

CROSSROADS



Fr. Chris writes...

My dear people,

Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus! And so Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The Word became flesh. It took some time for people to notice that this great event had occurred, and that's the focus of this season of Epiphany.

Epiphany is both a day (January 6) and a season that lasts until February 2, the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. Epiphany means "revelation" or "appearing." The readings of Epiphany season are all about different ways that humanity discovered Jesus.

We hear about the magi who discovered Jesus in Bethlehem. We hear about Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, when the bystanders found out that Jesus was the Son of God. Some years we hear about the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus turned the water into wine. In John's gospel, this is the first sign that Jesus performs that demonstrates his divinity. And finally we cap off the season by returning to his infancy, and the Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22-40), when two faithful prophets discovered that their long-awaited savior had arrived.

Jesus has come into the world. He is here now. He has always been in our lives and all around us. Our spiritual work is to discover him. It can be like one of those optical illusions – you can spend 10 minutes staring at it, and suddenly you see what you're supposed to see. Jesus is right here, but we need our eyes opened to see him. When we really see him, though, it changes us, takes away our fears, and fills us with love.

I pray that 2014 gives you new and deeper discoveries in your relationship with Jesus. I pray that you ask for your own epiphany of Jesus the Christ, and that you see him clearly.

Faithfully,

Chris+

January 2014

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Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister Training

If you're an acolyte or Eucharistic Minister who would like a refresher,

or if you'd like to begin serving in these ministries,

come to a training session

Sunday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the church.

All are welcome and invited to join in.

Daily Mattins and Vespers

Beginning on January 6, we will pray mattins (morning prayer) Monday through Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and vespers (evening prayer) at 4:45.

Mattins takes about 15 minutes and vespers about 20 minutes.

If you have time before or after work, won't you come pray these ancient offices with us?

Bishop Wolfe to visit March 30

Our bishop will visit St. Andrew's on March 30, the fourth Sunday in Lent. When the Bishop visits a parish, it's an opportunity for those who need it to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. If you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, or you don't know if you have, let Father Chris know!

Confirmation? Reception?

When Bishop Wolfe visits our parish on March 30, you have an opportunity to be confirmed or received. What is confirmation? "Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop" (*BCP p. 860*). Whether you were baptized as an infant, a child, or an adult, you have an opportunity to claim your faith and receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation from the bishop, the representative of the church catholic. Reception is for those who have been confirmed in other traditions that have bishops (Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran) who wish now to join the Episcopal Church.

Flu season and church

Winter means colds and flu. Here are some tips for participating in worship during the season of sniffles:

- **Don't Dip!** Studies have shown that intinction (dipping the host into the wine at communion) is maybe the worst thing for spreading germs.
- **Do Sip!** Taking a small sip from the chalice is typically ok. The edge of the chalice is wiped clean after each person drinks. The metal of the chalice and the alcohol in the wine discourage germs (they don't kill them, though). Father Chris drinks last at every Eucharist, and he doesn't get sick more often than anybody else!
- If you personally have a runny nose or are sneezing, please consider not receiving the wine at all. Communion in one kind, receiving only the bread, still offers the full grace of the sacrament.
- Communion is far less likely to spread germs than shaking hands or hugging. Trying bowing at the Peace.
- Wash your hands. Before and after church, stop by the restrooms to wash up with warm water and soap.

If you're really sick, stay home. The Christian obligation to attend Sunday worship is suspended if you're ill.



Mirror image

“And Lo He said unto them. Thou shalt don thy blue jeans, thy clerical shirts (tab collars), thy green pullovers, and thou shalt don them over thy glorious red beards; having thus donned, thou shalt go forth unto St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Emporia, Kansas at 3pm on the seventh day of December in the two-thousand and thirteenth year and thou shalt drink hot cider from a cream color cup. Then shalt thou put a hand into thy jeans. For it is pleasing in my sight.”—from the Rev. Patrick Funston's Facebook page, posted Dec. 7, 2013. Frs. Patrick and Chris were present at the diocese's youth event, ADVENTure, held at St. Andrew's on Dec. 7.

From the Senior Warden

After the annual meeting this month, my duties as senior warden will be completed. It has been, to say the least, an interesting two years.

Without the help and support of the people of St. Andrew's, the other members of the vestry and I would not have been able to carry out the tasks necessary to keep the church operating in a time of crisis. In this, we were also supported by the diocese and the many priests who served us with caring and good will.

Nothing would have been possible, of course, without the tireless labor and good humor of Karen Whittlesey, who kept us organized and provided a stable center to our parish life.

Part of me will miss the hurly burly of parish administration, but a greater part of me looks forward to fading into the background and becoming another parishioner, finding ways to use my time to support the parish and its ministries.

With our new priest, who is proving to be both wise and caring, St. Andrew's is entering a new phase of its community life. We will do new things in old ways and old things in new ways. Together, we will explore our growing faith.

Thank you for your support and love. I ask that you continue to provide those to the new vestry and new senior warden.

For my part, I will do my best never to begin a sentence with "When I was senior warden"

See you in church.

Patrick Kelley

Faith Formation in February and March

Beginning February 2, we will begin a walk through the Catechism. The Catechism, or an Outline of the Faith, is a summary of the basics of Christian belief and practice. You can find it in the prayer book beginning on page 845. Those who are preparing for Confirmation or Reception at the Bishop's visitation on March 30 will want to make every effort to attend. Sessions are Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:30 in the Parish Hall.

Annual meeting set for Jan. 19 ***Budget, vestry memberships on agenda***

St. Andrew's parishioners will convene the annual parish meeting after the 10:45 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, Jan. 19, in the parish hall.

After sharing brunch, we'll be considering parish business, including approving a budget for the year and selecting three people to serve on the vestry. Jordan Kline is seeking a second term; Millard Harrell, Carolyn Lackey and Trish Weidert are also candidates. (Don Bailey will remain on the vestry to complete his term. At his request, the vestry voted at the December meeting to withdraw his resignation.)

To be eligible to vote on the budget, election of vestry members and any other business that comes before the parish, a person must be at least 16 years old and a giver of record. This means that a pledge must be on file with the treasurer before a vote can be cast.

It's important to remember that the amount of a pledge is not as important as the pledge itself. Anyone who has not made a pledge for 2014 still has time to do so before the 19th!

The Parish Life ministry team is organizing the brunch, which will feature breakfast casseroles, brownies and fruit. If you'll be attending the annual meeting, please sign up on the announcement on the parish hall door, so there'll be enough food for everyone.

Give what you can now

Have you made your pledge to St. Andrew's for 2014? If not, you are in the minority. Most of the people in the parish have signed their pledge cards. But enough have not signed them to cause the vestry its usual January headaches.

A budget must be prepared and presented at the annual meeting on Jan. 19. That budget must be based on the information available.

A pledge is your statement of commitment to your church. The amount of the pledge does not matter. The commitment does. The money you share with the church does not buy salvation or a condo in heaven, but it does support the body of Christ here on Earth.

Some people can give much and some can only give a little, but everyone can give something. Remember the widow's mite -- for some people, a pledge of a dollar a week is more of a sacrifice than a pledge of several thousand dollars a year is to another person.

Get your pledges in now. Only people who have signed pledges are eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

Patrick Kelley

Looking ahead

Thursday, Jan. 9 The St. Andrew's Vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Jan. 9 is the deadline for committee chairs to submit their reports for the annual meeting booklet.

Sunday, Jan. 12 At coffee hour, we'll celebrate the January birthday of Jazel Marie, our "adopted" child in the Philippines. There'll be birthday cake and an opportunity to contribute to Jazel Marie's ongoing support. If you're unable to be at coffee hour, your designated checks in the offering at either service (or left in the office) will be welcome.

Worship at Presbyterian Manor of Emporia begins at 2 p.m. All parishioners are urged to attend, to share worship and fellowship with St. Andrew's parishioners who reside at the manor, as well as other residents who also attend.

Sunday, Jan. 19 Outreach Sunday. Bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items, as well as personal-care items, for the food pantry. Designated checks and loose change in the collection plate will also go, through this ministry, to help neighbors in need.

Jan. 19 is also the day for the St. Andrew's annual parish meeting. We will gather in the parish hall after the 10:45 a.m. Mass to share lunch and to take action on parish business. (More information elsewhere in this issue.)

Monday, Jan. 20 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office is closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 -- The women of St. Andrew's resume their monthly luncheons, gathering from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Amanda's, Seventh Avenue and Commercial Street. Pay your own way; come and go as your schedule permits.

Recurring events

Sundays Holy Eucharist, Rite II said, at 8:30 a.m. and Rite II sung at 10:45 a.m. Faith Formation for adults resumes on Feb 2 at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall.

Mondays through Thursdays Mattins (Morning Prayer) said at 8:30 a.m., Vespers (Evening Prayer) at 4:45 p.m. in the chapel.

Thursdays Choir practice begins at 6:30 p.m. NOTE CHANGE OF DAY.

Wednesdays A service begins at 6 p.m.; a simple supper follows in the parish hall. There's no cost for the supper, but parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share if they can. The main dish is supplied.

Saturdays Loaves and Fishes ministry serves a no-cost lunch to the community from noon to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. St. Andrew's parishioners are encouraged to join in for good food and conversation and to practice our ministry of hospitality to the larger community.

January Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate and remember



O God, who by the preaching of your apostle Paul have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

—Prayer on the occasion of the Conversion of St. Paul, Jan. 25.

Births

Jan. 9	Will Dyer	Jan. 7	Bernie Olin
	Donna Storm		Rose Samuels
Jan. 12	Jordan Crofoot	Jan. 9	Nancy Spencer
Jan. 13	Bob Henderson	Jan. 10	Richard Hubert
Jan. 14	Nancy Gilpin	Jan. 11	Martha J. Christie
	Onnalee Harrell		Robert Perry Warren
Jan. 15	Karen Henderson	Jan. 12	Blanche Baysinger
Jan. 16	Lynn Bonney	Jan. 12	Forbes Christie
		Jan. 13	Mabel Tyson

Baptisms

Jan. 9	Ian Lackey	Jan. 17	Elizabeth Alford
		Jan. 18	Helen Clark Hagan
		Jan. 20	Walter Stowe

Confirmations

Jan. 8	Kelley Lackey	Jan. 22	Bradford Grimes
Jan. 13	Patrick Davis	Jan. 26	Kenneth Welch
	Anna Brownlee		Virginia Biggs
	Michael Mallek	Jan. 27	Dorothy Dotson
Jan. 14	Carolyn Lackey (rec'd)	Jan. 30	James Pagedas
Jan. 23	Lee Fowler	Jan. 31	Bernard A. Smith
	DeLores Johnson		Mary Steele Maher
			Lloyd E. Judd

Anniversaries

Jan. 22	Dennis and Carolyn Murphy
Jan. 26	Mel and Donna Storm

The faithful departed

Jan. 1	Harvey Myers Cary
	David Hilton
	Michael Price
Jan. 2	Doug Allan
Jan. 3	Marian Baysinger
	Carpenter
	Pearl Buckley Kraum
Jan. 4	Byron Strawn Chance
Jan. 5	Edna Pauline Robison
Jan. 6	Mrs. A.H. Christie

Sunday readings in January

Jan. 5 Ps. 84:1-8; Jer. 31:7-14; Eph. 1:3-6, 15-19a; Matt. 2:1-12

Jan. 12 Ps. 29; Is. 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17

Jan. 19 Ps. 40:1-12; Is. 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Jan. 26 Ps. 27:1, 5-13; Is. 9:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23

Our Parish Family and Friends

St. Andrew's provides gifts this Christmas

St. Andrew's had the opportunity to provide gifts for four families this Christmas - and we did! The Salvation Army gave us 15 children and their families, all needing basic necessities, like food, and special treats, like Christmas presents.

Those involved in seeing this ministry through from asking our elves to collect money for food during worship to the delivery of the gifts to the Salvation Army: Anna and John Brownlee, Nancy Pontius, Penny Speedie-Noble, the elves, June Hubert and the generous donors.



Anna and June display some of the presents for our families. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we were able to provide food and gifts for every child and their families.

Jeanne Brokaw died Nov. 23



Jeanne Brokaw died Nov. 23 in Florida. She was the wife of Ron Brokaw, rector of St. Andrew's from September 1959 through April 1968.

The Brokaws moved from Emporia to Orlando, where Jeanne taught kindergarten for 20 years. As she had done in Emporia, she continued to be involved in ministry in Florida; in fact for 26 years she was active in

the diocese of Central Florida's companion relationship with the diocese of Honduras.

She and Ron recently moved to St. Petersburg to be closer to family. A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke, where she had been head of the altar guild for 15 years.

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Congratulations to ...

... Cade Amend, who received his master's degree from Emporia State University during December Commencement exercises.

... Will Dyer, who, with his debate partner Grant Swanson, placed eighth in the 50-team novice division at the Wichita Southeast High Scholl Invitational Debate Tournament. The tournament was held Nov. 23.

Sue Seeman's surgery postponed

Sue's hip replacement surgery, scheduled for December, has been postponed until April. She will be able to serve as organist and choir director while she waits.



St. Andrew's thanks ...

... Doug Amend and David and Pamela Cordle, for sharing their musical gifts to enhance our worship.

... David Mai, for providing the cake for our Epiphany celebration.

... Nancy Pontius, Penny Speedie-Noble, Anna and John Guiltner and June Hubert, for their service in seeing that our adopted families received Christmas gifts.

... Everyone who helped green the worship space for Christmas.

... Altar Guild members for their often-unsung labors.

... Sue Wilson and Ruthann Resch for agreeing to serve on the Outreach Steering Committee.



Children and adults decorate the Chrismon Tree

For a couple of years now the nave of St. Andrew's has had a Chrismon Tree during Advent and Christmas. Each year the children make Chrismons - Christ monograms - in their Sunday school classes and bring them to church so that our parishioners - young and old alike - can decorate the tree.



Ranney Vogt and Liz Wilson (top photo) and Chrissie Noble-Speedie (in acolyte garb) and Abigail Jacob put their symbols on the tree during worship on Dec. 22.

Sue Wilson and June Hubert oversaw the making of the Chrismons.

Fr. Chris' article is in the Harvest

Melodie Woerman, editor of the diocesan newsletter, the Harvest, asked Fr. Chris' permission to print the Advent column he wrote for the December Crossroads. The column, edited to include more about Christmas, is on the back page of the January/February issue of the Harvest. There's a copy of the paper on the table.

Journey of the Magi

T.S. Eliot

'A cold coming we had of it,
Just the worst time of the year
For a journey, and such a long journey:
The ways deep and the weather sharp,
The very dead of winter.'
And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,
Lying down in the melting snow.
There were times we regretted
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and
women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of
shelters,
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it.
At the end we preferred to travel all night,
Sleeping in snatches,
With the voices singing in our ears, saying
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate
valley,
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of
vegetation;
With a running stream and a water-mill
beating the darkness,
And three trees on the low sky,
And an old white horse galloped away in the
meadow.

Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves
over the lintel,
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces
of silver,
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.
But there was no information, and so we
continued
And arrived at evening, not a moment too
soon
Finding the place; it was (you may say)
satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,
And I would do it again, but set down
This set down
This: were we led all that way for
Birth or Death? There was a Birth,
certainly,
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen
birth and death,
But had thought they were different; this
Birth was
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our
death.
We returned to our places, these
Kingdoms,
But no longer at ease here, in the old
dispensation,
With an alien people clutching their gods.
I should be glad of another death.

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe
Bishop of Kansas

The Rev. Chris Arnold
Priest in charge

Members of the Vestry
Patrick Kelley—Sr. Warden
Rick Mitchell—Jr. Warden
Don Bailey
Bill Barnes
Jordan Kline
David Mai
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WORSHIP TIMES

**Sundays 8:30 (spoken) and
10:45 a.m. (sung)**

**Wednesdays 6:00 p.m., followed by
fellowship and a meal**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00—noon

FR. CHRIS' DROP-IN HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00—1.p.m.

Other times by appointment



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