

NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S March—April 2016

**Jay's
Say**

I write these words from Crested Butte, Colorado where Kate and I are enjoying the skiing. Earlier in the week I lectured at Colorado College and Kate visited the campus as a prospective student. We left Colorado Springs, spent the night at a youth hostel in Salida, and set out for Crested Butte before dawn.

The moon was full and the air like crystal. Seventeen inches of new snow reflected in the moonlight off the surrounding peaks. The mountaintops turned coral as they caught the rising sun -- a new day dawning in exquisite beauty.

Safe in our rented pickup with four-wheel drive, we slowly climbed up to Monarch Pass. The 14-wheelers coming down Route 50 in the opposite direction were a cause of concern, but the drivers crawled along in low gear to keep their traction. Monarch Pass is located on the Continental Divide, and at 11,312 feet, provides panoramic views. The thick cloud and swirling snow, however, meant that we could only see about a hundred feet.

As we reached the summit and headed down the steep gradient, I tested our traction and maintained a slow pace. About three miles into our descent, we encountered a semi in the opposite lane which had veered off the road and was stuck in the deep snow. Oddly, the driver had lost control ascending the pass. He had his mobile phone pressed to his ear, and we carried on down into Gunnison County. The roads here were clear, and we picked up pace so that we almost missed a magnificent sight: a solitary wolf loping gracefully across the snowy field.

Lessons for Lent, and for life?

- Slow down!
- Simplify: a wolf is more suited to the snow than a loaded semi.
- Anticipate challenges and temptations.
- But understand that in life the wheels can come off at any time.
- Be hopeful: as deep as the darkness may seem, the dawn will break.
- As sure as sun will rise, God can bring good out of the most desperate situation.

You don't need to travel to Colorado to see this; just travel with Jesus (and your fellow Christian pilgrims) through Holy Week.

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From the Parish Register

Memorial Service

February 9

Robert Bausch Jr.

The **Crafty Critters** of St. Andrew's are busy working on items to sell at the summer fair. We meet each Tuesday morning in the parish hall from 9:30 to 11:30. These meetings are far from being "all work and no play." We enjoy refreshments and great fellowship along with our creative efforts. The group is open to one and all -- men and women. We welcome new members and fresh ideas and we even welcome fresh members with new ideas. Anyone interested is invited to pay us a visit and enjoy a cup of coffee and some goodies while seeing what we are working on. — *Barbara Smith*

**Gluten-Free?
So Are We!!!!**

We offer gluten-free communion wafers, for those who wish to take communion but who suffer from gluten sensitivity. These wafers will be available at any service. As the priest offers you communion, please just ask for a gluten-free wafer!



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| Jennifer Giles | 1 |
| William Horn | 2 |
| Larry Dufault | 3 |
| Rosemarie Best | 4 |
| Grayson Beck | 8 |
| Danielle Carroll | 9 |
| Marvin Rich | 9 |
| Linn Harwell | 10 |
| Dick Eaton | 12 |
| Phil Trussell | 12 |
| Jean Sutherland | 15 |
| Ellen Wassell | 15 |
| Hank Otto | 19 |
| John Carroll | 21 |
| Nicole Densmore | 21 |
| Mary Shepard | 21 |
| Deborah Ransom | 23 |
| Roberta Trussell | 23 |
| Margaret Greenwood | 24 |
| Tobias MacLeod | 24 |
| Emily Jones | 25 |
| Fred Thomson | 25 |
| Arlene Palmieri | 28 |
| Missy Carroll | 29 |
| Gwen Place | 30 |

Parish Birthdays



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|---------------------|----|
| Lev Hubbard | 2 |
| Charlie Forbes | 3 |
| Bobbi Travis | 5 |
| Benjamin Greenwood | 6 |
| Ruth Hollis | 8 |
| Ainsley Frenkiewich | 10 |
| Peter Ruth | 10 |
| David White | 12 |
| Al Barth | 14 |
| Emily Kelly | 16 |
| Simeon Morrow | 17 |
| Joan Ward | 20 |
| Jack Andrews | 21 |
| Joseph Kealy | 21 |
| Christine Kellett | 23 |
| Frank Bodurtha | 29 |
| Catee Hubbard | 29 |
| Peter Koumrian | 29 |
| Wen Phillips | 30 |



Lent Course on Luke Continues —

Sundays from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall

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| 6 March | <i>Lucan Parables</i> | Rev. Kathleen Rusnak |
| 13 March | <i>Looking at the Cross with Luke</i> | Rev. Jay MacLeod |

Sunday School

Sunday school children are now following the Lenten lectionary and studying relevant texts from the Bible. We are focusing on Lent as the season of quiet reflection and examining our own hearts as we prepare for and await the coming light of Christ's glory and salvation made known to us at Easter. The Whirl curriculum materials are relevant for all ages and focus on applying faith in daily life and addressing the questions and challenges of living out our faith.

Sunday school will continue to meet on the second and third Sundays in March, April and May. When Sunday school is in session, children leave the worship service at the end of the Gloria or first hymn and proceed to the Parish Hall to sing with Nicole; then join in the Collect before going downstairs to their respective classes. We will continue to celebrate All-age Worship on the first Sunday of the month, and the children will sing with Nicole Densmore on the last Sunday of the month to help prepare them to lead the singing during the All-age Worship.

The younger group is composed of children in kindergarten through third grade and the older group includes children from fourth grade up plus any children not yet confirmed. The children in 7th and 8th grades who are not yet confirmed are encouraged to help out with the younger children and be "shepherds in training." Children who have been confirmed are encouraged to attend the church service. Children in preschool and younger go to the Nursery.

Those young adults who are to be confirmed on May 10 at 7 PM with Bishop Rob will prepare by reading *Faith Confirmed* by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright, and by attending the Confirmation Retreat scheduled for the long weekend of April 23-25, and attending services during Holy Week.
— Ellen Yenawine

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS are now available. If this will be helpful to you to fully participate in the worship service, please ask the usher for a large-print bulletin.

Valuable Device for Those Who Live Alone

Ann Feeley Kieffer fell when, luckily, her son Jonathan was with her. She realized that had he not been there she would have been unable to reach a phone and could have been on the floor for 24 hours or more. Consequently she now wears a GPS medi-alert device that, with the push of a button, contacts a response agent to assess the situation and contact necessary services. Ann recommends this device for anyone who lives alone. You can sign up at greatcall.com.

Faith Adventures:

The youth group will meet three more times this year, on the third Sundays of March, April and May from 4 to 6 PM. We will be deciding how to allocate the money Faith Adventures participants raised from their Homeless Sleep-out project and how we might contribute to this cause over time. We are very grateful to those at St. Andrew's who supported this initiative!

Meetings usually consist of sharing a Bible study and meal together, doing some fun group exercises, and catching up with one another. We are all looking forward to another camping trip (September 9-11) this year. Any young adults in junior high who attend St. Andrew's are invited to join in the fun! — Ellen Yenawine

The Curate Considers:

At the moment I'm writing this, we're only two sessions into our Lenten study of the Gospel of Luke; even so, here's one clear lesson from what we've heard so far: Luke's Jesus prays. That observation led me to ask: Do we?

Every weekday noon except Thursday, prayer rises "like incense" (and in fact, with incense) during midday prayer at St. Andrew's. On Thursdays, the noon service is a Eucharist, with a special focus on healing and wholeness. Quiet prayers, one-on-one with the priest who is presiding at the service, take place, and the assembled worshippers pray for those on the parish prayer list by name. The people and the concerns on that list also receive the attention of a small group of parishioners who pray for them in a focused, regular way.

All of our Saturday and Sunday Eucharists are packed full of prayer, from the initial collect that gathers our first prayers, to the grateful prayer we say together after Communion. In between, we offer the Prayers of the People – often written or adapted by parishioners, to raise and express the concerns of this very particular group of people, the Church of St. Andrew. And of course, within the context of the great Eucharistic prayer around the altar, "as our Savior Christ has taught us," we pray the prayer that was Jesus's own answer to his first disciples' request, "Teach us to pray."

Week in and week out, we pray to open and close meetings: vestry meetings, pastoral care team meetings, others, too, I'm sure. The acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, and the priests pray together before each service begins. And all this corporate prayer only scratches the surface.

Gathered into a list like that, St. Andrew's seems awash in prayer. But what is it that we're doing, when we pray?

One good starting place for an answer is . . . *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Towards the back of the prayer book, starting on page 856, the Church's catechism, or outline of faith, addresses prayer, defining it, listing several kinds of prayer, and directing us to The Lord's Prayer as an example. I encourage you to take a look. Several years ago, the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastery in Cambridge, Mass., presented a sermon series, "Teach Us to Pray," that explores the Catechism's statements on prayer in depth. It's worth your attention, too. <http://ssje.org/ssje/2010/02/03/teach-us-to-pray/>

The Catechism's discussion of prayer begins, though, by offering a very simple definition: "**Prayer is responding to God, by thought and by deeds, with or without words.**" That's very brief, but it's packed full of insight, and worth pondering point by point.

Most important, I'd suggest, is this: Prayer is a reply. At its most basic, prayer is nothing more – and nothing less – than a simple "Yes" to God. "Yes, God: You are here; I am here; here we are." It starts from there.

Peace, *Kelly*



January's dinner was a huge success thanks to the delicious macaroni and cheese made by the terrific kids in our youth group: Emmy Potter, Erin and Jenna Wheeler, Ayla Frankiewicz, Maggie Greenwood, Kate Kelly, her friend Jenna and their leader Ellen Yenawine. Also thanks to our servers: Lyman and Barbara Smith, Janet Heyl, Peg Daly and Anne Hall. Another group has volunteered to serve dinner on Good Friday in place of St. Andrew's so we have the month off.

Help Re-Stock the KLS Community Food Pantry
March: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly

April: Hearty soups and stews

Paper towels, toilet paper, coffee (regular and decaf) and peanut butter are always welcome.



The VNA's Good Day Respite program at KCPC for those affected by Alzheimer's is looking for additional volunteers to help on Mondays and Thursdays, mornings 9:45 to 12, afternoons 12 to 3, or lunch preparation/clean up 11 to 1. Several St. Andrew's parishioners recently responded to a request in these pages for which the VNA is thankful. At this time kitchen help is especially needed, and even once a month for two hours is a great help. If interested speak to volunteers Sally Asher or Alice Perry and/or call the VNA at 526-4077.

Outreach Corner

Thanks for 50 Years

I am not the expert to tell what the actual date of the opening of the St. Andrew's Thrift Shop was although I believe that it was March 22, 1965 as described below. So we have passed a milestone of 50 years. Wow! (I am hoping that when the congregation reads this, someone can come forward with more concrete dates and information.)

Looking through files in the thrift shop, the headline on a time-worn 1990 issue of *The Argus-Champion* read "25 Years Ago-March 18, 1965." Under that headline the article quoted sentences from a 1965 issue: "The new St. Andrew's Thrift Shop will be open on Gould Rd., March 22. It will be located in a wing adjoining the parish house. . . . The shop's proceeds benefit the building fund of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church." I believe this coincides with the construction of the church as it is today.

Another report in the files states, "A thrift shop does not survive more than seven or eight years because it is not possible to get the volunteers to staff it. . . . This is what we were told when we started St. Andrew's Thrift Shop 30 years ago." I'm not sure what date this report was written (c. 1995 perhaps), but the earlier prediction did not bear out. The longevity of our little shop disproves it handily. It hasn't been that hard to get volunteers!

From December, 1987, another filed article reads, "A hearty thank you to all the hardworking ladies who have volunteered their time and effort during the past 27 years for the benefit of St. Andrew's Church and the community. Their devotion and loyalty over the years (and some have been with the shop since it began in the building that now houses The Menagerie) have resulted in many tangible gifts as well as monetary support." I have been told that the shop was a community thrift shop located where the current restaurant, Hole in the Fence, is now on Main Street.

For now, I have to add my sincere "thank you" to our many volunteers who have continued the tradition started so many years ago of manning the shop six days a week in order to provide monetary assistance and needed clothing items not only to St. Andrew's Church, but also to many local outreach organizations and those less fortunate in our area. New volunteers are always welcome and needed. And if you haven't been in the thrift shop, please make an effort to check out the wonderful bargains during our open hours Monday to Saturday, between 10 AM and 2 PM. I think you'll be surprised and impressed! -- Jackie Thompson, Manager

The Wardens' Words

It may be winter (sort of), but our busy days at St. Andrew's continue. We'd like to highlight a few recent events and accomplishments:

Our new vestry has been seated. We're delighted to have the newcomers to the group – Bruce Avery, Mark Kellett, Lisa Kelly and Judy Wallace – working with us to help keep things running smoothly.

The Sunshine Café continues to flourish on school mornings, giving sixth graders in Newport a safe and nourishing place to be in the time before school. Rob Freitas ably leads that effort and is always looking for more volunteers. If you'd like to help, please let him know.

Have you noticed the new lights in the choir area? As we write this, that setup is still a work in progress with a dimmer switch coming soon. The choir is most pleased to be able to see our music clearly (especially a dim-eyed old bass in the back row) and we trust that the brighter light there will not be a distraction to the congregation.

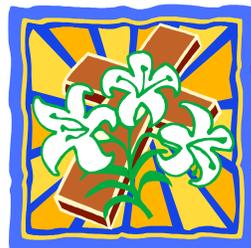
Other improvements to our building include a light by the coat rack, a new light fixture in the Thrift Shop, shelving in the choir room, new faucets in one of the bathrooms and a glass snow barrier at the front door. Please thank Harvey Best and Chris Heyl when you see them.

And there's so much more. If you see something that needs doing or an effort you'd like to join, please step up without waiting to be asked. We rejoice that we have so many active and committed members, but more are always needed for the activities that keep church running such as altar guild, Sunday school shepherds, greeters and refreshment providers.

We rejoice as well that we have such a wonderful and capable curate. Who else could step in so well when Jay was felled by the flu or take over so seamlessly while he enjoyed a well-earned week of vacation? Thank you, Kelly!

And now we're about half way through Lent. Some of us are deepening our understanding of Luke's gospel by attending the Sunday noontime classes offered by our talented clergy – Pat Harris and Kathleen Rusnak as well as Kelly and Jay. Whatever your path through this season, we trust it is especially meaningful for you, and we encourage you to participate in all of our Holy Week services.

Easter will be here before we know it. We wish you a blessed and contemplative Lent and a joyous Eastertide to follow! – *Becky and Richard*



Voices in Counterpoint

Dear Friends,

We are in mid-Lent as this is being written. Ash Wednesday is past and we are walking the path Jesus set before us. The ashes are long-washed away, and we sojourn in the desert with our Lord to do battle with those devils that “threaten to undo us,” to use the hymnal translation of Martin Luther’s hymn.¹ We are on the battle plain resisting evil with the Sword of the Spirit. It is God alone who can win the battle of good and evil. For God stands with us. “God’s truth abideth still, his kingdom is for ever.”

We walk this Lenten path singing our songs of faith in a strong and benevolent God who accompanies us on our way. The liturgy of the Eucharist during Lent reflects the state of penitence proper to the season. Our worship opens with one of the oldest prayers known to God’s people: *Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.* We sing this prayer to a simple cantor-led chant from the Iona tradition. After the consecration of bread and wine in the Eucharistic Prayer, we sing the *Agnus Dei*, “Jesus, Lamb of God.” The music is gentle and inviting, drawn from the *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass) composed by Franz Schubert. Again we sing the words “Lord, have mercy.”

Throughout this season it is traditional to eschew one particular word in our liturgy, hymns and anthems. This word begins with the letter “A.” It is a Hebrew word meaning “Praise the Lord!” Many choristers around the world are taught to substitute the word “Montezuma” for this “A” word when practicing their music for the Easter season.

The “A” word will return in abundance at Easter Vigil. On that occasion, “A as” will ring out around the world, praising God for his wonderful work in saving us from death. The “A” word symbolizes our being raised by God to new life

On Easter Day, the choir will sing at 10 AM as we celebrate Eucharist with loud “A as” for “the life laid down, the life restored.”² There will be trumpets and drums at this service to help us sing with joy and ceremony.

The Easter season will continue in high celebration. The “Week of Weeks” will reach a high point in the week of April 24 through May 1. On April 24th, the music at 10 will include portions of Johann Sebastian Bach’s cantata, “Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands.” A chamber orchestra including Nicole Densmore and Rebekka Almond will accompany the choir that day. Bach’s cantata is based solely on the text of *Hymnal 1982*, No. 186. That particular hymn setting is drawn from Bach’s cantata. The whole congregation will join in singing that last stanza with the orchestra.

And on April 30-May 1, American composer and song leader Alice Parker will be our special guest. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of American choral conductor Robert Shaw, Alice will lead a workshop on Saturday for any and all who love to sing. The sessions will focus on helping congregations large and small to greater participation in singing the Lord’s song. Sunday morning Alice will lead our worship in preaching and in song. More information about this event will appear soon.

Peace, Love, Hope, Joy, and Harmony,

david

¹Quoted from Luther’s hymn, “A mighty fortress is our God.” *Hymnal 1982*, No. 688.

²This phrase comes from “Good Christians all, rejoice and sing.” *Hymnal 1982*, No. 205.

A Personal Search for Impact

In 2003, to celebrate turning age 60, I decided to go to Africa, find a village and start a micro-lending program. I was puzzled and angry that people in Africa seemed to be stuck with no resources to change their fate in spite of bucketsful of top-down aid. I wondered if there wasn't some personal way to help and it fulfilled my commitment to begin my "return" phase of life after truly living the American dream.

Two months after my birthday, George Cooper, a local Wilmot character and eventual member of St. Andrew's, drove me in his truck to exit 12 with my luggage stuck on top of his assortment of wood and dump uncollectibles: bus to Logan, over the pond to Heathrow, transfer to Accra with a handful of names to contact upon arrival. My first call was answered with the opening line, "We are waiting for you."

This last January 2016 I returned to collect stories of impact. Now there's a direct flight to Accra and I'm on a first-name basis with Vick, Delta's manager at Kotoka. This was my 27th trip to Ghana over thirteen years adding up to exactly one year on the ground in Pokuase.

This experience has put in my hand the tenets for what people call "going bottom up" and I plan to write about it: personal partnering at the community level. We keep going back to bring tools and resources directly for those we're serving; they create their own path out of poverty.

Here is an excerpt from one of my impact interviews with Rita Nyadzro, the first girl we supported all the way through college, in her case the country's finest nursing school in Accra. She applied and was accepted but had no way to pay the fees. I had watched Rita excel in our scholarship program, could see her drive and knew our donors might eventually be willing to take on multi-year commitments. I paid for her first year out of my pocket and subsequently WomensTrust extended its education-support program beyond high school.

The day I met Rita outside the family home her mother was gleaning dried corn in a large metal aluminum pan used for cooking foodstuffs. That is how she meets her dream, having her girls reach the highest grade possible to pursue the promise of a career.



Dana: So, Rita, what does the word "impact" mean to you?

Rita: "Impact" - I understand impact to be an effect, to have an effect on something. An effect could be positive or negative. If it's positive, then it makes you stronger. It makes you a much better person in the future.

Dana: Does it impact anyone else?

Rita: Sure! The whole family, the whole community. People see me and say, "Ok, if I do something, if I follow in Rita's footsteps, I will also get somewhere." It has had that effect on my sister, who will graduate very soon from one of the best secondary schools, which my mother is paying for because I am not a burden. So, the journey goes on . . . and it goes on, and on.

Dana: What do you plan to do long term? What's your vision?

Rita: I want to get my Master's in nursing. I want to be one of the finest nurses Ghana has ever had. I want to be a theater nurse, in surgery.

Dana: Rita, I'm doing these interviews because I want other people to follow in my footsteps, to get on the ground and make a commitment to a community, to meet and build a local team. Not a big team, not trying to do everything, but go slowly and keep coming back, watching and cultivating. So do you think that's a good idea?

Rita: Yes, I think it's a great idea. It's one of the biggest ideas a person could have.

Dana: Could have to do what?

Rita: To impact the less privileged. I think when you are rich and you keep it to yourself, you are not rich. It doesn't matter who you are with. The people can tell you "you are rich" but you cannot tell yourself you are rich if you are not giving back.

Dana: Well, that's a good summary. Thank you. That was worth waiting for.

Thanks to my faith, I have been able to persevere. Poverty is a word that should be thrown out – here and there – the connotations of the word "poverty" keep too many on the sidelines except when disaster hits and then we go into a frenzy. I believe the best way to preserve the American dream is to share it, personally! There are many roles to play. You don't have to be a wild-eyed founder. Just take a step, it is time. – *Dana Dakin, Founder of WomensTrust.org*



Members of St. Andrew's Youth Group worked to prepare "delicious macaroni and cheese" for our January visit to the Friendly Kitchen. See more, p. 5.

In Remembrance

On the Saturday after Christmas I was saddened to receive a letter from the attorney settling the estate of my graduate school roommate from Stanford, Betty Hunt Curfman, informing me that Betty had passed away last summer. She died alone in her home, and had requested no service be held, I learned. Her obituary published in the *Marin Independent Journal* in September had included a favorite poem, attributed to a relative, which Betty requested be published at her death. I just hated the idea of Betty slipping away with no public affirmation or honoring of her life so I told this story and read Betty's poem to the Pastoral Care group here at St. Andrew's. It says so much about the beautiful person she was, and I believe gives inspiration to us all. I share it with you in honor and celebration of Betty's life. -- *Ginny Register*

"Last Look at Life's Fabric"

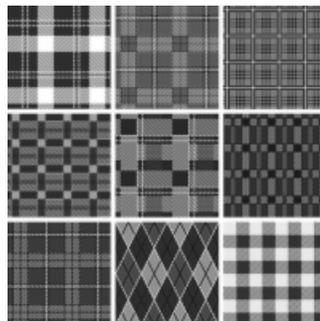
The loom has finished its weaving
The shuttle has made its last run
The flaws in the fabric are many
In the pitiless light of the sun.

But the evening light is softer
The cloth shows a delicate sheen
With a golden thread in the fabric
Which the weaver's eye had not seen.

God's hand had been weaving beside him
And had added that gleaming gold line
To cover the gross imperfections
And to make the whole truly fine.

The cloth has been folded softly
And laid gently away in a chest
And the Master speaks to the weaver
"My child, you have finished the test.

"Through the years, you have worked and you've striven
You've tried and you've given your best
God's hand has guided your weaving,
Now Heaven will finish the rest."



Novel Theology Update

Titles and dates have been re-arranged since we announced the agenda last fall. *Barchester Towers* (Trollope) has been removed from the reading list and other titles have been re-scheduled. We are also reducing the number of sessions to discuss the month's title to one: the time for all discussions is 7 PM, in the parish hall.

Please join us in reading and discussing the following. Your suggestions for one title this year (August) as well as thoughts for next year's novel theology list are welcome: literature that shapes our understanding of ideas like love, compassion, forgiveness, redemption; in other words, those markers we encounter in following Christ.

March 9: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather (Nat Davis)

April 13: *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok (Mary Eysenbach)

May 11: *The Air We Breathe* by Andrea Barrett (Alice Perry)

June 8: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald (Nat Davis)

July 13: *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad (Ann Lang)

August 10: To be announced

September 14: Plan for Novel Theology for third year at St. Andrew's

Calendar of Events

March:

6 and 13 (Sunday) - Lent course on Luke continues, 11:45 AM (*see p. 2*)

5:30 PM

9 (Wednesday) - Novel Theology, 7 PM: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather (Nat Davis)

20 (Palm Sunday) - Eucharists at 8 and 10 AM (and Saturday prior at 5 PM)

24 (Maundy Thursday) - 7:30 PM service

25 (Good Friday) - 12 noon service

27 (Easter Day) - Eucharists at 6 and 10 AM

April:

13 (Wednesday) - Novel Theology, 7 PM: *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok (Mary Eysenbach)

... More Events ...

Monday to Friday 12 Noon Midday Prayer ▼ **Mondays** 6 PM Meditation

First Tuesdays 8 AM Pastoral Care Coordinating Team ▼ **Tuesdays** 9:30 AM Craft Group

Wednesdays 10 AM Music & Memory

Thursdays 10 AM Thursday Tots, 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

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