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Reflections from Father Michael+

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year! Despite the darkness, weather, and cold - this is a time of new beginnings. It's a time when we look back to the previous year, then look eagerly with anticipation for what is to come. I know for some - 2018 was difficult. So, in this new year, we can start anew - start over. Look ahead.

As we begin a new year, I'd like to offer a few to-do items for your consideration:

Invite someone to Saint Andrew's - Feel free to use one of the "Follow Me to Saint Andrew's" cards that we printed. We have plenty, so give them out! Give one to a family member, friend, neighbor, or even a complete stranger! Invite them to join you in your journey at Saint Andrews.

Pray for Saint Andrew's - We have some ambitious goals for 2019 and need your prayers. I'll share these goals at our Annual Meeting. We'll need your support. More importantly, we need your prayers!

Take the message of Christ to the world - You can do that by serving others. You can also take Christ's message to the world by how you live. Let your light shine so that others see what it means to be a Christ follower.

As we begin this new year, I wish you every blessing. May 2019 be for you all a year filled with joy, faith, hope, and good health.

*Yours in Christ,
Michael+*

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Thank you to Pledgers

Thank you very much to all who have submitted their 2019 pledges. Our average pledge per-person increased from last year, as did the total amount pledged. As you know, your contributions will be used wisely to advance the mission of Saint Andrew's. May God bless you all!

Official Notice - 2019 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Andrew's will be held on Sunday, January 20th. On that day, we'll have only service of Holy Eucharist at 9 am. Our meeting will immediately follow the service in the undercroft. It's an important time to come together as a parish family, learn about the work of the church, and conduct important business. We work to ensure that the meeting lasts no more than 45 minutes. See you there!

Interested in Serving on Vestry?

This year, we'll recognize two vestry members for their loyal service as they complete their term. At the annual meeting, we'll elect two more loyal Saint Andrew's members to serve on the vestry, the board of the church. If you're interested, please speak with Father Michael. He'd be glad to discuss this important ministry in the church and your hopeful service on it.

Submit Reports for Annual Meeting

Please submit your committee or ministry reports to Tsianina by Friday, January 4th! She needs time to pull-together our reports and prepare the packet for our meeting. If you have any questions, please call Tsianina at (330) 753-9026.

Potluck Lunch and Presentation

Please join us on Saturday - January 12th at 12 pm for a potluck lunch in the undercroft. Father Michael will present the "Great Cathedrals of Europe." He'll share pictures from his travels overseas to some of the world's most beautiful churches. See you there!

Wellness Sunday and Healing Eucharist on January 27th

On January 27th, we'll again have a Wellness Fair after both services. We've invited nursing, pharmacy, and physical therapy students to be at the church to provide brief educational sessions and screenings. As many of us start off the new year with resolutions to improve our health, we hope that you'll be there to take part.

Check out our Facebook Page

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page: Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Barberton. And, be sure to say "Thanks" to Robyn Williams, our Facebook site administrator. Over the past year, her regular posts have generated quite a buzz. Again, thank you Robyn!



ECW News *from Pat Miller*

All the items left under the Advent tree have been sorted and delivered to Salvation Army and Hospice. The food items were all put in the box for BACM. I also took 951 school items and 152 socks, T-shirts and underwear to Barberton West Elementary. So many will benefit from all the wonderful donations thank you for your generosity.



Vestry Highlights *from Shirley Fister, Clerk*

December Meeting

The proposed 2019 budget was presented for review. The number of pledges for 2019 had dropped a few from 2018; but the total amount pledged was up a little from 2018. The Vestry accepted the proposed 2019 budget as adjusted. The budget will be available to the congregation prior to the Annual Meeting in January.

We are still recruiting two new Vestry members to replace those rotating off Vestry. We would like to have nominees confirmed before the Annual Meeting.

Advertisements for our Christmas Eve service will run in the Barberton Herald on the two Thursdays before Christmas Eve.

We are seeking singers from the local high school choirs to sing with our choir on Christmas Eve. The guest singers will be paid. Anyone is welcome to donate to subsidize this cost.

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 8th at 6 pm.

Planning Ahead - Events in February and March

Please mark your calendars with these important events and services in February and March:

- + Valentine's Day Potluck Lunch on Saturday, February 16th.
- + Service of Healing at both Sunday services on February 17th
- + Paczki Sunday on Sunday, March 3rd- after both services
- + Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5th
- + Ash Wednesday is March 6th

White Liturgical Color during Epiphanytide

As you know, we change the colors of altar hangings throughout the year (green, red, white, purple, etc.) to match the liturgical season. As we did last year, we'll use the color white during the season of Epiphanytide. The Church of England keeps the color of white from Christmas through the Presentation of Our Lord holy day (on February 2nd). This year, we'll do the same at Saint Andrew's.

To describe this approach, the Church House Publishing (from the Church of England) commented, "The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation. The [Christ] child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel."

As such, this entire time is a time of celebration. And the color white is the celebratory liturgical color. We hope that this time of Epiphanytide will be enhanced and more meaningful to you.



Prayer List

PRAY:

FOR all who are plagued by natural or human caused disasters.

FOR all who are unemployed, especially those who have recently lost their jobs.

FOR peace on Earth, brotherhood and reason among mankind.

FOR our military members stationed throughout the world especially Doug Dunwald, Jr., Candace Esquivel, Christopher Horvath, Dustin Lauterbacher, Nikolas Halter, Destany Halter, Sam Radanof and James George.

FOR Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their beliefs.

THAT all people would come to know the resurrected Jesus as Savior, Lord and God.

FOR our denomination and our parish and our members.

FOR Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop and Michael our priest.

FOR all who are troubled in mind, body, or spirit.

FOR all who are in need of healing, especially: Charlotte, Sam, John V., Margaret, Victoria S., Kay, John G., Diane, Griffin, Carol. Dave & Pam F., Darrin, Spencer, Jean, Mitchell, Bill, Monica, Kenny, Kathy, Mary Beth, Richard F., Jamie, Pastor Ron, Karen, Nikki, Lillian, Rick, Steven, Phil P., Sue, Heather, Sharon, Anna, Richard J., Gary, Frank, Sherry, Fred, Bill, Beverly and Austin.

FOR those who have died and those who mourn their passing especially, Brain Genet.

We Three Kings

This year, the Feast of the Epiphany occurs on Sunday, January 6th. We won't read the gospel lesson this year - because of when the feast day falls - so we can provide more information on that important passage.



The gospel reading recalls the visit of the three wise men to the Baby Jesus. In Greek, the term for wise men is "magi." Matthew is the only one of the gospels that includes this story (2:1-12).

There is actually no mention of the number - but we have concluded that there were three, given that they offered three gifts to the newborn Savior. From tradition, the three wise men were Melchior (from Persia), Caspar (from India), and Balthazar (from Arabia).

We all know the gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was an indication of Christ's kingship on earth, frankincense was a symbol of a deity, and myrrh was a spice symbolizing suffering. Myrrh was also the spice used to embalm. It was this last gift that would make anyone uncomfortable but, it predicted that this Baby Jesus would someday die sacrificially for us all.

The arrival of the three magi or wise men was prophesied in Psalm 72:11: "May all kings fall down before him." Clearly, the wise men were led by faith to Jesus. May we all be led to and stay at the feet of Jesus, our Savior. *[Taken from Introduction to the New Testament by daSilva]*

Thank You *from Kathy Dana*

Dear Friends, My sincere appreciation to all who were so kind to offer prayers, send cards, flowers, and good wishes during my illness in November/December. I am happy to say my issues are resolved. I hope to enjoy better health in 2019, and I pray for the same for all of you in this New Year. God Bless.

January 2019

Altar Guild:

December 29th through January 18th – Pat Bogner, Donna Radanof, Megan Shaw, Robyn Williams
January 19th through February 8th – Kathy Dana, Shirley Fister, Anne Horvath

Acolytes

- 6 Robyn Williams
- 13 Allen May
- 20 9 am Chris Gray
- 27 Robyn Williams

Ushers

- 6 Bob Demko / Chris Gray
- 13 Scott Demko / Michael Hanshaw
- 20 9 am Al Arkett / Allen May
- 27 Andy McLeod/ Bill Kern

Chalicers

- 6 8 am Lynn Smart
- 10 am Robyn Williams
- 13 8 am Lynn Smart
- 10 am Scott Demko
- 20 9 am Deidre Bullock
- 27 8 am Lynn Smart
- 10 am Robyn Williams



Lectors

- 6 8 am Lynn Smart
- 10 am Lynn Smart
- 13 8 am Lynn Smart
- 10 am Robyn Williams
- 20 9 am Chris Gray
- 27 8 am Lynn Smart
- 10 am Deidre Bullock

Birthdays

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| 3 | Chris Pauley |
| 8 | Andrew McLeod |
| 27 | Kathy Dana |

Anniversaries

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| 1 | Anna & Larry Hardesty |
| 19 | Shirley & Joe Muffet |

Altar Flowers

- 6 Horvath
- 13 Moyer
- 20 Muffet
- 27 OPEN



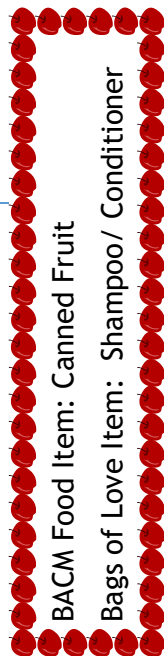
Cleaning Teams:

- 2 Heavenly Touch
- 12 Fister/ Bullock
- 19 Kern
- 26 Demko



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 BACM Food Item: Canned Fruit Bags of Love Item: Shampoo/ Conditioner	1	2	3	4	5	
The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 st Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism Of Our Lord Jesus Christ Renewal of Baptismal Vows (both services) 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	14	15	16	17	18	19
2 nd Sunday after Epiphany 9 am Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting after service	21	22	23	24	25	26
3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Wellness Sunday 8 am Holy Eucharist (Ch) 10 am Holy Eucharist (C)	28	29	30	31		

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