



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped make the Christmas celebrations so very special. To our Choir-master, Organist, our choir and instrumentalists, those who decorated, the Altar Guild, those who helped with the adoptive children's party, to Fran, all who served, and to all volunteers: a job wonderfully well done. I would also like to add my personal thanks to you all for the gracious gift and for your love and support. I love you all. Richard Rhor has written:

When we celebrate New Year's Day, and maybe Easter too, we celebrate a symbolic rebirth of time. We somehow hope for God to do new things with us and for us. We wait for the coming of grace, for the unfolding of Mystery. We wait for the always-bigger Truth.

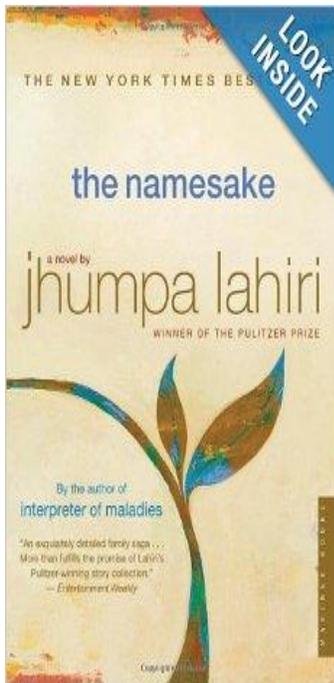
Such humble waiting and open-ended expecting allows us to fall into what Thomas Merton called "a hidden wholeness." One does not create or hold onto such wholeness (holiness?) consciously—it holds onto us! Our common code word for this hidden wholeness is quite appropriately "God"! When we agree to love God, we are precisely agreeing to love everything. When we decide to trust God, we are also deciding to trust reality at its deepest foundation.

But we cannot just wait. We must pray too, which is to expect help from Another Source. Our prayers then start both naming us and defining us. When we hear our own prayers in our own ears and our own heart, we start choosing our deepest identity, our biggest future, and our best selves. We fall into our own hidden wholeness.

So I wish for each and every one of you a blessed and wonderful New Year, one full of the grace and gentleness of God.

Blessings and love,

Margaret+



St. Andrew's Book Club is starting up again the fourth Tuesday of January (Jan. 28) with *Name Sake* by Jhumpa Lahiri, one of the very few authors have won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for a debut work, *Interpreter of Maladies*. Among the many other awards and honors it received were the New Yorker Debut of the Year award, the PEN/Hemingway Award, and the highest critical praise for its grace, acuity, and compassion in detailing lives transported from India to America. In *The Namesake*, Lahiri enriches the themes that made her collection an international bestseller: the immigrant experience, the clash of cultures, the conflicts of assimilation, and, most poignantly, the tangled ties between generations. Here again Lahiri displays her deft touch for the perfect detail -- the fleeting moment, the turn of phrase -- that opens whole worlds of emotion.

The Namesake takes the Ganguli family from their tradition-bound life in Calcutta through their fraught transformation into Americans. On the heels of their arranged wedding, Ashoke and Ashima Ganguli settle together in Cambridge, Massachusetts. An engineer by training, Ashoke adapts far less warily than his wife, who resists all things American and pines for her family. When their son is born, the task of naming him betrays the vexed results of bringing old ways to the new world. Named for a Russian writer by his Indian parents in memory of a catastrophe years before, Gogol Ganguli knows only that he suffers the burden of his heritage as well as his odd, antic name. Lahiri brings great empathy to Gogol as he stumbles along the first-generation path, strewn with conflicting loyalties, comic detours, and wrenching love affairs. With penetrating insight, she reveals not only the defining power of the names and expectations bestowed upon us by our parents, but also the means by which we slowly, sometimes painfully, come to define ourselves." *The Namesake* is a fine-tuned, intimate, and deeply felt novel of identity.

The Book Club will meet at the St. Andrew's Towers meeting room at 11:30 on Jan 28^h. Elaine Ellsworth will lead the discussion. For details, call Glenda Dean at 774-0848.

LIFELINE SCREENING COMING TO ST. ANDREW'S

St Andrew's Episcopal Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 2/10/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners**

Calling All Kids!



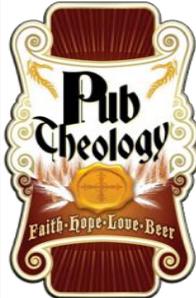
Our centennial challenge for January is especially for children. Dr. Lynn d'Albertis will work with them to create a centennial banner. All youth are asked to create drawings of what St. Andrew's means to them and bring the drawings to church next Sunday, Jan. 12. After the service, Dr. d'Albertis will meet with the children in Byrne Hall to discuss making a banner that incorporates their ideas.

POLO SHIRT SALE



PLEASE SEE ELAINE IN BYRNE HALL AFTER THE SERVICE TO ORDER AND PREPAY FOR OUR 'NEW' ST. ANDREW'S POLO SHIRTS. CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO: ST. ANDRE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WITH POLO SHIRTS ON THE MEMO LINE. COST IS \$15 FOR S, M, L AND \$16.50 FOR XL AND ABOVE.

*Pub Theology
Tomorrow
Night
6 p.m.
"The Place"
on Harrison*



*Bring a
Bible-no
experience
necessary!*

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items for the St. Andrew Baptist Food Bank. It was greatly depleted over the holidays.

Please keep the following in your prayers : Faye, Nancy, Maxine, John, Paul, Kylie, Marilyn, Michael, Maria, Mary, Charlotte, Sue, Evan, Ann, Keith, Jay, Colleen, Joy, Jane, Dee Dee, Donna, John, Maggie, Anna, Frank, Katie, Aubree, Sue, Colleen, Betty, Jimmy, Bubba, Mary Ruth, Lettie, Leslie, Sandra, Marilyn, Mary, Alexis, John, Evan, Cindy, LaVern, Daniel, Doug, Eli, Kyle, Bob, Sean, Tim, Libby, Marilyn, Sue, Michael, Kyle, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Colleen, Ryan, Joy, Jane, Anna, Michela, Doris, Helen, James, Maggie, Pat, Judy, David, Jerry, Amy, Julie, Frances

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan