



# The Weekly "E" Jan. 9, 2008

The Weekly E-mail Update of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga, CA

**Sat., Jan. 12 – "Saturday Night Live" – Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm in the Chapel**

**Sunday, January 13 – The 1st Sunday after the Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord**

**8am – Holy Eucharist with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows in the Chapel**

**9am – Forum: [St. Andrew's Quarterly/Year End Financial Review, Center](#)**

**10am – Holy Eucharist with the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Church**

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

### Weekly Calendar:

Wednesdays: Morning Play Group at 8:30am in the Nursery

**Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist at 11:45am in the Chapel**

Wednesdays: Bible Study at 6pm, Center

Thursdays: Men's Group at 6:30am in the Memorial Chapel

Thursdays: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

Sundays: Gloria Choir at 11:15-Noon in the Music Room; Youth Group at 11:15am in Room 203

**[Monday mornings: deadline for the Weekly "E"](#)**

Mondays: Prayer Group at 7:30am at the Saratoga Retirement Community's Center

Mondays: Bells Angels (Bell Choir) at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary & EFM in the Church Portable

### January Events Calendar:

Sat. Jan. 12 – Deanery Visioning 9am-3pm at Trinity San Jose & Seating of Bishop at 4pm at Trinity

**[Sun. Jan. 13 – 9am – Forum: St. Andrew's Quarterly/Year End Financial Review, Center](#)**

Mon. Jan. 14: ECW Executive Board Meeting, 9am, Center

Wed. Jan. 16: Parents' Forum: Brains, Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drugs & Our Teens, Center

Thurs. Jan. 17: STAR Speaker, Madeline Levine *The Price of Privilege*, 9am, Center

Thurs. Jan. 17: Altar Guild's Soup Supper Meeting, Center

Sun. Jan. 20: CMB Forum Speaker: Friends Outside Program, 9am, Center

Sun. Jan. 20: Saratoga Symphony, 3pm, Church

**[Wed. Jan. 23: deadline for the Feb. edition of \*The Evangel\*](#)**

Sat. Jan. 26: Confirmation Class, 9am to noon, Center

**[Sun. Jan. 27: Evensong, 5:30pm Hall, and Annual Meeting & Dinner, 6pm, Hall](#)**

Mon. Jan. 28: Pastoral Care Committee Dinner Meeting, 5 to 8pm, Center

**Deanery Visioning Meeting This Saturday:** Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves will be leading the visioning sessions. This important meeting is open for all members of the Diocese of El Camino Real. Please plan to attend: **Saturday, January 12 from 9am to 3pm at Trinity Cathedral, San Jose, followed by the Welcoming and the Seating in the Cathedral of Bishop Mary at 4PM.**



**January Guild Meetings:** Esther-Leah Guild meets **Thurs. Jan. 17 at 11:30** at Jean Hankey's new home: For address and RSVP call P. Kaye Connor 408-379-6275. **Ruth-Rachel Guild** meets **Thurs. Jan. 17 at 11:30** for a soup lunch at Sylvia Moore's house. RSVP to Sylvia Chadwick 408-356-5431 or Sylvia Moore 408-356-0807.

*Our prayers for healing* are with **Jane Blaisdell, Margaret Clark, Matt Seamans, Judy Field, Marge Kundtz, Fran Reynolds, Gary Rubio, Bob Chartrand, Len Roman, Marilyn and Walt Hulsenberg, Bo Raisch, and Helen Metcalf.**

*Our prayers for comfort* are with **the Family of Grethe Andrews. Her Memorial Service has been changed to 1pm on Sunday, February 3rd.** May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**If you have any Pastoral Care information** to report, please call the Church Office at 408-867-3493. **For an after-office-hours EMERGENCY, please call 408-291-8099.**

**KOINON intercessory prayer contact for January is Kathy Kalm 408-356-3445.**

### **It's time to sign up for the Annual Meeting Dinner!**

Table, food & childcare signups are available each Sunday in the Center and weekdays in the Church Office.

**Annual Meeting\* & Dinner Sunday, January 27 in the Hall.**

**Evensong begins in the Hall at 5:30pm and Dinner begins at 6pm.**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

\*See the January *Evangel* for Vestry Candidate bios for the election.

### **Parents Forum: Brains, Alcohol, Tobacco, & Other Drugs, & Our Teens, 7-8:30pm, Wed., Jan. 16 in the Center.**

Come to this thought provoking, interactive discussion to learn more about how alcohol, tobacco and other drugs affect our bodies, minds, and emotions. Included in this dialogue will be the findings from the recent survey by the SHIFT Coalition and specific strategies for decreasing risk factors and increasing resiliency factors in our teens' lives. Rosemary Tisch will lead this important discussion. Rosemary is an internationally recognized substance abuse prevention specialist, member of our congregation and mother of two daughters. For more information call Katie Machermer at 857-4374.

**A THANK YOU FROM YOUR FINANCE OFFICE!** We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have made pledges to St. Andrew's in the form of stock donations. We are always grateful for your continued support! Here is a gentle reminder – if you donate stock, be sure to let us know that you've initiated the transaction. Client privacy prevents financial institutions from divulging your name to us, so an unexpected stock donation check is simply booked as a non-pledge offering. Your contribution statement wouldn't show that it's from you unless you notify us first. Thank you!

**Please recycle your Christmas Cards** by bringing them to the Church Office. Thank you.



**BOOK GROUP**

The Saint Andrew's Monthly **Book Group** will meet Tuesday, February 12 at noon in the Church Portable, for an informal discussion of French Women for All Seasons by Mireille Guiliano. For more information please contact Anne Briggs at 379-5635 or e-mail her at [apbriggs@att.net](mailto:apbriggs@att.net).

***A Note From The Senior Warden***

Dear Saint Andrew's Parish Family and Friends,

Happy New Year, as we begin a new year of transition. I expect that this year will be one of a lot of activity for our Profile and Search Committees. By the end of this year, I hope we will be deep in a national search for our next rector.

During this month, we will have two important parish wide events. The first will occur this Sunday, January 13, at 9 a.m. in the Center. Please come and hear our quarterly financial report. We will be presenting not only final 2007 results but also the 2008 budget. We are reviewing the budget at that meeting, so that at our second event, our Annual Meeting on January 27, we can focus on fellowship and the activities of both the Profile Committee and the Search Committee for the balance of this year. Please plan to attend evening prayer at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the Annual Meeting.

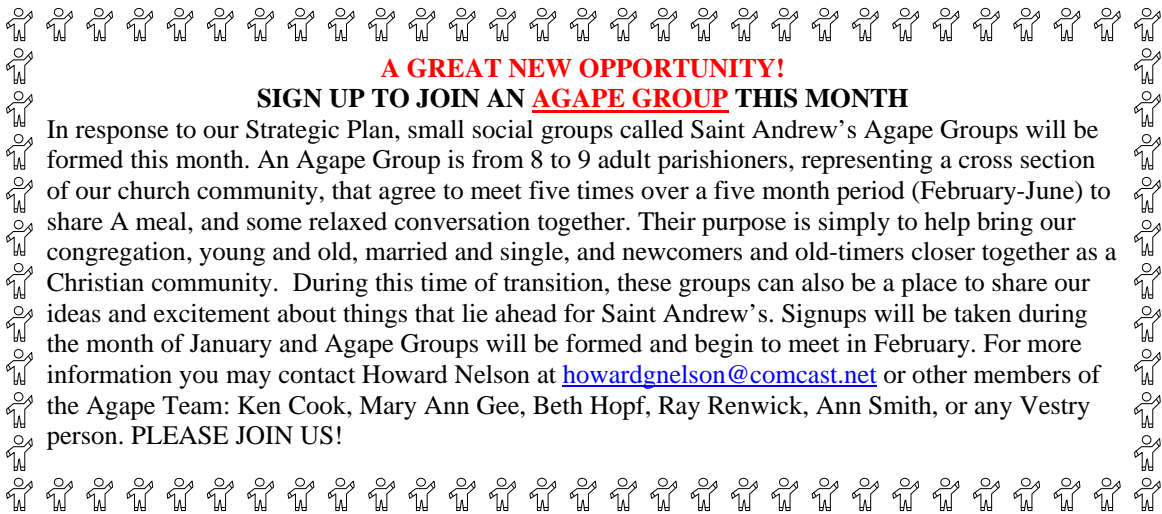
Please also take a few moments to review the final written document that contains our Strategic Plan and related materials. That document has been distributed by email and will be available in hard copy this coming weekend for those without email. I want to extend my gratitude to Barbara Metzler and Stephanie Palmer who worked hard to prepare the final written materials as well as donors who contributed funds to support the entire plan process, including publication of the plan. In addition, I thank the Strategic Plan Committee for its leadership and work and all of you who participated in planning activities for the development of our plan.

Our charge now is to make the vision articulated in the plan a reality, something on which we have already embarked. The formation of Agape Groups under the leadership of Howard Nelson and his committee and the financial reporting session this Sunday are part of our initiatives to implement the plan. We hope you will take full advantage of those initiatives.

Yours in Christ,

*Steve Kottmeier*, Senior Warden

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**A GREAT NEW OPPORTUNITY!**

**SIGN UP TO JOIN AN AGAPE GROUP THIS MONTH**

In response to our Strategic Plan, small social groups called Saint Andrew's Agape Groups will be formed this month. An Agape Group is from 8 to 9 adult parishioners, representing a cross section of our church community, that agree to meet five times over a five month period (February-June) to share A meal, and some relaxed conversation together. Their purpose is simply to help bring our congregation, young and old, married and single, and newcomers and old-timers closer together as a Christian community. During this time of transition, these groups can also be a place to share our ideas and excitement about things that lie ahead for Saint Andrew's. Signups will be taken during the month of January and Agape Groups will be formed and begin to meet in February. For more information you may contact Howard Nelson at [howardgnelson@comcast.net](mailto:howardgnelson@comcast.net) or other members of the Agape Team: Ken Cook, Mary Ann Gee, Beth Hopf, Ray Renwick, Ann Smith, or any Vestry person. PLEASE JOIN US!

