

St. Andrew Scroll

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EPIPHANY



And On It Goes - Christmas has come and gone and now our brothers and sister around the world are ready to celebrate Epiphany. This is one of the seasons that we as Liturgical Christians have to explain to our friends, but as regular worshippers we welcome as the next phase in our church year. The wise men have come and we can concentrate on the job we have been assigned – helping to spread the light in our community and beyond. This opportunity continues until Ash Wednesday which is on February 26th.

The Holy Spirit has arranged that we should welcome a new Pastor as Epiphany begins. Pastor Beverly Piro comes back to us on January 5th and will be installed with Bishop Gonia presiding at 2:00 that day, with a reception following. Put this on that brand new calendar and celebrate this new beginning. We have had a long full year of change and challenges and have emerged at the end of 2019 as a more honed community ready to meet the hopes of 2020. Thanks to Barb Obert, Julie Cunningham and Karen Stine for coordinating the reception and to all those who will bring food.

Another “Must Sunday” - We will have our annual meeting on Sunday, January 26th to elect council members, conduct the business of the church, and review the happenings of 2019. This will be held after the worship service, and should be concluded quickly. Be in on the happenings. Know what is going on and stay for this very important meeting. I would say be there or be square, but then most of us are already square.

Christmas Eve Service - We celebrated Christmas Eve with a pleasantly filled church. The choir, under the direction of Director David Bell, performed “Oh Infant Jesus.” Ellie Hackbarth sang an introit at the beginning of the service, and we were pleased to have Mandy Townend on the organ bench again, with Pastor Tyler Kaufman presiding at the service.

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Thank you to Joe Cunningham for taking our pictures and updating the photo board in the narthex. **All the St. Andrew Saints look good!**

Endowment Fund Update - Thank you to all who so generously supported our Endowment Fund during the Christmas Season. With your donations, we can continue to be the mission outreach arm of our church. It truly is “the gift that keeps on giving.”

Almost Like Home - Thanks again to all who went caroling with us in December. We bring a cheerful message to the staff and to the residents on that day.

On January 13, we will begin our eighth year of ministry to our neighbors at Almost Like Home. The teams will be Elaine Hemphill & Karin Riggins and Debby Hartke & Julie Cunningham. Thanks be to God for our faithful and dedicated volunteers and for your prayerful care and concern for us and the residents.

January Birthdays

Julie Cunningham – 8

Diane Lascot – 28

Erin Lascot – 29

Tanden Hovey - 29

Prayer Shawls – January 12 at 3:30

