



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

### *Message from Margaret*

We have had an unusually long journey through the time of Epiphany, and Lent is creeping upon us. On March 4 we will come together in revelry at our Mardi Gras dinner, feasting on ham and pancakes, and wine and delicious deserts, and we will have the fun of crowning the king and queen of St. Andrew's. Suddenly in the midst of the evening, as it draws to a close, we will become silent-burying the alleluias until the Easter vigil! And we prepare for a holy Lent. Lent is a time for prayer, a time for reflection, a time for beginning again. During this Lent, we will have time for walking the Stations of the Cross, time for days of silent prayer together, of meditation, and reflection.

One way we make time for God, according to Donna Schaper, is to prepare a place for ourselves to wait upon God. Jesus knew this pattern well—the sabbath pattern of exile and return, of homelessness and home. (Sabbath doesn't just mean Sunday—it is any time we draw away from the world—a time away for God.) He made a very strange promise to his people, given he was a man without an address, a man without a home, when he told his people, “In my father's house there are many rooms...I go to prepare a place for you.” A homeless man promises his people a home. A simple man promises a multistory dwelling.

In Sabbath we go to a prepared place. We imitate Jesus' preparation of place by preparing our own. It is a mansion; it has many rooms; it is spacious. And it is uncluttered. But that is hard to understand. It mixes little and much—abstinence and plenty. With Jesus, these happen often—he surprises us with a sabbath spirituality that is not what we assumed at all.

Prayer is the most traditional of sabbath keeping. Prayer practices the presence of God. It pays attention to God as a part of life. Prayer allows us to dive deeply into any given moment. It allows us pause, allows us to be where we are. More important, prayer brings a sense of proportion, a sense of being here, not there.

We have a lot to pray for, not only in our own lives, but in the lives of those around us here at St. Andrew's. We have a lot of sick people. We have people that for some reason or other, have been absent from worship. We need to remember that the Table is not complete, when the rest of the Body is absent. Pray daily in Lent for those who you have not seen lately; pray daily for the aged, the sick, the infirm. But in the midst of that, pray for yourself. Look around. Prayers will come to you. Or prayers will come out of you.

Blessings and love,

*Margaret+*

<b>Centennial King and Queen Contest Nominees and Current Totals</b>	
 King	 Queen
Art Wimpenny \$59.00	Mary Wimpenny \$34.00
Dr. John Benton \$10.25	Virginia Neiman \$6.00
Bill Gobat \$4.00	Gene Sapp \$2.00
	Rosemary Long \$12.00
	Sue Webb \$19.60
	Faye Hutt

Nominees: Encourage your family, friends, and fellow parishioners to vote for you! Remember, \$1.00 = 1 vote. All proceeds go to the Living Stones Capital Campaign Fund. Winners will be crowned at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 4.



It is not too late to show your support for the St. Andrew's CROP Walk team. To make a donation, go to <http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/goto/SAE>

**MEN'S CONFERENCE AT BECKWITH**

**FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1**

**WHY THE LITURGY ROCKS: HOW EPISCOPAL WORSHIP CAN LEAD TO  
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## MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

You are cordially invited to attend our Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Pancakes, New Orleans Jazz, Dancing! Fun for All Ages

Experience the Crowning of the King and Queen of St. Andrew's!

At the end of the night we will bury the Alleluias

Not to be heard again until the Easter Vigil

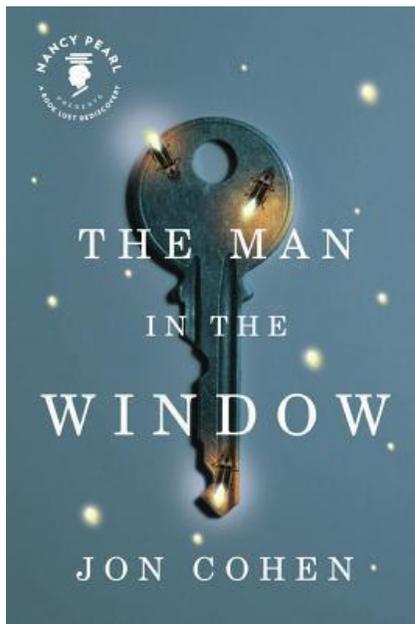
Bring your most decadent dessert and wine to share.

## FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB NEWS

Too many books!

The St. Andrew's Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. Lately we have been rotating among the various members' homes. Last month a new book was introduced for February, but the typist forgot she had already submitted a different book to Tidings! So this is a clarification of which book we will discuss. Since February is Valentine's month, we will use the "gentle romance" described below and read *The Story of Beautiful Girl* next month. The Book Club will meet at Teri Floore's home at 2701 W. 27<sup>th</sup> St. at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Bring a sandwich or something light for lunch. Everyone is welcome—reader or not!

In February the St. Andrew's Book Club will read and discuss *The Man in the Window* by Jon Cohen. A poignant, darkly comic novel by the author of *Max Lakeman* and *the Beautiful Stranger*. A disfigured man stays in the safety of his



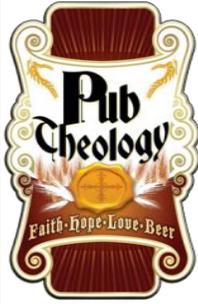
parents' house for 16 years--until a fateful accident causes him to meet the woman who changes his life. Since he was disfigured in a fire sixteen years ago, recluse Louis Malone has remained hidden from the prying eyes of his neighbors in the small town of Waverly.

Across town, Iris Shula, a lonely and unlovely nurse, knows at thirty-seven it is unlikely that her Prince Charming will ever appear. But Iris is about to learn how wrong she is.

When Louis accidentally falls out of his second-story window, these two kindred souls are brought together. What unfolds is a most unlikely love story. One that will make you laugh and that will break—and remake—your heart.

"A gentle romantic fantasy of piercing and eccentric beauty".--Boston Globe.

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



*Bring a  
Bible-no  
experience  
necessary!*

## **FOCUS MEETING**

**THE DIOCESE WILL HOLD A FOCUS MEETING, Wednesday, February 26th, at**

**1 p.m. here at St. Andrew's to talk about the search for a new bishop. They would like your input in this process. This is your chance to have a say in the process, so let's have a good turnout. Other churches in the area are also invited.**

## New Parish Directories

Thank you to everyone who helped us publish our new directory by having your pictures taken and updating your contact information. Each family can pick up a directory in Byrne Hall following the service. If you would like an extra directory they will be available for \$6.00 each which covers the cost of printing. If you are not in the directory please submit your contact information and we will publish an addendum to include anyone omitted. If there is a change in your information, please WRITE out the new information so a correction can be made.

*Please keep the following in your prayers : 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, Henry, Lena, J.W., Harold, Wendy, Sandy, Charley, Danette, Pam, Eric, Robert, John, Toni, Sandie, Barbara, Deborah, Stephanie, Steve, Jane, Joy, Colleen, Ryan, Joni, Linda, Jeremy, Lauren, Rebecca, Margaret*

*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*