

St. Andrew's Signpost

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November 2020

Convention reports—

Every October there is great excitement in our church as our Priest, Sr. Warden, and appointed delegates head off to Convention. Old friends are reunited, new friends are made, delicious meals are shared, and every attendee grows in their love and support of the Episcopal Church. This year Convention was held online due to the COVID epidemic. Despite the sad departure from our normal routine, there were bright spots to the changes. For one, everyone was invited to attend! Classes were held through Zoom and many lessons brought on by current events were discussed. Ed McLain and Judy Ramos joined an online class titled, “Becoming a Beloved Community.” Linda Mayer also attended, “Welcoming and Belonging in the digital sphere.” Here is an excerpt from our members on the important topics that were discussed:

Becoming a Beloved Community—The Mission of the Episcopal Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. It is a ministry over a lifetime, and is never finished. Think about the following questions—

- First we tell the truth—Who are we as a church? The Episcopal Church encompasses 17 countries. In the United States the Episcopal church is 94% white in a nation that is 70% white. We must speak the truth and confess the church role in racial oppression.
- How has the church excluded racial and ethnic groups? Black people have played a big role in the Canadian Episcopal church. What can we learn from them to better include all races?
- What is the truth in Central and Eastern Washington regarding Native peoples, Blacks, and Asians? Here in the Northwest, the social network of whites is 91% white. For 75% of whites their social network is 100% white.
- Consider the control of hierarchy and management in the church organization? We can be thankful that our church has elected Michael Curry as the 27th and current presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church. Elected in 2015, he is the first African American to serve as presiding bishop in The Episcopal Church. His position, influence and teachings can benefit us all as we learn to love one another across racial divide.
- Healing—We must always practice the ways of healing. This is a lifetime commitment. Truth and healing are unique to every country and each has its own history to learn from.

Welcoming and Belonging in the Digital Sphere—

- Everyone wants to be wanted—Invitation and communication are not solely the rector or staff's job. Empowering and equipping members to invite others is key!
- Digital hospitality matter—This is especially true during COVID. We can engage with those participating online. It is essential to communicating, welcoming, and belonging.

Take time this week to think about who we can invite to spend time with? How can we reach out digitally to those who may have needs, who might be feeling alone, or just want a friend to talk to?

Stewardship Pledges—

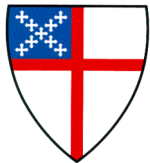
Once again it seems that our lives continue to be turned upside down by the devastation of the COVID pandemic. Traditions that we hold so dear are being changed each day and month of the year.

Every November, St. Andrew's has long cherished the Harvest Dinner. This is a dinner where our church members come together to share delicious food and harvest bounty from our loving kitchens and orchards. This year there will not be a Harvest Dinner. Our hearts are deeply saddened but yet we encourage each other to be adaptable to change, appreciate safety measures and the important protection they provide each of us.

St. Andrew's continues to serve the Chelan Valley in many ways. We still have church service with online service available. We provide Holy Eucharist to people's homes. This week we are even conducting baptisms! (With masks of course.) The church and courtyard remain places of peace and prayer for all local residents and visiting tourists. We appreciate your continued support despite the many changes to our traditional routines.



Please take a moment to complete the Pledge Card below and return or mail to our church office.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Pledge for 2021

In thanksgiving for God's infinite love, and in gratitude for all God has given to me, I / we pledge to return to God this portion of God's bountiful gifts:

\$ _____ for the year, paid ___ Weekly ___ Monthly ___ Yearly

to help St. Andrew's operate and carry out our mission in 2021

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*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. **Malachi 3:10***

Historic Downtown Chelan Association celebrates Halloween a little different this year—

- You're invited to drive on downtown for safe and spooky drive-thru trick or treating this Halloween! On Saturday, October 31 from 5 – 7 p.m., drive through a ghostly downtown Chelan to receive Halloween goody bags. You may encounter some witches and zombies along the way!
- St. Andrew's will not pass out candy but still welcomes you to dress up and join us in our courtyard to wave and celebrate this spook-tacular evening. For more information on Chelan Halloween events go to the HDCA website.

Birthday Celebration—

Our dear friend and church member Barb Sutor celebrated a special 90th birthday last month. Once again, change was in the air. There was not a large party and celebration planned for her. Rather, she had the delight of many small celebrations over several weeks of time! Safe and small get-to-gathers were held with family and friends. What could be better than stretching out a celebration from one day to many! We wish Barb a very happy birthday and wonderful year to come!



November Birthdays

Larry Hazelton—3
David Cox—3
Sandy Gellatly—20
Ellis Neirenberg—23

November Anniversaries

Bob and Meredith Beeson—19
John and Donna Bagby—23



*Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. **Matthew 22:36-39***

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