



St. Andrew's Sunday Tidings

Message from Margaret...

We have just been through the hectic, and sometimes stressful, holidays. Perhaps this time of Epiphany can be a chance for us to take a deep breath, and think of what kind of impact we want to have-as a church-as a person-on the world this year. What do we need to do to accomplish these things? My favorite theologian, Howard Thurman wrote: When the song of the angels is stilled

*When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

As we approach Lent, let us spend time and make time for silence and reflection. These times are opportunities for us to examine our lives and think about the year ahead. What do we hope to accomplish? As Thurman reminds us-after weeks of focusing on services and families-it's time to look out-look up,-to think big and specifically. Who do we want to be? What can we do to change the world?

During Lent, we as a parish will focus on Poverty in the World. Since Ash Wednesday falls on the second Wednesday of February, our first WOW of the season will be on Wednesday, February 27th when we will view "The Line." This is a project sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the McArthur Foundation depicting poverty in America. It documents the stories of people across the country living below the poverty line. They have goals. They have children. They work hard. They are people like you and me. Across America, millions are struggling

every day to make it above the Line. Rather than giving up something for Lent, let us look at taking on something as a parish, as individuals, to help alleviate this situation.

Blessings and love, Margaret+

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3: CANDLEMASS –IN CELEBRATION OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13: ASH WEDNESDAY (TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27: WOW THE LINE 6 P.M. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND

The vestry for the year 2013 has elected Nancy Young as Senior Warden, and Art Wimpenny as Junior Warden.

The vestry has decided that in this day of electronic communication, we will no longer publish a monthly news letter, but will send out electronically each week important news and dates. This will also include a weekly insert in the bulletin called St. Andrew's Weekly Tidings. A copy will also be posted on the bulletin board. If you have announcements, they will go in these formats. It gives us the ease of sending out important information as it happens, instead of publishing things that have already happened.

Recycle, recycle, recycle! St. Andrew's will soon begin an recycling program through Trash and Recycling Roll Off; recycling paper, aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard etc., and most of the things we use as a parish and school. Items will not have to be sorted. As one of two parishes in the Diocese that received the distinction of being an Earth Care Congregation, this fits into our goal of "going green." It will also save us money on our trash pick-up!

