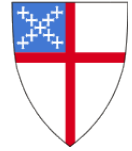


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes



An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

February 2020



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We are moving right into 2020. So far here at St. Andrew's it is a great year! We have had our annual meeting. We have a new vestry and great plans for our new year.

Around this time of year we always begin to think about Ash Wednesday and Lent. Some years we observe Ash Wednesday as late as March. This year it makes it into February - but just barely on the 26th and from there we enter into the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of those peculiar Christian Holy Days that doesn't really make a lot of sense to people outside the Christian faith and it even causes some Christians to wonder why we do it. Why do people head to church and have some person say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return"? And then we get some ashes smeared on our foreheads. So how is it helpful to tell people that their lives had a very humble beginning and that sadly their lives will have a very humble end as well? Certainly it may be realistic; but it is also a bit, well, depressing, isn't it?

We know for a fact that people do indeed return to dust after they die. Why do we have this service Ash Wednesday to remind us of our mortality? Why not try to ignore this coming end to our natural existence and pretend to ourselves that it will happen a long time off? Why do we make ourselves stare at and consider the fact that we will die?

This service is not really meant to be ghoulish; but it certainly is intended to be sobering. This service is here to remind us to look at our lives, our times, here on this earth and see them as God sees them. Our lives last only a short time whether our lifetimes are measured in hours or for 80 or 90 or more years. In the context of the span of eternity our lifetimes here on earth are a mere blink of the eye. And yet, even though our mortal life may be brief, God has given us life, He has brought us into the

world and we have been given the opportunity to know Him and others, to love Him and others. We have been given the privilege to experience life with our senses and emotions and our minds. What a wonderful privilege life is! Because it is a privilege and a gift, we ought not to waste it! Over the years one of the things I have noticed is that people who have had close encounters with death, or who are living with a terminal disease are very aware of the preciousness of life. And this is the point of the Ash Wednesday service. This service is to help us to see how short our time here is. This service is to help us to prioritize and see anew what is really important in our lives. So this service that is so serious and considered morbid by some is actually intended to help us go out and live more fully. It is intended to help us seize the moments that God gives us more fervently and use them more fully. It is intended that we learn to value and enjoy our relationships with others more. We are supposed to leave our Ash Wednesday service with a renewed thankful hearts for our lives and for the lives God has given around us. We are to leave appreciating the beauty of our world with renewed joy. We are to leave the service with a renewed desire to live our lives as God who gave us life intended, and that is with fullness and abundance.

As usual we will have two Ash Wednesday services, one at 10 am and one at 6 pm. We will not have our Adult Bible Study classes on this day. Our youth will once again be serving us pancakes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which this year will be Tuesday, February 25. There will be more information as this date draws nearer.

I hope you will join us this year in observing Ash Wednesday and I hope that you will learn to really live; that you will live your life fully by loving God with all your heart and loving your neighbors as yourself!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance

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Treasurer's Tidbits

Connie Mehr
Treasurer



Dear Parishioners,
My name is Connie Mehr and I am the new Treasurer for St. Andrew's. I decided to have a monthly column in the Chimes (in addition to the Treasurer's Report) to provide information that you may not be aware of.

We often receive contributions from parishioners for missed weeks or months. Please note that there is no need to make separate contributions for missed weeks/months. Income is recorded for the week it is received. Once the books for the month are closed, we cannot go back and change. We truly appreciate that you want to make up for missed contributions; however, giving a separate check (or cash) for each week/month missed only creates more work for the counters and the Treasurer, especially if each contribution is in a separate envelope. Simply offer one check or total cash for the time missed in the current week's envelope. Along those lines, any contribution received after December 31, 2019 has been recorded in January 2020 business, even if the check was marked Christmas or December offering and will not appear on your annual giving statement for 2019.

If you have any questions about your pledge, contributions or statement, please contact me at the church office. I plan to work in the office on Monday, Wednesday (as needed) and Thursday.

Ministry News

Altar Guild

Glee Gates,
Coordinator



Welcome to the February Chimes! We are back into our familiar green season or as it is often referred to as the "regular" season. Except for any special services that may have different liturgical requirements, we will remain green until the last week of the month. Beginning with the Ash Wednesday service (2/26), and continuing until Easter, all the crosses will be shrouded and violet, symbolic of penitence and expectation, will be in place. In addition, there are no flowers to adorn the altar during this time.

Your Altar Guild takes care during the change of the church year that each of these liturgical colors is correct and all items are used and placed properly for each service.

If you have any questions about the Altar Guild, please do not hesitate to ask one of our volunteers. We encourage participation and membership in the Altar Guild for anyone interested in this ministry.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Janet Crisfield
Facilitator



The Pastoral Care Ministry is dedicated to bringing the presence of Christ to parishioners that are unable to come to regular services either on a temporary or on-going basis.

Many of our members are licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors and bring communion. Some of our members also belong to the Order of Saint Luke and pray and anoint for healing. However, it is not necessary to be or do either. Our goal is to bring the presence of Christ and the caring of our congregation to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of the visits can consist of a short friendly visit bringing bulletins, newsletters, cards and small gifts, prayer and or reading Bible passages if the parishioner is unable to do so.

Training and screening is required of anyone wishing to join this rewarding and important ministry. If you are interested in learning more please call Janet Crisfield at (352)796-9389 or Father Lance at the church (352)683-2010.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday
March 25 at 12 noon in Krysher Hall.**

Reminder: we cannot visit you or your loved one if we do not know you need a visit. The laws and guidelines are very strict and facilities cannot let us know if you are there or not. You or a family member or friend must call the office and let us know. The office staff is very conscientious about letting Father Lance and me know.

If you need or know of a fellow parishioner that could benefit from this ministry please call the church at (352)683-2010.

Sunday School

Miss Susan,
Miss Colleen &
Miss Jeanie



After Christmas we learned about angels watching over us, and why they were there. Using maps and GPS today, we can understand how the Magi found Jesus, but back then all they had was a star. We now know that by the Baptism of Jesus by John and hearing God say, "This is my son" that we are all God's children, and He loves each one of us. We were reporters observing eyewitness accounts courtesy of modern day technology. Back in Jesus' time, only real eyewitnesses could be believed, and we did!



Daughters of the King

Vera Scharf



Our February meeting will be on Saturday 8th at 10:30 am. We meet in the side chapel of the church. We will be holding an informal gathering in February for all women interested in finding out more about our order. Please contact Vera at (727)863-2119 or Carolyn at (518)316-1318 for more information. We are still collecting clean blankets, new pillows, and tarps for the homeless. **If you can help please bring the items to the church by February 27th.** Thank you.



Here they are...

Your Vestry for 2020!!!!



From left to right, members and their liason duties:

Hal Smith - Men's Ministry, Security, Coulton Hall

Maureen Follansbee - Thrift Shop, Friends of the Library, Preschool Readers,
Ushers/Greeters/Verger

Janie Fritz - Altar Guild/Funerals, Music

Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden - Food Pantry/Bread Ministry, Congregational Administrators

Connie Mehr - Ushers/Greeters/Verger, Daughters of the King, Belles of St. Andrew's

Joyce Bartholomew - Sunday 10:30 am Fellowship Hour, Backpack Ministry

Rita Watson-Trapp - Youth Group/Nursery Workers, Sunday School


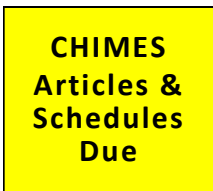
Harry Calderbank - LEM/Readers, Computer Operator/Audio

Bob Meissner, Jr. Warden - Pastoral Team, Order of Saint Luke



EVENT KEY

AF = Adult Formation	JrI = Junior Inquirers
BP = Back Packs	OSL = Order of St. Luke
DOK = Daughters of the King	SS = Sunday School
FOL = Friends of the Library	YI = Youth Inquirers
GS = Grief Share	YM = Youth Ministry
HE = Holy Eucharist	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Vestry Retreat 4 pm HE II 5 pm AF (SC)
2 Souper Bowl Sunday 8 am HE II 9:15 am AF (SC) 10:00 am SS Music (KH) 10:15 am SS 10:30 am HE II 12:00 pm OSL (OF)	3	4	5 10 am Preschool Reading (KH) 10 am HE II & Healing Prayers 11 am Food Pantry 4 pm Adult Bible Study (SC) 6 pm Youth Group (KH)	6 9:00 am Backpacks (KH) 6 pm Choir	7 Office Closed	8 10:30 am DOK (SC) 4 pm HE II 5 pm AF (SC)
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LOCATION KEY

C = Church	SC = Chapel/Class Room in Narthex
CH = Coulton Hall	MG = Memorial Garden
KH = Krysher Hall	OF = Church Office Conference Room
L = Library	
TS = Thrift Shop	

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Saturday, February 1	Vestry Retreat
Sunday, February 2	Souper Bowl Sunday 12 pm OSL
Saturday, February 8	10:30 am DOK
Sunday, February 9	Scout Sunday
Thursday, February 13	10 am Belles' Discussion Group 5pm Men's Night Out
Sunday, February 16	12:30 pm Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, February 25	5-7 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Wednesday, February 26	10 am Ash Wednesday HEII Service 6 pm Ash Wednesday HEII Service
Friday, February 28	9 am Men's Group

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 3	1 & 6 pm Lenten Bible Series starts (continues through Lent)
Sunday, March 8	12 pm Episcopal Traditions
Thursday, March 12	10 am Belles' Discussion Group
Sunday, March 15	12 pm Episcopal Traditions
Saturday, March 21	Lifeline Screening
Sunday, March 22	12 pm Episcopal Traditions
Sunday, March 29	12 pm Episcopal Traditions
Wednesday, March 25	12 pm Pastoral Care Meeting

THAT MOMENT



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February Lectionary

February 2

The Presentation of Our Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
Psalm 24:7-10

February 9

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-12
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 112:1-10

February 16

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37
Psalm 119:1-8

February 23

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 99

February 26

Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Psalm 103:8-14

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:

Keith Barroncini, Julian Barry, Joseph Beatty, Martin Clausen, Neil Crown, Krista Crosetto, Jason Daniels, Olivia Clair, Warren Fedoryk, Daniel Fitch, Shawn Fitch, Howard Gidden, Sean Gilbert, Donald Harris, Dwayne Hamblin, Roger Handy, Doug Henderson, Joseph Kee, Amy Kelly, Artie Kelly, Kristina Langley, Skip LaPointe, Rhett Roy, Tracy Thomas, Courtney Foster McCorvey, Peter Turner, & Mary Turner.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Follansbee, Treasurer
As of **December 31, 2019**

	This Month	Year to Date	2018 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	36,311.50	345,863.46	375,098.66
Thrift Shop	3,658.45	45,112.61	55,400.00
Total Revenues	39,969.95	390,976.07	430,498.66
Expenses			
Core Church	7,924.01	381,476.15	404,886.36
Thrift Shop	1,712.11	17,805.89	16,943.37
Total Expenses	9,636.12	399,282.04	421,829.73
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	28,387.49	(35,612.69)	(29,787.70)
Thrift Shop	1,946.34	27,306.72	38,456.63
Total	30,333.83	(8,305.97)	8,668.93
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	111,387.36	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	36,534.47	Unrestricted	(46,253.98)
		Restricted	195,982.70
		Discretionary	421.49
Total	147,921.83	Total	150,150.21

Food Pantry Shopping List

This is our staples list, other items appreciated.



Mac 'n cheese
Spaghetti
Cereal
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup

Cans or jars:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta Sauce
Chicken Noodle soup
Tomato soup
Tuna
Corn
Green beans
Pork 'n beans
Canned peaches

Hotdogs

Thanks so much for helping our community families.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, we will shop for you. We do most of our shopping at Save A Lot.

January 2020

Transfers in: 2

Transfers out: 2

Deaths: Dennis Crisfield 1/14/20
Charlene Fales 1/5/2020
Loreen Rice 1/24/2020
Nita Dickson 1/31/20

Funerals: Dennis Crisfield 1/25/20

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Anointings: 54

January Attendance

Week Ending Sat./Sunday	* Other Services	Sat. 4 pm	Sunday 8 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Total
January 4/5		40	40	131	211
January 11/12		58	46	115	219
January 18/19	*125	54	41	111	331
January 25/26	*118	46	44	139	229
AVERAGE		50	43	124	217

Bulletin Board

Meetings, Event News, etc.

If you would like more information about our ministries please pick up a copy of the Serving Opportunities brochure or call the church office.



Lenten Bible Series

Fr. Fred will be conducting his Lenten Bible Series beginning Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00 and 6:00. This year's focus is "No wonder they crucified Him". This series continues through Lent and replaces our regular Wednesday Bible Study.

Watch the bulletin for more information and sign ups.

Donations for Altar Flowers or the Presence Light can be given in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary. Flower donation envelopes found in the pew pockets can be used for both of these donations.



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kathleen Birdsall | 17 Pat Good |
| 2 Russell Meissner | 17 Lucy Joyce |
| 2 Debbie Smith | 17 Dorothy Walker |
| 3 Eileen McGiffin | 18 Christy Cline |
| 4 Emily Ann Lindsey | 18 Rev. Elaine Cole |
| 5 Sharon Ricks | 19 Harry Owens |
| 6 Michelle Meissner | 20 Kate Gosselin |
| 7 Jane Hood | 20 Dale Hatch |
| 7 Isabel Lalane | 21 Michaela Crooks |
| 7 Janice Velasques | 21 Linda Neill |
| 9 Ileta Monahan | 23 Linda Birnbaum |
| 9 Gretchen Murray | 23 Mary Clark |
| 11 Salwa Eldarzi | 25 Jann Clemens |
| 12 Jodi Ausland | 25 Kay Hatch |
| 12 Bob Comey | 25 Sylvia Hicks |
| 13 Bob Armitage | 25 Cheryl Pederson |
| 13 Karen Risley | 28 David Mulholland |
| 16 Bob Meissner | |

FEBRUARY Anniversaries

- 1 Minnie & Jerry Yoerg
5 Pat & Jim Dodge
10 Lill & Art Giordano
15 Pat & Lou Johnson

Volunteer of the Year:

Congratulations to

John Follansbee

for being chosen as our volunteer of the year. John has served as our church treasurer for many years.



**Need a name tag? Membership transferred?
General Information?**

Your church office can help with that! We're available from Monday-Thursday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Whether you call, email, or stop by, we're happy to help!

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Sunday Services

8 am Service (no music)
9:15 am Adult Formation Class
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services

4 pm Service (no music)
5 pm Adult Formation Class

Wednesday Services

10 am Service
with prayers for healing
11 am to 1 pm Food Pantry open
4 pm Adult Bible Study
6 pm Youth Ministry

Parish Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
(Closed Friday)

Diocese Website

www.episcopalswfl.org

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Life Line Screening at St. Andrew's Saturday, March 21, 2020

Taking preventive steps such as making lifestyle changes and getting health screenings may help you avoid a stroke or other serious health events in the future. Early intervention is important.

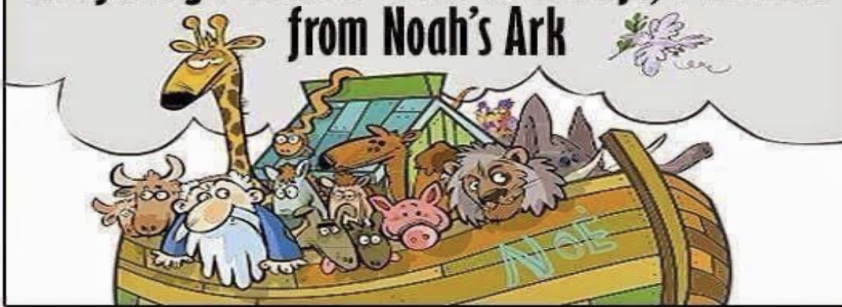
If you are over fifty and have diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure or if you have a family history of stroke or heart disease, you may be at risk, even if you feel great. Actually four out of five people who suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms and nearly 30% of strokes occur under the age of 65. The good news is that according to the National Stroke Association, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Life Line Screening will help you find out if you are at risk, so you and your doctor can take the next steps and be proactive about your health.

St. Andrew's Photo Directory:

If you did not have your picture taken for the last directory, we are planning a session on April 1 for new members and those who aren't currently in the directory. Life Touch will provide updated directories to all members photographed as long as we have 20 new families to add to the directory. Please sign up in the Narthex by March 1.

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while.
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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