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## To Live in the Light of the Resurrection



The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

*If a few people really believed that and acted on it in their daily lives, a great deal would be changed. To live in the light of the resurrection—that is what Easter means.*

**T**HESE WORDS OF HOPE and challenge were written in 1944 by the Lutheran pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer as he languished in a Nazi prison for his beliefs. They seem to have a particular resonance today, as we face many difficulties in our world, both at home and abroad. I know from many conversations with parishioners that there is concern and worry about the times in which we are living. But Bonhoeffer's words remind us that many earlier generations of Christians have confronted similar if not greater times of threat. Easter provides us with the foundation of hope that allays our fears while at the same time offering us a model of how we are called to live during these times.

On the personal level, Easter assures that God will never abandon us and that we will share in his victory over death. This promise means we can have confidence in the face of the stressful times in which we live. In the letter to the Romans, St. Paul addressed the anxiety that his fellow Christians felt at a very dangerous time in history. He asked, "Is there anything that can separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?" (Romans 8:35) He answered the question with these most powerful words, "No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39). I find these some of the most powerful words in the whole of the New Testament, giving us the grounds of confidence to live in difficult times.

But alongside the promise of resurrection, Easter also brings us a model of how to be bearers of hope in a world full of challenge. C.S. Lewis reminds us that the power of Easter and the resurrection is not about the affirmation of general divine truths about the universe. Rather, Easter and the resurrection are an affirmation by God of Jesus Christ and his incarnate life among us. "I am the Truth, and the Way and the Life," said Jesus

in his final words to his disciples at the Last Supper. The Gospels teach us that Jesus' Way and Life showed God's unconditional love for all people regardless of whether they were Jew or Gentile, ritually clean or unclean, rich or poor—and he calls us to do the same. Jesus' call was for us to treat each other as we would wish to be treated, and this has become the cornerstone of a civilized society. As we know Jesus' Way was to pursue these God-given truths despite the dark forces that became ranged against him and which eventually had him condemned to death on a cross. But Easter and the resurrection were a vindication by God of Jesus' Way and condemnation of those who opposed him.

We live in a world that urgently needs us to live as people of the resurrection, making Christ's love present, and breaking down barriers of fear and suspicion between peoples and nations. As Bonhoeffer wrote, "If a few people really believed that and acted on it in their daily lives, a great deal would be changed."

Yours in Christ,

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## Warden's Message

### The 2015 Survey on the Life and Ministry of St. Andrew's



Lynda Sperry, Warden

**D**URING THE SEASON of Lent, your vestry has been reflecting on the life and ministry of St. Andrew's. It was a time for us to reflect on the accomplishments of 2015, consider the feedback we received from our parish survey, and develop our goals for 2016. Last year, it had been ten years since we had conducted a parish survey and developed a strategic plan. The 2005 survey results led to improvements to our worship experience and parish life including changes to the music program, the introduction of the Sunday Christian Learning Series, and improvements to the website. With the new clergy team on board, the timing was right to start the process once more, assessing where we are today and determining where we want to be in the next five years.

Over 250 parishioners responded to the 2015 survey. We received feedback from a broad group: parishioners who regularly attend our three Sunday services and those who attend the Wednesday 7:30am service, those who faithfully attend every Sunday to those who only attend on Christmas and Easter, parishioners from ages 14 to 90+, and newcomers to 30+ year members. We have compiled the results, and the survey has been


reviewed with our clergy team, vestry, and Michael Kemp, who will be helping us with the strategic planning process. Michael led the efforts that produced the 2006-2010 strategic plan and we are grateful for his leadership and wisdom in helping us develop a new plan for St. Andrew's. The vestry retreat on March 5 gave us an opportunity to further consider the survey results, our mission, vision and values statements, and to begin the planning process.

The feedback we received from the parish survey was thoughtful and very positive. Here are some of the key highlights:

- There is strong support and identification with our Sunday services; people feel a strong sense of community.
- The clergy are kind, smart, offer high quality preaching, and are responsive to our needs.
- We are aligned in our belief that the church school and youth programs are essential to the mission of our church.

St. Andrew's is in a very good place. We have a full clergy team on board, parishioners are satisfied with our worship services, we have a strong financial standing, new members are welcomed warmly, and we have a full line-up of educational, fellowship, and outreach ministry opportunities. However, there is always room for improvement, and we are appreciative of the many comments and suggestions we received from our parish. Here are some examples:

- **Worship** inclusion of youth in the service; experimenting with the 5pm service
- **Music** opportunities for different types of music; broadening parishioner participation in the choir



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- **Communications** training around use of website; assessment of the many communications tools we offer
- **Newcomers** circle back with new members after two to three years
- **Fellowship** consider more multi-generational/family events
- **Adult Christian Learning** additional topics for discussion to complement our Christian Learning Series, Bible Circles, etc.
- **Outreach** family-oriented service days

While there were many suggestions focused on more ways to engage in the life at St. Andrew's, there is an important factor that prevents many from participating: lack of time. Many parishioners, both young and old, have very demanding schedules that pre-

vent them from participating in activities, even though they have an interest. Thus, offering more opportunities may not lead to more participation.

The survey concluded by asking what the highest priorities for St. Andrew's should be. The top priorities were to attract new and retain current members, and to maintain existing clergy and staff levels. Other top initiatives were to improve programs for teens, provide more adult Christian learning opportunities, and continue to maintain our physical plant. We are well on our way to addressing these top initiatives with the hiring of Margaret Schwarzer (adult formation and membership) and Cat Healy (youth and family ministries), the strong commitment in stewardship made by our parish, and the high priority placed on

property maintenance/improvements in our church budget. We pledge to continue to adjust and make improvements necessary to allow St. Andrew's to be not only your place of worship, but your loving, spiritual home. Under the leadership of Adrian, we embrace the changes ahead that continue to make our life at St. Andrew's richer.

*... built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in him you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.*

—Ephesians 2:20-22

## Mission to El Hogar



Mary Scanlon

**I**N MAY 2015, my husband Victor Calcaterra and I joined a mission team from St. Andrew's on the most remarkable trip to El Hogar in Honduras. It changed our lives.

Victor and I joined St. Andrew's Church a couple of years ago. We have been swept up in the excitement of the Spirit at work in the parish and have enjoyed getting involved in parish life. Victor, a

surgeon, retired from medicine in 2014. After living a fast-paced lifestyle for many years, he has been adjusting to the diminished demands—and the rewards—of life in the slow lane. I am a nurse practitioner, working part-time after cutting back from full-time work and the daily commute to the city. A small, inner voice has been calling us to serve, to find a worthwhile project, something that we could feel passionate about. And along came El Hogar . . .

El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza—the Home of Love and Hope—is a residential elementary school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. In this country of desperate poverty and rampant crime, the school is a haven for boys and girls from destitute backgrounds, giving them the care and education they need to build productive and rewarding lives. Our team of six volunteers stayed at the elementary school for a week.

It is here where 110 children are educated through sixth grade. There are also three other school facilities in the El Hogar family. We traveled to each of these. At the residential agricultural school we met the 52 young men, ages 13 to 19, who are learning animal husbandry and farming, as well as receiving a ninth grade academic education. At the technical school, about 80 young men study welding, carpentry, or electrical science as well as pursuing academic studies. At the residential facility for girls in Santa Lucia, we saw the housing that is provided for young women while they study at a private school in the area. One of the commitments of El Hogar is to prepare youth for skilled jobs in their own community.

Although we visited the three post-elementary facilities outside Tegucigalpa, our main focus was on the younger children at the school. Our plan was to help with

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## Mission to El Hogar *continued*



Photo: Steve Taylor

During our mission trip to El Hogar, we visited several families in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

maintenance projects, to get to know how the school operates, and to form relationships with the staff and students. We each brought an

overnight bag and carried several suitcases with us that were filled with over 300 pounds of items donated by the church school: toiletries, school supplies, toys, and other sundries. Steve Taylor, a fellow St. Andrew's parishioner and our mission trip leader, has made several mission trips to El Hogar. He prepared us to expect the unexpected. He stressed that it wasn't about the "work" we would do but about "being there" with the kids.

When we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by the children. Imagine a swarm of children with enormous smiles, hugging you and chattering in rudimentary English, each claiming your attention. We really were not prepared for such an outpouring of affection, and it was intoxicating! None of us is a fluent Spanish speaker, but we certainly dug deep within to come up with ways to communicate with these enchanting children. In fact, it was not as difficult as we thought it would be. We played street hockey together. We painted rocks. We played cards and board games. We communicated by a quirky combination of gestures and words. We had a wonderful time together!

The staff members at El Hogar are supremely committed to the

children and the mission. Their efforts are all designed to channel God's love and grace, to inspire the children to honor the holiness within them, and to grow in dignity. When we met with the school principal, Claudia, right after our arrival, she told us of the trauma that the children have endured, and her concern about the anger that abides in them. After hearing about our interests and skills, she asked us to put together a lesson to present to the classes addressing the issue of managing anger. We had carte blanche to do anything we wanted. We were, of course, timid (understatement!) about making a presentation. How could we get a message across to the children with our limited language fluency? Could we even figure out a relevant message, given the fact that we come from such different circumstances?

In stunned silence, we trailed back to our small living quarters to think it through. After a few false starts at planning, we decided to take a break and turned our attention to unpacking the suitcases of donated goods. As we separated the toothpaste from the notebooks, and the crayons from the deodorant, we came upon a set of four



Photo: Steve Taylor

Our puppet show surprised us all, because we were able to teach a lesson about bullying and friendship despite language barriers.

puppets: a cow, a horse, a lamb, and a pig. Wow! There it was—our presentation. By a stroke of the Holy Spirit, someone had donated the makings of our lesson. God gave us the puppets. We wrote a script about anger and the resolution into friendship.

The three men on our team built a stage out of pieces of scrap pipe. We went on to devise a role play for the older children about how to make sense of, and how to handle, bullying. To our delighted surprise, the presentations were warmly received, and the children came up with wise and insightful comments, which told us that they paid close attention and were ardently trying to learn how to handle difficult life struggles.

The school facility itself is meager. The buildings are constructed of concrete block. The dormitories are sparse, containing metal bunks fabricated by students in the industrial school, and shelves mounted on the walls, with 12 inches of shelf space allotted for each child's personal possessions and clothing. The outside space is roughly cobbled together, with only a struggling plant here and there to suggest growth. Nevertheless, there is a spirit of vitality and wonder, generosity, and real happiness. The children all have chores and do them without complaint. We were inspired by their joy and their desire to give to one another, and to us. Victor was touched when a little boy tucked a gift into his hand—a bullet casing.

Each minute of each day was rich with experiences that warmed our hearts and renewed our hope. The children delighted in talking with us, showing us their accomplishments, and sharing their love. One small boy, Yener, seemed to pop up whenever we turned around. He is studying English and took every opportunity to chat and to showcase his skills. He was so irresistible that I found myself coming up with



Photo: Steve Taylor

*Students and teachers at El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza. The residential elementary school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras is a long-time outreach partner of St. Andrew's.*

topics of conversation, however arcane, just to keep the conversation going. At one point, Yener remarked seriously, "Your Spanish is very bad." He was so right!

There is so much to tell about El Hogar. Despite the poverty, depriv-

ation and challenges, it is certainly a place of love and hope. Your support would make a life-changing difference for the children it serves, and it will make a difference in your life, too. Please visit their website: [www.elhogar.org](http://www.elhogar.org).



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*Students and teachers at El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza*

# Talking with Children about Good Friday



The Rev. Catherine “Cat” Healy

**H**OLY WEEK is the most sacred time of the church year, but it’s not always the most kid-friendly. It can be quite difficult to decide when children are “ready” to learn the painful story of Good Friday, but without its context, Easter loses its meaning. If you have young children in your life, consider teaching them about this holy moment in the life of Christ by reading the story to them from a children’s Bible or bringing them to the 2pm children’s Good Friday service at St. Andrew’s. Be ready to answer some questions:

**Q. Why did Judas betray Jesus?**

**A.** Judas was an apostle, one of Jesus’ best friends. He turned Jesus in to the authorities for two reasons: They offered him money, and he knew some people were angry at Jesus and was scared that he would get in trouble too. Sometimes when we’re feeling scared or when someone offers us something we really want, we treat our friends in ways that we know aren’t very nice.

**Q. Why were all those people so mean to Jesus?**

**A.** Jesus told a lot of important truths about who God was and how people should treat each other. In the place where he lived, some very powerful people had different

ideas about those things, and the things that Jesus said made them angry. The religious leaders were worried that if people listened to Jesus’ ideas about God instead of theirs, they wouldn’t get to be in charge anymore. The leaders of the government had been treating some people very badly, and they were also worried that if everyone followed Jesus’ teachings about showing kindness and respect to their neighbors, they wouldn’t get to be in charge anymore. They thought that if they killed Jesus, everyone would forget about him. They were wrong about that!

But even when almost everyone had turned on Jesus, there were still people who loved him and helped him—some people he had known his whole life, and some people he had never even met. His mother Mary and his friend Mary Magdalene stayed with him until the very end of his life; a stranger named Simon of Cyrene helped him carry his cross; and another stranger named Veronica comforted him by wiping the blood and sweat off his face. Mr. Rogers said that when he was a little boy, whenever he saw something scary in the news, his mother would tell him: “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” When we see someone who is hurting or scared or being bullied, we can choose to be helpers like Mary Magdalene, Mary, Simon, and Veronica. Jesus tells us that whenever we help someone else, it’s the same as helping him.

**Q. Why do some people say that “the Jews” killed Jesus?**

**A.** We hear about “the Jews” killing Jesus in just one of the Gospel stories, the Gospel of John—which is strange, since John himself was Jewish. Some people think it’s more accurate to translate the word that John uses as “the Ju-

deans,” because he was talking about all the people who lived in the region of Judea, not all of whom were Jewish. Other people think that John was angry with some members of his own Jewish community because they didn’t believe that Jesus was the Messiah. (In the first century, Christianity as a concept did not exist yet. Jews who followed Jesus thought of themselves not as “Christian” but as Jews who recognized that the long-awaited Jewish Messiah had finally arrived. The Jews outside this fringe group thought of John and his fellows as followers of a false Messiah, so relations between the two groups were strained.)

Some Christians today use the story of Jesus’ death from the Gospel of John as an excuse to be mean to Jewish people. That is never okay, and doesn’t make any sense. . . especially because Jesus himself was Jewish!

**Q. Why do we call the day “Good Friday”? It doesn’t seem very good at all.**

**A.** Long ago, English-speakers used the word *good* to mean *holy*—so “Good Friday” is really “Holy Friday.” But there is something good about it: Good Friday is the day when we remember how much Jesus loved us, and that his love was even stronger than death. We honor Jesus’ death on Good Friday, knowing that death is not the end of the story.

Of course, these are just a few of the many questions raised by the story of Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Please feel free to contact me with others. I am always happy to be a resource for you as you introduce the children in your life to the great stories of our faith.

# A Christian Learning Series on Islam

*Respecting the Dignity of Every Human Being*



*The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer*

**I**N THE EASTER SEASON, we celebrate the fullness of life which becomes possible with the resurrected Christ. For 50 days, we practice living as Easter people, trusting that love and God are stronger than death. In our Baptismal liturgy, people who are becoming new Christians also practice taking on the new life we find in Christ. They make vows to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and they promise to put their whole trust in his grace and love. The celebrant of the Baptismal service asks those in attendance: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" and they answer, "I will with God's help."

Their exchange reminds us that trusting in God's grace and love requires us to love and respect others in Christ's name. This Easter,

we are invited to deepen our core commitment to "respect the dignity of every human being" by expanding our knowledge about Islam.

The Paris bombings last fall were frightening, as was the Boston Marathon attack of 2013, but we should not confuse the violent activity of terrorists with the whole worshipping community of Islam. On April 24, May 8, and May 15, we will have a 9am Christian Learning Series on Islam. Muslim scholars will educate us about the fundamental principles of Islam, and our Christian colleague, Carol Shedd, will explore some core Quran texts with us.

**April 24** Ali Asani, professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures at Harvard University, will offer a program on Islamic fundamentals titled "Understanding Islam." Professor Asani was born in Nairobi, Kenya, attended Harvard University, and has taught at Harvard since 1983.

**May 8** Cambridge City Councilor Nadeem Mazen will speak on "What Do Christian Communities Need to Know about Islam?" An instructor at MIT and a faculty member at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Mazen also owns an online design firm.

**May 15** Our fellow parishioner Carol Shedd will lead us in a program called "A Christian Considers the Quran." Her presentation will

## Taizé-Style Service on the Monday of Holy Week

**WHEN WE OFFERED** two Taizé-style services of meditative singing in Advent, each service brought over forty-five St. Andrew's parish members into each worship service. You asked for more in 2016. Our next Taizé-style service will be held on Monday, March 21 from 7:30–8:15pm. Please join us for meditative singing, silent prayer, and candle light. For details, contact Rev. Margaret Schwarzer.

focus on core Quran texts that discuss faith, salvation, women, and key Biblical characters. Carol was the Outreach Director at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard for 12 years. She has led many study groups on Islam, comparative religions, the Bible, and the Quran at lifelong learning institutes at Brandeis University, Harvard University, and Regis College.

Because our Christian faith calls us to be builders of peace and justice, we can learn about other religions without diminishing our own faith. In April and May, please join us for these three thoughtful and thought-provoking presentations on Islam.

Photo: Rob Brandt



# From the Library



Carol Shedd

**S**T. ANDREW'S LIBRARY offers all of us a very good collection of religious literature for adults and children and a comfortable place to rest and enjoy a quiet read on a busy day. This year we are introducing a new column with book reviews from members of the congregation. We welcome anyone who would like to share a book they enjoyed to write a review for us. If you are interested, e-mail me at [calmashedd@gmail.com](mailto:calmashedd@gmail.com). Here is our first review, by Charlene Smith.

***Being Catholic Now: Prominent Americans Talk About Change in the Church and the Quest for Meaning***, by Kerry Kennedy. Crown, New York. 2008

AS I READ THE LAST PAGES of *Being Catholic Now* I remembered anew what I love about religion; it reminds us to be kind. It's Jack Kerouac, the coolest writer of the Beat Generation, sitting in front of a guy with no legs and a tin cup asking, "Tell me your story."

Kerouac, a Catholic, realized "that you need to stop and look at those we normally walk past, that they're not invisible, and that each one of them has this great story," historian Douglas Brinkley writes in this collection of observations by Catholics collated by Kerry Kennedy. Brinkley might have written too, that it is within these forgotten people that God most powerfully lives and will reveal Himself to us

if we have the courage of compassion. And yes, if you're Susan Sarandon, a compassionate Catholic, you believe God is a She, but I believe God transcends human limitations of gender or race. It simply doesn't matter: God is.

Kerry Kennedy, the daughter of Robert and Ethel, tells of growing up in a home where each child wore a St. Christopher medallion, and prayed each night before a "radiant crystal crucifix." At the doorway of each of the 13 bedrooms was a holy water font, "a cross or statue of Mary on a table, and a bible on a shelf" with books about saints. Kennedy tells us, "My mother was suspicious about clergy until they passed the poverty test. If they spoke on behalf of, or worked among, the poor, they were invited into the fold."

Cokie Roberts, with some frustration, writes of speaking to Catholic Charities after they'd released a study on poverty in America, "including this phenomenal statistic—that one in every two Americans will spend some portion of their adult lives in poverty." About a month later when the bishops met, "what do they talk about . . . Gay marriage and birth control. It's as if they're asking to have their authority completely ignored." Author Anna Quindlen, speaking for many religions, writes, "Part of the problem with the Church is that it knows how to talk but doesn't know how to listen."

Nancy Pelosi (who wanted to be a priest) notes that the Church spends considerable time on issues around cloning, gay rights, and euthanasia, "instead of on what is the fundamental principle of our faith. We're all part of the body of Christ and so therefore everyone is worthy of respect. We have a responsibility if people are poor or sick to help them." She often quotes the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "Any government that is not

formed to promote justice is just a bunch of thieves."

One wonders about a Church that professes love for the poor, but when Francis Butler took over Foundations and Donors Interested in Catholic Activities, they discovered elderly nuns working as chambermaids because they lacked pensions. A New York order of nuns took out a loan to bury one of their own and then lacked the means to pay it back. "Still today nuns are not provided for in retirement," little wonder that so few women now adopt holy orders.

A thread that binds many chapters of the book is disgust at the Catholic sexual abuse scandal, including an incredibly sad submission by Dan McNevin, one of four sons who were all altar boys. He is an area leader and media spokesperson for Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests.

Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick had me nodding my head in agreement when he wrote, "I don't believe you can be authentically Catholic without being committed to the social doctrine of the Church," helping the poor. The next paragraph began, "You can't be an authentic Catholic unless you're committed to the right to life." With some irritation I turned the page muttering, "God is not doctrinaire." Or at least, not my God, and what is beautifully clear in this book is that we find God in our own way beyond the churches, past the scriptures, in people and in nature, in experience, in joy and sorrow, and then we go back to Church and read the scriptures and experience God as one keeps rediscovering a beloved, weathered by age and pain, made better by the more we know. Perhaps faith is, after all, the most mysterious of loves.

—Charlene Smith



## Suggested Reading

Following is a list of books on prayer for anyone interested in a daily devotional. These books can be found in the St. Andrew's library.

—Carol Shedd

### **God Calling** (264.1 RUS)

by A. J. Russell, Editor

This classic devotional has encouraged, challenged, and informed millions of readers around the world, with daily entries that speak to readers today as they first did almost 70 years ago.

### **In the Hand of God. A Treasury of Traditional Prayers** (264.1 INT)

A beautiful book of prayers from all centuries and many lands, with magnificent artwork illustrating each prayer.

### **Book of Prayer for Everyman**

(241.1 FER) by Theodore Parker Ferris

Dr. Ferris, past rector of Trinity Church, Boston, was an outstanding preacher.

His sermons were simple, cogent, poetic, and profound, and he brought each sermon to a close with a superb prayer of unity of heart and mind with God himself. Here are many of these prayers for varied use as the Christian year demands, for times of special needs and occasions, and for personal guidance and growth through life on earth as it grows through death to life everlasting.

—Abridged Kirkus review

### **All Desires Known** (264.236 MOR)

by Janet Morley

The author has responded to the growing need of women and men for inclusive collects and prayers. This book does not just replace the prayer book's use of He with She, but rather it develops a thoughtful alternative to traditional male-centered prayers. This book has something for both men and women seeking inclusive worship.

—Amazon customer review

### **The Divine Hours: A Manual for Prayer** (264 TIC) by Phyllis Tickle

This trilogy of prayer manuals, compiled by the late *Publishers Weekly* religion editor Phyllis Tickle, is a contemporary **Book of Hours** to guide Christians gently yet authoritatively through the daily offices. **The Divine Hours** is the first major literary and liturgical reworking of the sixth-century Benedictine Rule of fixed-hour prayer. This beautifully conceived and thoroughly modern three-volume guide will appeal to the theological novice as well as to the ecclesiastical sophisticate. Making primary use of the Book of Common Prayer and the writings of the Church Fathers, **The Divine Hours** is also a companion to the New Jerusalem Bible, from which it draws its Scripture readings. The trilogy blends prayer and praise in a way that, while extraordinarily fresh, respects and builds upon the ancient wisdom of Christianity.

—Publishers Weekly review

Photo: Peter Lull



# Rite-13 Enjoys Putting Faith into Action



Dan Dent

**A**MONG RITE-13'S MANY annual traditions, the favorites by far with students and teachers are our community service days. Every year we gather for one event or another outside of the classroom, and those are often the times when we learn to put our faith into action. We have Walked for Hunger, joined our sister parish St. Stephen's, Boston in the B-PEACE Walk, served as the clean-up crew at Bargain Haul, and baked our way through

fundraisers for the mission trip. In our most recent community service day, Rite-13 made 19 pies for the deanery Pie Bake and donated them to the Wellesley Food Pantry, hopefully making Thanksgiving a little warmer for a few families in our community. You can learn more about Rite-13 and how we prepare students for their Confirmation year with our clergy on the church's website, or ask our clergy for details.

Photos: Dan Dent



# St. Andrew's Stained Glass Windows



Photo: Katharine Clark

*United Nations Window*

IN 1983, ST. ANDREW'S PARISH historian and scholar Gertrude Green Cronk published a pamphlet describing the beautiful collection of stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary. Here is the sixth in an ongoing series about the windows.

—Jane Givens

THE FIGURE IN the center window is that of Dag Hammarskjold (1905-1961), standing, scroll in hand, against a background of the United Nations building. Below him are the words "Peace Among Men." Hammarskjold was Secretary of the

United Nations, 1953-1961, and author of *Markings*, a distinguished book of religious meditations.

The left lancet is a memorial to Robert Timothy Gladwin (1950-1966), a young man of singular achievement in volunteer work and of great promise. The central round seal is that of the United Nations, showing the continents of the earth enclosed within olive branches of peace. Below stands the figure of a teen-age boy, school books in hand. The boy's parents, Robert and Marian Gladwin, provided funds for the window.

The right lancet is a memorial to a young boy, William Bowman Allison (1960-1963), given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Allison. Central in this window is the round seal of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund: a mother holding high her baby, who should receive the basics for healthy development of body, mind and spirit. This seal again is enclosed within the olive branches of peace. Below we see a three-year old boy, all action.

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