



# The Saltire

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Oregon Hill  
February & March 2017

"The mission  
of St. Andrew's  
is to welcome people  
from far and near  
to be together  
as a family in Christ to share  
the faithfulness of God."



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## Bishop's Call to Evangelism Informs Vestry Retreat

by Kay McCall '17, Senior Warden

Full disclosure: I love working retreats.

I must say, however, that I found our vestry retreat this year especially energizing and fulfilling. We worshiped, told stories, learned, planned, laughed and ate (a lot) together. It was God-time, and it was wonderful.

Abbott guided us in knitting together Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's call to be the Jesus Movement<sup>1</sup> with our particular work in and through St. Andrew's.

Bishop Curry calls us all to evangelize as part of the Jesus

Movement. Abbott reminded us that everyone – *everyone* – in the early church was an evangelist, sharing the Good News that had made such a difference in their lives.

But in our time and place, how do we do that in a way that feels authentic? First, we had to unpack the baggage most of us carry with the word "evangelism." Then we practiced a "generous evangelism"—the simple gift of our stories of transformation.

Ally Getlein '19 said, "It was a helpful exercise to unpack our prejudices about the word

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## St. Andrew's Friends & Family Day

**February 05, 2017**

**Morning Worship:** 8:30  
am & 11:00 am-St.  
Andrew's Episcopal  
Church  
**Lunch:** 12:30 pm-Baldwin  
Hall, St. Andrew's School

Friends and Family Day is a way for us to let you, our friends, family and neighbors, know how important you are to us. Please join us for morning worship and/or lunch! Special this year: Please bring a photo or piece of art that celebrates your culture, heritage or history to add to the community collage we are creating!

**Your Friends and Family at St.  
Andrew's Episcopal Church**

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‘evangelism’ and to delve deeper into our own stories to realize through practice—telling our own story and actively listening to others—that evangelism is quite different from what we assumed it was.”

Using pictures, we told who Jesus is to each of us. We told how we each discovered St. Andrew’s. And we gave our “cardboard testimonials” (a struggle we have faced in life and how God was present in that struggle), just as we did the following Sunday in church.

You may be thinking, that’s lovely, but what does that have to do with the work of the vestry? Evangelism and financial

planning are key components of the strategic plan the clergy and vestry have been developing. In 2016 we worked hard on the financial planning component of the plan, including stewardship and alternate income streams. The vestry reviewed the work accomplished. This year, we will work to keep that momentum going while adding in the marketing and evangelism components of our plan.<sup>2</sup>

Using the lenses of resourcefulness and creativity, the clergy and vestry began the work of emphasizing marketing and evangelism. We reviewed the “Dreaming With God” conversations and the congregational assessment results to discern the direction we want to go to assure that every St. Andrew’s ministry shares the

transformational “Good News of God.”

The work continues, certainly, but vestry members left the retreat feeling energized and excited for the year ahead.

As Vance Joyner said about St. Andrew’s, “2017 will be a year of change—not scary change—God change!”

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<sup>1</sup> For more on the Jesus Movement, please see the Episcopal Church’s website, which has great information such as this video: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/jesus-movement>.

<sup>2</sup> For more on the strategic plan, please see the February/March 2016 *Saltire* <http://www.standrewsoregonhill.org/uploads/FebMarch16-opt.pdf>.

# Office and Ministry Assistant Leads Book Study of African American Theology

*by Celal Kamran, Office & Ministry Assistant*

During February and March, I will lead a book study on African American Theology.

This is a topic close to my heart and one that I have studied. I also worshipped at an African American Episcopal Church for four years during college. This was a step into an unfamiliar worship culture that I am so thankful to have experienced. I learned so much about the specific culture and its needs.

African American Christianity has developed on a trajectory different from mainstream Christianity. Its roots are in slavery through spirituals and hush harbors (secret slave meetings to learn about the

Bible). The message the slaves heard was a message of salvation and a Jesus who went through trials and tribulations like them. They heard that God saved the Israelites out of slavery. They heard love, care and liberation. These themes continued through the Civil Rights era in which the Black Church played an important role.

A tradition of advocating for equal rights continues in the black church. I am so glad I got to learn firsthand about this tradition through St. Paul’s. It did not contradict my faith but further strengthened it through learning about different perspectives on Jesus. I believe the study of other Christian traditions can do this for anyone.

Our own culture’s thoughts, sacraments and rituals are not the faith but ways of describing and practicing the faith. Learning other practices and understandings of Jesus only makes our faith more holistic. For example, the focus on social justice in the black church is something that needs to be emulated by all and something that brings us closer to the Kingdom of God.

For anyone who is interested, I will be leading a book club discussion on *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone, the father of African American Christianity. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays starting Feb. 8 in St. Andrew’s House from 7:15-8:45 p.m.



# Pastoral Care Ministry Invites Parishioners to Tag Along

by Pat Bridgewater '19

Early in 2013, I joined the Pastoral Care Ministry as a eucharistic minister. Our current eucharistic ministers, who take communion to our homebound parishioners, are Barbara Ambrose, Bill Butler, Estela Smith and I.

We would like to invite parishioners to “tag along” with one of us on a visit to see what a joyous ministry we have. If you would like to join one of the eucharistic ministers on a visit, you can contact one of us at church, or you can contact me by email: [pbridgeh2o@mac.com](mailto:pbridgeh2o@mac.com).

Also, since I have been a member of this great ministry, it has expanded to include Intercessory Prayer, headed up by Jane and Vance Joyner, and Healing Prayer, headed by Cynthia Schmitz. We offer healing prayers on the fourth Sunday of the month with all of our ministers including Belinda Harris and Estela Smith. This has expanded to opening the chapel on the third Thursday of each month to offer prayers to anyone who passes by. And don't forget our chapel prayer box in which you can drop a note to request prayer for yourself or someone you care for. The Intercessory Prayer team collects the prayer requests and prays on your behalf.

We are also pleased that the prayer ribbons on the fence have been a great success. During Epiphany for the second year, the Pastoral Care Ministry uses



**EUCCHARISTIC VISIT** (top) Communion is prepared for homebound parishioners. **PRAYER RIBBONS** Passersby write prayers on ribbons.

our fence to share warm clothing items with the community. Please remember to drop any items you have at church.

In the coming months, we are also planning more uses for our fence, and we will also expand the Healing Prayer Ministry.

# Our Rector Begins Service on ESC Board of Directors

In January, Abbott began a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Service Corps, the national network of service programs of which Grace-on-the-Hill is a member.

ESC is dedicated to forming young adult leaders and supporting the deepening of their faith life. It does this by nurturing its member programs around the country in their particular gifts and callings while promoting the sharing of best practices and sparking new vision for young adults and the Episcopal Church. Through its 30 member programs, ESC serves between 150 and 200 young adults annually.

When Abbott was asked to join the board last November, she did not hesitate.

"I didn't have to think about it," she said. "My immediate response was, 'Of course! I'd be honored!' I have seen first-hand the incredible value of these programs through our work with Grace-on-the-Hill

and engagement with other programs and program directors around the country. I am looking forward to offering my energy and background in non-profit management to ESC to strengthen the support it offers to its member programs."

Emmy Corey, secretary of the ESC board said, "The board recruited Abbott for a number of reasons. As a program director, Abbott's voice has been incredibly important. She is a careful listener and a thoughtful contributor, but she also knows what concrete tasks need to be done to make ESC's long-term goals a reality. We are confident that she will help with the administrative work required in maintaining and improving Episcopal Service Corps. It doesn't hurt that she's funny and fun to be around, either!"

Abbott currently serves on the board's Development Committee and will travel to Columbus, Ohio, for the Spring Annual Meeting.



## Calendar Highlights

**Parish Office Closed**  
Mondays

**Vestry Meeting**  
Wednesdays  
Feb. 15 & March 15 at 6:30 p.m.  
St. Andrew's House

**Soup Kitchen Ministry**  
2nd & 4th Saturdays  
Feb. 11 & 25; March 11 & 25  
from 8-10:30 a.m.  
at St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Contact Karen Wittich  
for info kwittich@jtcc.edu

**Morning Prayer**  
Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.  
in the Chapel

**Friends & Family Day**  
Sunday, Feb. 5  
Holy Eucharist  
at 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
First Sunday Fellowship Meal  
at 12:30 p.m. in Baldwin Hall

**Chapel Open for Prayer**  
Thursday, Feb. 16, 5-6 p.m.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**  
Tuesday, Feb. 28  
5-6:30 p.m. in Baldwin Hall

**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday, March 1  
*All Services include  
imposition of ashes*  
**Noon** in the church chapel  
**2:30 p.m.** with St. Andrew's  
School in the church  
**7 p.m.** in the church

## FOR THE RECORD

**Married Katherine Elizabeth Muchall  
& Carlos Enrique Quintela Dec. 16**  
**Died William Ray Hatly Dec. 31**



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Steve Salter, Treasurer

# Search Process Underway for Music Director

*by the Rev. Abbott Bailey*

As we begin the new year, I want to update you all on our search process for a new music director at St. Andrew's Church.

Since late September, we have been truly blessed with the gifted leadership of Darrell Rison on an interim basis. Having served this congregation before with his impressive array of knowledge, gifts and skill, Darrell has enabled us to have a seamless transition during this time, and I am extremely grateful.

Starting in February, we will begin our search process in earnest. I am pleased to share the news that Ellen Johnston has agreed to consult with us in this process.

Ellen, who has been involved in church music since junior high school, currently serves as the Director of the Center for Liturgy and Music at Virginia Theological Seminary, a program which offers continuing education by means of conferences and symposia, provides a consultancy service for parishes and dioceses, encourages the work of diocesan liturgy and music commissions and promotes distance learning opportunities through the

Leadership Program for Musicians. She is also a member of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the Episcopal Church, and Director of Music at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Richmond.

The first step will involve a consultation with the choir members to review the strengths of our music program, challenges, hopes and opportunities.

We will then form a search committee of 5-6 stakeholders comprised of choir members and members of the congregation at large. This group will build on the work begun with the choir, put together a job description, initiate recruitment efforts and participate in interviews with me, the rector.

I will then consider the input and recommendations from the search committee and make an offer to our next music director.

We place a high priority on worship at St. Andrew's, and the depth of our worship is made possible through the exquisite offering of our choir and its members. I am tremendously grateful for their faithfulness and dedication always, and especially during this time of transition.

## Gifts and Memorials

*In thanksgiving for **Barbara & Bill Butler** by Mary & Thomas Horton*

*In memory of **Leslie Creech** by Anthony Creech & Crystal Jonkman*

*In memory of **Adam Rowe** by Earlean Didlake*

*In memory of **James Steorts** by Cecilia Lewis*





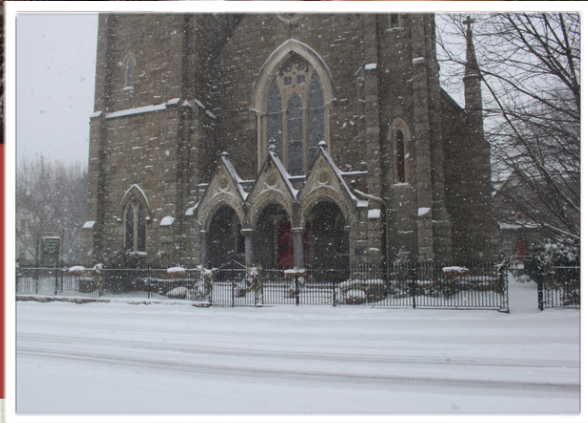
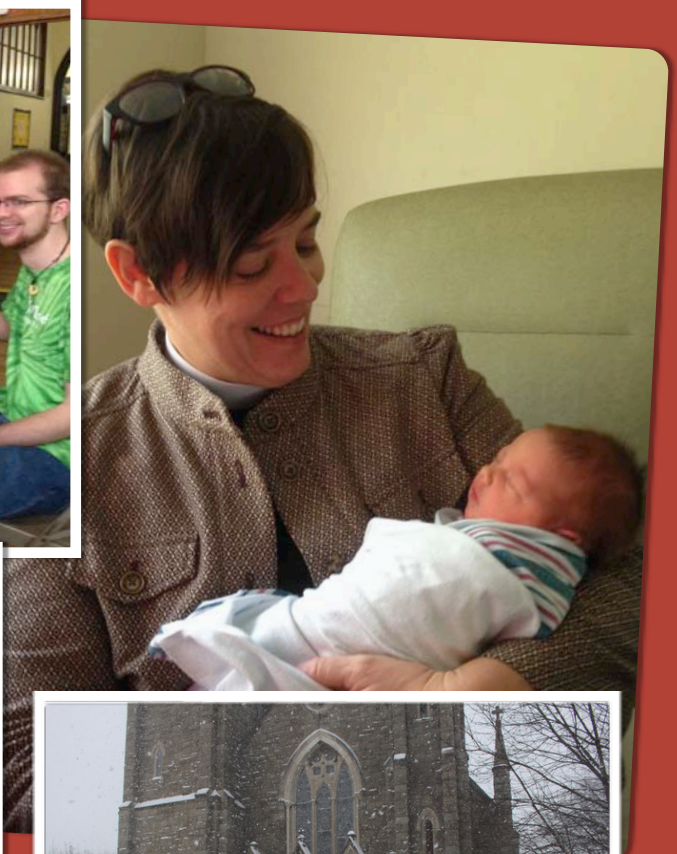
#### OUR PARISH

**SANTA BREAKFAST** (standing) Barbara Butler, Erin Monaghan, Katherine Gaines, Lauren Gustafson and Bill Butler (sitting) Celal Kamran and Timothy Nixon

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Carolyn Stevens with son Dalton







### OUR PARISH

(top left moving clockwise)

**SANTA BREAKFAST** Calvin McCall, Kay McCall, Paige Trivett, Eddie Griffith and Timothy Nixon.

**NEW ARRIVAL** The Rev. Abbott Bailey and Fynleigh Baur-Millward

**ST. ANDREW'S IN THE SNOW**

**CHRISTMAS CRECHE**

**CHOIR FOR EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS**





# Salt & Light: Spring Gatherings for Young Adults

by the Rev. Rock Higgins

We would like to invite all young adults interested in discernment (learning to listen to God's promptings) to join us for "Salt and Light" gatherings this spring.

We will hold one Saturday gathering monthly, each with its own theme, from February through May. Our first meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of St. Andrew's Church.

The theme for the evening will be "Appreciation" as we prepare our hearts for Lent, which starts March 1. We will explore our theme through multiple stations, readings,



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activities, visuals and worship. Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, March 25, we will offer "Deep Dive," a daylong retreat at St. Andrew's Parish House. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and will wrap up around 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to [revrockhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:revrockhiggins@gmail.com) so we know you are coming and

please mention any dietary needs.

We will hold another evening large-group gathering on Saturday, Apr. 22, and a last "Deep Dive" on Saturday, May 20 (RSVP required). The themes for later gatherings will be announced in the next *Saltire*.

Please plan on joining us, or invite folks you think might be interested. Thanks!

Please let Rock know if you have any questions or would like to help with the leadership of these events  
[revrockhiggins@gmail.com](mailto:revrockhiggins@gmail.com).

"Salt & Light" gatherings are funded through the Forum for Theological Exploration.

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