



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

FEBRUARY 2024

2024 has already been a busy, and so far, an exciting and productive year! A sincere thank you to all who are tirelessly working to keep St. Andrew's operating smoothly and remaining a presence in our community.

Some years we observe Ash Wednesday as late as March, but this year we observe it on February 14th and from there we enter into the season of Lent. As we grow older, we are very aware of the preciousness of life. This service reminds us how short our mortal time is here, and to prioritize what really is important in our lives. It is intended to help us seize the moments that God gives us and use them more fully. We should leave our Ash Wednesday service with renewed and thankful hearts for our lives, the lives around us and as a faithful church family with the desire to live our lives as God intended. During Lent, we are asked to give of ourselves, our resources, practice spiritual and self-discipline and reflect on the life and death of Jesus Christ.

We will have two Ash Wednesday Services on February 14, one at 10:00AM and one at 6:00PM. Fr. Fred will officiate at each of these services. I look forward to seeing you at one of these Holy services.

Do not forget that many visitors are drawn to church during Lent and on into Holy Week and Easter. Please greet them warmly and make them feel welcome. This is something we all can and should do to foster love within our community and our church.

Remember:

Let your kindness shine

Like a candle in someone's dark moment.

And may the light of kindness

Transform sorrow into hope.

I look forward to worshipping with you during this Holy Season.

Craig Gates, Sr. Warden

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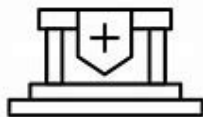


Junior Warden

Roger Roy

Well, the end of January is approaching and with the new year there have been a few accomplishments. The lighting in the office building is going to be replaced with new light bulbs and some new ballasts.

The bell tower leak is being repaired. Because of the cold weather some animals moved into church and Steve Smith has been working very hard to evict them, so far it seems he has been successful. There is approval to remove the palm tree on the south side of the church that seems to be attracting them. Finally, the two American flags, one in front of the Thrift shop, and one in the Memorial Garden, were replaced due to weather damage. Hope you tolerated the cold weather, see you all in church.



Altar Guild,

*Glee Gates & Patti Werner;
Co-directors*

Hello Everyone!

It seems like we just celebrated Christmas and we are approaching Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is also Valentine's Day so if you usually celebrate with steaks and roses you may want to do that on Tuesday!

With the help of our Sexton, Steve, your Altar Guild will cover all the crosses usually visible in the church. The liturgical color is changed to purple and there are no flowers displayed

during this time of reflection and repentance. This is a one of the busiest seasons for the Altar Guild. As we practice the disciplines of Lent let us remember that this is the season that defines Christianity.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day season (not counting Sundays) of repentance, fasting, reflection and ultimately celebration. These 40 days represent Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness when he was tempted by Satan.

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer, reading scripture and practicing self-control. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider His suffering and His sacrifice, His life, death, burial, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of our human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday services as your Altar Guild devoutly prepares each service as we begin this holy season.



Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her. LUKE 10:41,42 (NIV)

When I read this passage it reminds me that we need to keep Jesus firmly rooted in the center of things during this time of transition and Rector search. He does not want us to leave our daily many faceted days but change our hearts out of the "worry" feeling at loose ends place, to move our hearts to center on him and "all things will be given to you".

Things that challenge us will go on and we as a church family will continue

to pray and care for each other during trying times. The Pastoral Care Team is available to make visits to those of you that are in the hospital, long term care or homebound. If you a family member or friend are in any of these circumstances please call the church office at 352-683-2010 and let us know. Facilities cannot share patient information if we call.



Congregational Ministers

As we approach one of the busiest and holiest seasons of the year, we would like to remind everyone that additional service volunteers will be needed for Ash Wednesday services and next month for all the Holy week services. Our thanks to those who volunteer every year for these services. Your help is needed and appreciated. The early Ash Wednesday service is taken care of but we still need people for the 6:00PM service. This year, we will try something a little different for the Holy Week schedule. Later this month, we will put sign-up sheets in the Narthex for volunteers for the services. The form will show the service dates and times and the positions to be filled. Please just print your name and contact information and check the box next to the appropriate service. We will contact you as soon as the schedule is complete. Please keep in mind that we often get more volunteers than we need....it is a wonderful problem to have. Do not be discouraged we will contact you the next time help is needed! If you have any questions, please contact the Congregational Administrator for your service.

Your Congregational Administrators:

Glee Gate	4:00PM
Sharon Dunham	8:00AM
Patti Werner	10:30AM

Meetings, Parties and More

Marla Jarchow, Parish Administrator

How great is it that we are enjoying our gatherings with family and friends. For what seemed like a very long haul, we were sequestered in our homes and having very little contact with groups. Now it is time to refresh our memories and remember the responsibilities when using Krysher Hall.

#1 To use the hall, you must reserve it. Even if your group always used the hall in the past you must still call the office to for any upcoming event.

#2. Private parties and meetings (those events with set invitations such as showers, Receptions, band practice, outside groups) must complete a contract, provide proof of insurance, and pay a fee prior to the event.

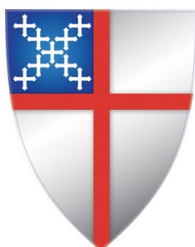
#3. After any event all furniture must be returned to the original positions. IF YOU MOVED IT PUT IT BACK is a good rule of thumb. This is a really big help to us when there are back to back events.

Thank you to everyone who made our events so much fun this past year.



Visit the Orchestra with Friends

Hernando County Symphony Orchestra (HSO) A few of us from St. Andrew's have been enjoying the wonderful music provided by the Hernando County Symphony Orchestra and would like to invite more of our church/neighbor friends to join us. They perform at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church located at 5030 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill. The next concert is on February 25, 2024 at 2pm. That is a Sunday and since we attend the 10:30 AM service, we usually go out for coffee/quick lunch after church and then go the concert. The tickets are available at the door for a cost of \$15.00. The church is very large so no assigned seating is needed, there is always room for more. If you are interested in joining us and would like to car-pool from church, please call Patti Werner or Kathy Ludwell (our numbers are in the directory) and we can arrange a meet time. If you prefer to drive yourself, please let us know so we can look for you and all sit together. The next concert will be on Sunday April 21, 2024 at 2pm. The HSO does have a web site that will show you the concert dates and times. This is a very talented group of volunteer musicians. You won't be disappointed!



2024 Vestry Election Results

Your new Vestry Members are:

David Ward
 Kathleen Ludwell
 Craig Shaw
Congratulations!!



Father Lance's Retirement Party





**Volunteer of the Year
Connie Mehr, Treasurer**



Souper Bowl Sunday begins on Sunday, February 4 and ends on Sunday, February 11 which is the date of this year's LVIII Super Bowl between the *Kansas City Chiefs* and the *San Francisco 49ers*. We will have two pots in the Narthex with the name of the teams on them. You are encouraged to place a donation into the pot of the team you think will win this year's Super Bowl. The donations received will be divided between the Rector's Discretionary Fund and St. Andrew's Boy Scout Troop 433.

DECEMBER 2023

Transfers in: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfers out: 0

Baptisms: 0

Anointing: 47

Deaths: 3

Henry Mehl 01/17/24

Joyce Bartholomew 0/16/2024

Randy Mahurin 01/10/23

Funerals: 0

JANUARY 2024 ATTENDANCE

Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
6/7	-	51	28	31	61	79	250
13/14	10	54	15	41	87	67	274
20/21	9	44	19	39	81	66	258
27/28	10	54	15	40	95	53	267
TOTAL	29	203	77	150	324	265	
AVERAGE	7	51	19	38	81	66	

TREASURER'S REPORT
 as of December 31, 2023
Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2023 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	33,983.98	394,845.83	364,626.00
Thrift Shop	3,370.58	41,340.73	35,250.00
Total Revenues	37,354.56	436,186.56	399,876.00
Expenses			
Core Church	35,336.43	370,475.74	377,352.00
Thrift Shop	1,893.63	21,923.17	22,524.00
Total Expenses	37,230.06	392,398.91	399,876.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(1,352.45)	24,370.09	(12,726.00)
Thrift Shop	1,476.95	19,417.56	12,726.00
Total	124.50	43,787.65	-
Investments			
SSGA	106,124.18	Bank Accounts Bank of America	
Alliance Bernstein	27,804.89	Unrestricted	50,532.86
Commonwealth	27,675.03	Restricted	407,017.63
		Discretionary	617.92
Total	161,604.10	Total	458,168.41

**MARCH
LECTIONARY**

Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 John 2:13-22

Lent 4

Numbers 21:4-9
 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 3:14-21

Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16
 Hebrews 5:5-10
 John 12:20-33

**Palm Sunday
The Liturgy of the Palms**

Mark 11:1-11
 or John 12:12-16
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47
 or Mark 15:1-39, [40-47]

Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 114
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 Luke 24:13-49

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



- Julian Barry
- Jason Hobson
- Joseph Edmonds
- Bradley Meissner,
- Michael Perry, USMC
- Brigadier General Karen Monday-Gresham

Please call the office with updates to this list.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Blake William Smart	02/13 Bob Armitage
02/02 Russell Meissner	02/13 Karen Risley
02/02 Debbie Smith	02/16 Audrey Mahoney
02/03 B.J. Spencer	02/17 Pat Good
02/03 Eileen McGriffin	02/17 Lucy Joyce
02/04 Emily Ann Lindsey	02/17 Dorothy Walker
02/05 Sharon Ricks	02/18 Rev. Elaine Cole
02/06 Michelle Meissner	02/20 Helen Evans
02/07 Sherry Cortier	02/20 George Lawton
02/07 Jane Hood	02/21 Michaela Crooks
02/07 Isabel Lalane	02/21 Linda Neill
02/07 Janice Velasques	02/23 Mary Clark
02/09 Ileta Monahan	02/23 Galina Runion
02/09 Gretchen Murray	02/25 Kay Hatch
02/09 Cecilia Soch	02/25 Sylvia Hicks
02/11 Salwa Eldarzi	02/25 Cheryl Pederson
02/12 Jodi Ausland	02/28 David Mulholland

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02/01 Jerry and Minnie Yoerg
 02/05 Jim and Pat Dodge
 02/09 Barbara and Dave Sulik
 02/10 Artie and Lill Giordano
 02/15 Lou and Pat Johnson



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Sunday Services
 8 am Service (no music)
 10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services
 4 pm Service

Parish Office Hours
 Mon, Tues, and Thurs.
 9 am – 12 pm
 (Closed Friday)

Diocese Website
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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY 12:15 Vestry Meeting	5 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop 7 pm Boy Scouts (KH)	6 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop	7 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	8 9 am Backpacks 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop 6 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 9 am Men's Group Meeting OFFICE CLOSED	10 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 10 am - Daughters of the King meeting 4 pm Holy Eucharist II 5 pm Adult Formation (Chapel)
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