & Bev Hill—24



PARISH PROFILE— Meet John McLeod

John was born in Bertania Beach, B. C. His father was a diamond driller and the family moved often; Vancouver, BC, Butte, MT, Tenio NM, Leadville, CO. After being deported from Leadville back to Canada because they were non-citizens, John came to live with his mother in Manson where he graduated from high school. A couple of years after graduation John married Alta Overbay. World War II sent John into the army and he served in the South Pacific. Alta and their two girls Bonnie and Wendy came back to Chelan. After the war John and Alta bought into his mother's Chelan Department Store on Woodin Avenue. (Whaley's). John and Alta were married for 57 years before she passed away in 1997. He later married Eula, Alta's sister. She passed away in 2008.

John has been a member of the vestry at St. Andrew's and served as Senior Warden. He has also been active in the community by helping form the Lake Chelan Hospital District, served as President of the Lion's Club, President of the Chelan Chamber of Commerce, Commodore of the Apple Cup Hydroplane Association and a member of the VFW.

John enjoys swimming, golfing and spending time at the family cabin at Long Beach, WA. His daughter Bonnie lives in Bridgeport and is a member of St. Andrew's. Daughter Wendy is retired and lives in Bellingham. John keeps busy with three grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Holliday Sanderson

The schedule for Holliday to be in Chelan and St. Andrew's is still evolving. She also is serving part time at St. Paul's in Cheney and has some educational commitments to fulfill for the diocese.

One of her first priorities in Chelan will be to meet with a group to discuss ministry development and mission, and talk about any bible studies, book study or training sessions that may be scheduled. She needs to know the needs of St. Andrew's.

Her schedule at St. Andrew's will probably be from a Friday to Friday two times a month, beginning with coming to Chelan on May 8 and away on May 15. Back to Chelan on May 22 and away on June 5. She will be available at the church for Eucharist on Sundays, pastoral care, and for any other study meetings etc. during the week.

ECW

The ECW has voted to sponsor one woman for the services provided by Women for Women International. This is an international organization helping women in dire circumstances due to war and poverty to be self sufficient. The sponsorship cost for one year is \$354.

The women are also trying to put together an outdoor movie night that would be open to the public, possibly on a First Friday.

Red Apple Market gives St. Andrew's 1% of the amount of the grocery tag that our church members spend on grocery items at the store. It helps with the supplies that ECW provides for paper products and coffee hour in the parish hall.

YOGA

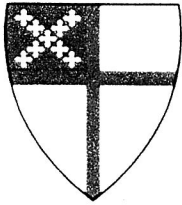
Sandy Gellatly is still providing yoga classes in the Parish hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30AM to 9:00AM for the floor class. After the Wednesday class a chair class is held for those who don't want to get up and down from the floor.

Sandy is a Senior Yoga fit certified, which offers yoga using a chair by sitting or standing with chair support. The Wednesday class is 9:30AM until 10:30. Wear comfortable clothing.

A \$5 donation is suggested and given to St. Andrew's community outreach fund.

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday	2
3 MP	4 Yoga	5	6 Yoga	7	8 Yoga	9
10 HE	11 Yoga	12	13 Yoga	14 Vestry 4 PM	15 Yoga	16
17 MP	18 Yoga	19	20 Yoga	21	22 Yoga	23
24 HE	25 Yoga	26	27 Yoga	28	29 Yoga	30
31 HE						



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With God's help, we at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church seek to:

- pursue a common life, consistent with our Anglican heritage, that involves Eucharist, teaching, fellowship and prayer.*
- witness to the Gospel by word and example*
- recognize and serve Christ in all persons*