



Loaves & Fishes

NOVEMBER 2019

Ultimate Worth

Dear Friends,

God will bring people and events into our lives, and whatever we may think of them, they are designed for the evolution of His life in us. Thomas Keating

the left-hand column

☞ We have a busy season coming up. In fact, it's already in full swing. The yard sale was a success; the auction looks like another winner.

☞ Coming up in just a couple of weeks—November 17—is our celebration of St. Andrew. One service at 10:00 for all of us to be together. Bishop Knudsen will be with us; there'll be a piper, and there'll be brunch. Lots of fried chicken and a stuffed ham already on the menu; bring your favorites. We don't actually need reservations so much as an idea how many places to set, so if you think of it, let us know you're coming.

☞ The Stewardship Drive is underway; if you haven't turned in a pledge, now's the time.

☞ WARM will be here January 5-12. You can help—check with Mary Maker or Robert Abell. More as January approaches.

☞ Our history evening with Pete Himmelheber was entertaining and enlightening. Our thanks to Mary Larson and Bobbi Brown for the lasagna and accompaniments.

☞ *In February—Another great Valentine dinner-dance-if-you-like coming February 15.*

Over the last two years, I have had the opportunity to read more about the early history of St. Andrew's and listen to local historians tell the stories of the challenges church leaders faced. Those leaders who started this parish and pledged their long support had a vision to build a worship community where they could offer their prayers and praise to God.

Out of that vision came hard dispute because of the disestablishment of the Church of England alongside the fight to become a new, independent nation. Sadly, the attending rector of St. Andrew's refused to take the oath of allegiance to the American State of Maryland in the post-establishment days, so St. Andrew's start was difficult. And after that, county, state, national and societal conflicts made church life even more difficult.

Church people are not strangers to conflict; some think it is what we do best. And we may in fact do it well if, with prayer and candor and waiting, we enter into conflict in good grace and high hope. We can only imagine that the first vestry entered into their duties with such hope.

It really wasn't until the 1980s that Old St. Andrew's found itself finally in a time of rebuilding and congregational



development when St. Peter's, a mission of St. Andrew's, had to close due to structural damage. From St. Peter's, we inherited the altar and baptismal font which we still enjoy every Sunday. And we are blessed to have among us some families who attended St. Peter's weekly, and in the summer when it was opened, faithfully attended St. Andrew's.

We may think that we have accomplished so much as a church over the past years and even today through the people and events that pass. But, in the words of Keating, *they are designed for the evolution of His life in us*. Those who loved this church persevered because of their faith in God's ultimate worth, not their own.

They gave of their time and treasure, even when all the accoutrements of God's blessing seemed to have vanished and hardship had set in. They remained faithful, and the compassion of God pulsed through their hearts in sufficient measure to plant seeds for the next generation to sow.

Certainly, St. Andrew's has much to celebrate in this 275th year since its founding in 1744. In prayer and praise, and in the breaking of the bread, on Sunday, November 17, for one 10:00 a.m. festival St. Andrew's Day service, officiated by The Right Rev. Chilton Knudsen, we shall remember our legacy and rededicate ourselves to our Christian journey as the Body of Christ at St. Andrew's. And after, in the spirit of holy fellowship, feast together in an all-parish brunch. Please join us for this historic service.

In Christ,
Beverly+

Jake Ersek Explains

***What It Is about St. Andrew's
 That We All Love***

Here at St. Andrew's, I've seen a family give affection and love like no other. I've seen it at the fundraisers for the church, where people donate their time to keep us in the black. I've seen it when a member of our family becomes ill, where people deliver homemade meals and try to help

out in any way they can. Lastly, I've experienced it firsthand through my Eagle Scout project with everyone's support for all that I did. From doing sports and scouts, I've noticed that a family is a group of people who care for each other, and that's what we are.

Our family is one of the reasons I love going to this church. Although we don't always get along, our common goal is to welcome people and make them feel loved. Completing that goal, the church does things not just for the people of the organization, but for people outside as well. This was shown in the \$5 soup-and- sandwich lunch deal. Helping people like this makes me feel good because the person may have needed the help and you might've made their day. Families like this are hard to find, so I value this one and embrace your love.

Coming Up.....

The Angel Tree will be going up soon; watch for it.

And consider bringing in some canned goods for the Hope Pantry. Thanksgiving is on the way; how about financing a turkey to brighten someone's holiday? No one should be hungry, and it will make your day even better.

Yes, Soup-and-Sandwiches will return. Expect it after WARM has come and gone.

Decking the Halls and Singing the Songs

Fall is in the air and stores have Christmas decorations for sale. So, let me chime in on planning for the season ahead to tell you about our Christmas Concert coming December 14 at St. Andrew's.

This is a great way for me, and I hope for you, to segue into Christmas time. Two Rivers Harmony will again be joined by the wonderful opera men to sing songs of the season. In addition to the carols we have prepared, you all will join us for a carol sing complete with piano and organ to make the songs even more wonderful. So, with all of this in mind, time to put the date on your calendar, Cost again is \$20 per person if prepaid and \$25 at the door. And of course, there's the reception following complete with holiday treats and fellowship—with each other and the performers.

Reservations can be made by email (lyn.schramm@gmail.com), by phone (240-538-4182) or by contacting me on Facebook. See you at 7:30 on the evening of December 14. We'll have a great time celebrating together. Remember, seating is limited.



**DIOCESAN
STRATEGIC PLAN**

Our Mission

To draw people to Jesus and embody his love for the world by equipping faith communities, promoting spiritual growth, and striving for justice.

Vision 2025

To be a Diocese that draws on the gifts of all God’s people to serve Christ together and live Jesus’ Way of Love.

Revitalize our churches to grow the Jesus Movement

- ✦ We will implement a church revitalization strategy that leads to healthy, thriving congregations throughout the diocese, reversing the trends of decline
- ✦ Our leadership and congregations will reflect the demographics of our surrounding communities
- ✦ We will develop a stewardship strategy for our facilities and finances so that parishes are not constrained by building concerns
- ✦ We will launch or relaunch three worshipping communities focused on rising generations so that we become a spiritual home for our children and grandchildren

Inspire every person to grow in faith & equip our leaders to lead well

- ✦ We will establish a school for Christian leadership for clergy and laity
- ✦ We will develop and implement a collaborative strategy for spiritual growth and discipleship
- ✦ We will strive for a 10% increase in baptisms, confirmations, and receptions across the diocese year over year

Partner in ministries of service & justice for greater impact in our communities

- ✦ We will strengthen our collective witness in service and justice through partnerships and shared resources to meet the needs of our regions
- ✦ We will promote Creation Care practices in all our faith communities
- ✦ We will engage issues such as racial justice, gun violence prevention, LGBTQ equal rights, and immigration reform through on-going trainings, workshops, pilgrimages, and public witness

FIRST 12 MONTH PRIORITIES

Measurable Objectives

Church Revitalization

We will provide church health assessments and revitalization strategies; introduce to ten representative congregations

Spiritual Formation

We will establish a school for Christian leadership

Justice

We will work with each region to identify a primary ministry of justice on which to collaborate for greater social impact

Here Comes Harvey!

*featuring our own Daniel Ulrich as one of the
medical men*



**NOVEMBER
14-16, 2019
AT 7:00 PM**

**TICKETS are sold
at the door.
Cash/Check Only.**

**Students \$8.00
Adults: \$10.00
Thespians: \$5.00
Under 4: FREE**

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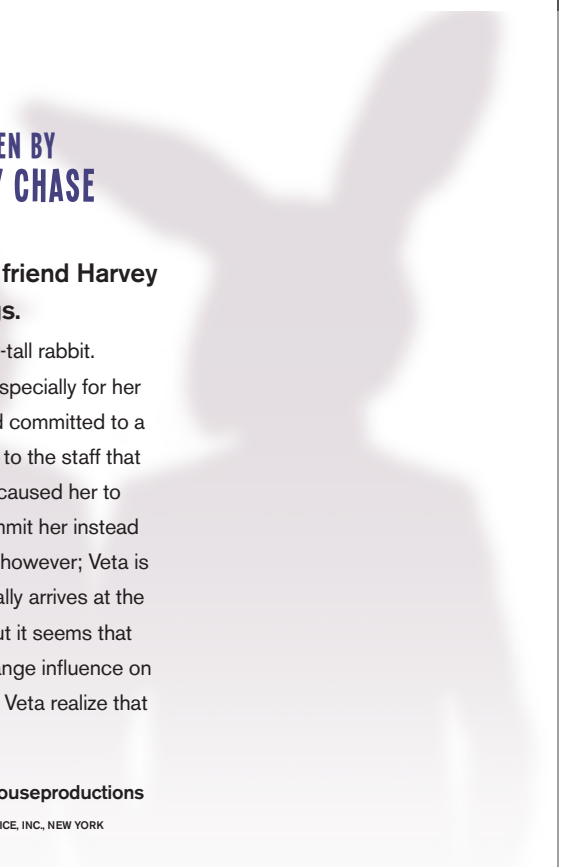
WRITTEN BY
MARY CHASE

**Elwood P. Dowd insists on including his friend Harvey
in all of his sister Veta's social gatherings.**

Trouble is, Harvey is an imaginary six-and-a-half-foot-tall rabbit. To avoid future embarrassment for her family—and especially for her daughter, Myrtle Mae—Veta decides to have Elwood committed to a sanitarium. At the sanitarium, a frantic Veta explains to the staff that her years of living with Elwood's hallucination have caused her to see Harvey also, and so the doctors mistakenly commit her instead of her mild-mannered brother. The truth comes out, however; Veta is freed, and the search is on for Elwood, who eventually arrives at the sanitarium of his own volition, looking for Harvey. But it seems that Elwood and his invisible companion have had a strange influence on more than one of the doctors. Only at the end does Veta realize that maybe Harvey isn't so bad after all.

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CELEBRATING 275 YEARS OF FAITH, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

“Seeds are planted in faith, believing that they hold hope for the future bearing of fruit.”

October 2019

Dear Friends,

It's exciting to witness the many ways in which the generous planting of seeds by this faith community bears fruit. Because of those seeds for 275 years St. Andrew's has nurtured and continues to nurture life-giving, joyful ministries focused both inside and outside of our parish walls. Certainly, there were difficult times and decades when the congregation sacrificed much for the preservation of the parish. We remember them especially during this annual pledge campaign for their resolve to improve and maintain the spiritual health of St. Andrew's, including the historic church building.

The many ministries offered by St. Andrew's - the outreach to help others in the community and the world, the salaries of our staff, the care of the buildings and grounds – all require planning. The pledge process makes it possible for the leadership of the church to anticipate a revenue stream for 2020, and to prepare an annual budget. How is our sacrifice of time, talent and treasure used in the service of God's kingdom?

+We congregate for Sunday worship and Communion, listen to inspirational music and choir, gather our children for Sunday school, conduct burial services for the bereaved, enjoy fellowship and dinners, convene study groups and celebrate marriages and baptisms.

+With the reality of an old historic church, parish building and cemetery, we plan care, maintenance and improvements to keep our buildings and property in the best working order.

+ Through the Thrift Shop, Red Cross Blood Drives, Winter Shelter, Meal Donation projects, Angel Tree and Saturday Lunch hundreds of families and individuals are served.

+The St. Andrew's Preschool continues to serve the community with programs for 3 and 4 year olds.

+Those in the community struggling with addiction are welcomed four nights during the week.

+The Sanford Concerts spotlight musical artists and provides a venue for young artists to share their talents.

We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute. Included with this letter is a pledge card for 2020. Please join others in completing your card and submitting it on Sunday in the offering plate, sending or emailing the card to the office, or pledging online. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss how to make a pledge, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Beverly K. Weatherly+



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PLEDGE DRIVE FOR MINISTRY IN 2020

In grateful acknowledgement of the many blessings I (we) receive from God, I (we) return a portion of what I (we) have to Christ's ministry through St. Andrew's Church for 2020.

I/ We/ Family Name _____ plan to contribute our financial support to St. Andrews in gratitude and with a generous heart to share in the renewed ministry God now prepares for us.

During 2020 we plan to give \$_____ (Total annual amount)

To that end, I/we will make contributions of _____ (amount) per (please check one)

Week___ Month___ Quarter___ or One Time Contribution___

Please check all that apply:

Please provide envelopes.

I/We would like to have direct debit from my bank account. Parishioners interested in direct deposit to make contributions, please have your bank direct your payments to the St. Andrew's Church account at Old Line Bank. The account number is **5006155712** and the routing number is **055002406**.

I/We plan to contribute through Paypal. To use Paypal, go to the St. Andrew's website (www.standrewsleonardtown.org) and click the Paypal Donate Button.

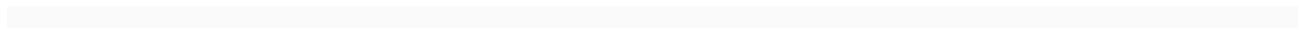
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Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement...get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal. ...To be spiritual is to be amazed.

~~~*Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel*

**November 3**

**8:00 a.m.**

Chalice, 1st reading and psalm: Rese Bergen

2nd reading: Ken Cornet

PoP: Stephanie Cornet

Acolyte:

Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallau

Coffee hour: Ersek

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Mary Maker

1st reading and psalm: Bob Benson

2nd reading and chalice: Dee McRae

Acolytes: Taylor Benson, John Blackwell, Mikell Blackwell

Ushers: Benson family

Coffee hour: Reed

**November 10**

**8:00 a.m.**

Chalice, first reading and psalm: Brenda Frazier

2nd reading: Dan Donnelly

PoP: Judi Donnelly

Acolyte:

Altar duty: Susan Bennett and Hilary Gill

Coffee hour: Frazier

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Susan Bennett

1st reading and psalm: Mary Maker

2nd reading and chalice: Amy Ulrich

Acolytes: Ben Walls, Sam Walls, Julia Belvin

Ushers: Bradford family

Coffee hour: Abell

**November 17 — Celebrating St. Andrew**

**10:00 a.m.**

Verger: Dee McRae

1st reading and psalm: Ginni Stein

2nd reading and chalice: Chuck Stickney

Acolytes: Gregory Belvin, Bronte Pepper/Hicks, Daniel Ulrich

Ushers: Austin family

Altar duty: Mary Maker and Kim Stickney

Coffee hour: Potluck

**November 24**

**8:00 a.m.**

Chalice: Judy Ersek

1st reading and psalm: Jake Ersek

2nd reading and PoP: Ron Leonard

Acolyte:

Altar duty: Bob and Helen Rotzinger

Coffee hour:

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Don Schramm

1st reading and psalm: Chuck Stickney

2nd reading and chalice: Kim Stickney

Acolytes: Emma Wagner, Zach Stickney, Andy Stickney

Ushers: Mary Maker/Ginni Stein

Coffee hour: Austin

**November 3 All Saints**

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

**November 10**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22 *or* Psalm 98

Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

**November 17 St. Andrew**

Deuteronomy 30:11-14 Psalm 19 or 19:1-6

Romans 10:8b-18 Matthew 4:18-22

**November 24 Christ the King**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Canticle 16 *or* Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43



*On All Saint's Day it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and who we have loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped whatever little we may have or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own.*

~~ Frederick Beuchner

**November**

- 1 Friday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 2 Saturday Silent Auction  
10:00 a.m--1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop
- 3 Sunday DST ends at 2:00 a.m.  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
7:00 p.m. NA
- 4 Monday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 5 Tuesday
- 6 Wednesday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop
- 7 Thursday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop  
10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Book Club  
7:00 p.m. AA, AlAnon
- 8 Friday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 9 Saturday  
10:00 a.m--1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop
- 10 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
7:00 p.m. NA
- 11 Monday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 12 Tuesday
- 13 Wednesday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop
- 14 Thursday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop  
10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Book Club  
7:00 p.m. AA, AlAnon
- 15 Friday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 16 Saturday  
10:00 a.m--1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop
- 17 Sunday Celebrating St. Andrew  
10:00 a.m. H.E. II  
Noon Brunch  
7:00 p.m. NA
- 18 Monday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 19 Tuesday
- 20 Wednesday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop

- 21 Thursday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop  
10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning Book Club  
7:00 p.m. AA, AlAnon
- 22 Friday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 23 Saturday  
10:00 a.m--1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop
- 24 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
7:00 p.m. NA
- 25 Monday  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 26 Tuesday
- 27 Wednesday  
9:00 a.m--noon Thrift Shop
- 28 Thursday Thanksgiving  
7:00 p.m. NA
- 29 Friday
- 30 Saturday  
10:00 a.m--1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop



*Giving thanks for  
Mates*

- 8 Steve and Jessica McGee
- 10 George & Beth Weeks
- 26 Fred and Rese Bergen

*And births*

- 3 Catherine Walls
- 7 Tara McKenna
- 8 George Kirby
- 12 Zachary Wagner
- 13 Nicole Appleby
- 18 Clair Kollar
- 19 Samantha Frazier
- 20 Lou Kollar
- 24 Bob Benson
- 25 DeVonta Lawrence
- 27 Jennifer Walls, Ruby Friess
- 28 Laine Doggett
- 30 Donald Torgerson



*One thing for which you should be abundantly thankful -  
only you and God have all the facts about yourself. --*

*~~Anonymous*



***Looking for Someone?***

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     Kerri Frank ('20)  
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 Fundraising: Steve Carroll  
 Pastoral Care and Newcomers  
     Annette Lawrence ('20)  
 Outreach and Volunteer Engagement and Appreciation:  
     Kerri Frank ('20)  
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     Dee McRae (adult)  
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