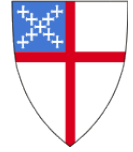


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes



An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

February 2022



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This February is one without an Ash Wednesday. That hasn't happened since 2019. Typically Lent starts sometime in February. What that means of course is that we have the Season after Epiphany for a longer time. It is a blessing because it gives us more time to contemplate the Epiphany, that is, the significance of Jesus being God and a human. Now it is a fact that we are unable to completely understand how that really works. How can Jesus be completely God and completely human at the same time without mixture and without confusion? It is, as the ancients would say, "a mystery". But while we may have difficulty understanding how it happened exactly, we can understand why it is important to us. And it is important to us for several reasons.

The first is that if Jesus is God and Jesus is human, that means that God has experienced what happens to us as humans. No longer can we imagine a God who is unaware of how much something can hurt or what pain really feels like. God knows through personal experience because Jesus went through excruciating pain as he was tortured at the time of his execution. No longer can we imagine that God doesn't know what grief is like because Jesus lost a parent at a young age, and Jesus lost his friend, Lazarus as well and wept at his tomb. Jesus suffered rejection and being misunderstood by those who knew him best. Jesus understood betrayal by a close friend. Jesus suffered loneliness. So we know we have a God who knows our pain, our suffering, and loneliness. We know God understands us.

The second reason this is important is because if God is willing to lower himself to become a human for us and our salvation, it means that He loves us a lot more than we had ever expected. How much are you and I loved? Contemplate that God came down to earth and emptied Himself and became obedient even

to the point of death and not just death, but death on a cross! We talk about Jesus loving us but when we actually stop and consider it, when we stop and think that God Almighty would do this for us his rebellious creation, it boggles the mind. You and I are loved so much!

A third reason this is important is because since Jesus is fully God as well as human we can begin to understand what God is like. When we wonder how God feels about us and our behavior we look to see how Jesus responded to different people. We see how Jesus responded to the proud, the powerful, the sinners, the humble, the poor and the sick. He once told Philip that "if you have seen me you have seen the Father." In another place it is written that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. So looking at Jesus we see God. We see how God responds and how he thinks.

These are some of the reasons it is so important for Jesus being completely God and completely human. I hope you will make some time to think about this in this season and be filled with joy at the understanding of God's great love for you!

We are once again hopeful that COVID is in remission. The positivity rates seem to be plummeting again which is a really good sign. Once they have dropped below the 5 percent range again we will remove the tape from most of the church and resume coming to the altar for Holy Communion and begin serving both the bread and the wine. We will also resume Adult Formation. The first planned topic is on what God says about getting one's fortune read, and tarot cards, and all that sort of thing. Does God care about this or is it a non-issue? We will check it out to see what the Bible has to say on this. I am also hopeful that we can begin a mid-week Bible study in February. These will hopefully take place along with the men's group meetings and the single women's group meetings which still are meeting even now.

May God bless you richly this month!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance

Sr. Warden's Remarks

Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden



“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it in patience” Romans 8:25. The church is continuing to gear up to provide the services and ministries as before the pandemic. Since my last update there have been some additions; namely a Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas brunch, and re-summing of the men’s group and the Belles. We have welcomed numerous new individuals and families to our church. I truly urge you to be patient as our community returns to the normalcy we all wish would come sooner rather than later. Great things are happening at St. Andrew's. Please consider joining one of these ministries. Simply call the church office for more information.

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield



Pastoral Care Team visits continue to be on hold for hospitals and some extended care facilities due to COVID developments and policies. Fr Lance is able to visit in these places and continues to do so.

We are able to visit people in most extended care facilities; however, these places have differing guidelines. All of our team has been vaccinated. We call for any changes before we visit upon request of the patient or family. We will continue to offer cards, prayers and phone calls to the homebound as well as all those in extended care facilities.

We are currently welcoming new team members for training and preparation to begin visits as things open up. There is training and “internship” served before you are fully able to visit on your own. This takes a period of time so we do need to begin now. We have had couples and/or two people visit as a team in some situations so if you feel this would work for you please consider and pray on this.

Fr Lance and I are willing to talk to any of you who feel called to or are considering this ministry at this time.

A reminder: We cannot be in touch with you if we do not know of your needs. We are able to do some home and extended care visits if you are vaccinated. If you need our prayers and support you must contact the office and let them know.

Sunday School

“Miss Susan” Villnow

We discussed the joy of Christmas by learning to share and reflecting on the kinds of gifts that we treasure. We talked about the time that John baptized Jesus and the sign from God. And how that was a good thing. We talked about the concept of miracles when Jesus was able to turn water into wine at the wedding feast.

The Belles of St. Andrew's

Judy White



All the single women of St. Andrews are automatically members of the Belles, and are invited to attend our get togethers on the second Wednesday of each month, at 2 pm in Krysher Hall.

We are a fellowship group and do some outreach as well as socializing .

Our first meeting of 2022 was held on January 12. We discussed goals for the coming year, recognized January birthdays, and had a small celebration to welcome the new year!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 9. The theme will be International Desserts, so bring your appetite!

Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Judy White or Lorraine Yokitis.

Lectionary

February 6

5th Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-8(9-13)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138

February 13

6th Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
Psalm 1

February 20

7th Sunday after the Epiphany
Genesis 45:3-11,15
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

February 27

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36,(37-43)
Psalm 99

Congratulations to our new Vestry Members:

Janet Crisfield
Sheri Haun
Mark Traudt
Donna DeCosa (alternate)

Diocesan Delegates:

Kathy Ludwell
Mike Ludwell
Connie Mehr
Janie Fritz (alternate)

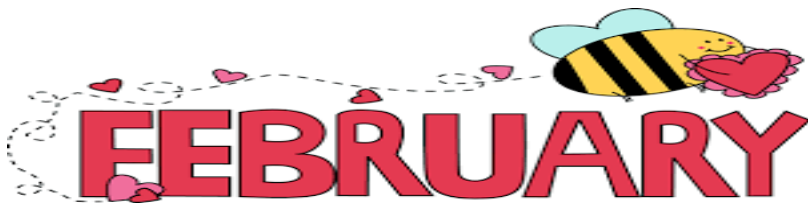
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING

IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:

Julian Barry, Jason Hobson,
Bradley Meissner,
Courtney Foster McCorvey



Please call the office with updates to this list.



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 1 Blake Smart
- 2 Russell Meissner
- 2 Debbie Smith
- 3 BJ Lawson
- 3 Eileen McGiffin
- 4 Emily Ann Lindsey
- 5 Sharon Ricks
- 6 Michelle Meissner
- 7 Jane Hood
- 7 Isabel Lalane

- 7 Janice Velasques
- 9 Ileta Monahan
- 9 Gretchen Murray
- 11 Salwa Eldarzi
- 12 Jodi Ausland
- 13 Robert Armitage
- 13 Karen Risley
- 16 Bob Meissner
- 16 Audrey Mahoney
- 17 Pat Good

- 17 Lucy Joyce
- 17 Dorothy Walker
- 18 Elaine Cole
- 21 Linda Neill
- 21 Michaela Crooks
- 23 Mary Clark
- 23 Galina Runion
- 25 Kay Hatch
- 25 Sylvia Hicks
- 25 Cheryl Pederson

- 1 Jerry and Minnie Yoerg
- 5 Jim and Pat Dodge
- 10 Artie and Lill Giordano
- 15 Lou and Pat Johnson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Connie Mehr, Treasurer
As of **December 31, 2021**

This
Month Year to Date 2021 Budget

	Month	Year to Date	2021 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	30,391.12	356,724.80	327,044.00
Thrift Shop	2,825.46	17,863.43	30,150.00
Total Revenues	33,216.58	374,588.23	357,194.00
Expenses			
Core Church	36,328.58	339,615.11	340,170.00
Thrift Shop	1,576.71	18,135.44	17,024.00
Total Expenses	37,905.29	357,750.55	357,194.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(5,937.46)	17,109.69	(13,126.00)
Thrift Shop	1,248.75	(272.01)	13,126.00
Total	(4,688.71)	16,837.68	
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	112,137.40	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	30,709.09	Unrestricted	17,670.36
		Restricted	160,679.10
		Discretionary	533.57
Total	142,846.49	Total	148,833.03

January 2022

Transfers in: 0 Weddings: 0
Transfers out: 0 Baptisms: 0
Deaths: Anointings: 0
Funerals:

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The Rev. Lance Wallace, Rector
Cell 352-515-8657
Email: Fr.Lwallace@gmail.com

Sunday Services

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

Saturday Services

4 pm Service
5 pm Adult Formation (via Zoom)

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 9 am – 12 pm
(Closed Friday)

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The Parish Chimes Editors

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January Attendance

Week Ending Sat./Sunday	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Total
Jan 1/2	37	37	96	170
Jan 8/9	47	29	82	158
Jan 15/16	42	22	67	131
Jan 22/23	52	25	68	145
Jan 29/30	65	26	74	165
TOTAL	175	123	342	962
AVERAGE	59	31	86	176

COVID Testing Update

4 free tests can be ordered per residential address. Also test kits at pharmacies are now covered by insurance or if you have to pay upfront you can be reimbursed. <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

LifeLine Screening will be here on Saturday, March 26th. To schedule an appointment please call 888-814-0416. Flyers will be in the Narthex in early March.