



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Parish Chimes

*An Ancient Faith for a Modern World*

**NOVEMBER 2024**

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Do you remember an experience of jumping into the deep end of a pool? That is how I feel right about now. Clergy often use the summer months for rest and planning for the fall. Instead, I spent my summer moving, and began my ministry among you without the benefit of summer planning. On top of that, we have executed a major liturgy with our bishop and temporarily suspended regular operations twice in response to two hurricanes. Last week, I finally felt like I had a "normal" week for the first time!

As I move into my third month of ministry among you, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for welcoming me into your community. I would particularly like to express my thanks for everyone who was involved in the liturgy for the Celebration of a New Ministry as well as preparing for the reception which followed. Both were truly wonderful and were an opportunity to share the vibrancy of St. Andrew's to those who were visiting from across the diocese and beyond. These events don't just "happen." They are the result of good planning and hard work.

A former bishop of mine liked to tell the story of a rector who was particularly adept at the ministry of thank you cards. The priest always worded his notes of thanks by beginning with the phrase, "I thank God for ...," followed by naming the person or activity of note. My bishop noted the important distinction from how these notes are customarily written, with the



thanks primarily directed toward God. It was a reminder that the work we accomplish is done through the power of God as an expression of one's faith.

It is easy to lose sight of this. Ministry leaders get caught up in the crunch of searching for volunteers. Vestry members get caught up in the crunch of the numbers of financial obligations and treasurer's reports. In the crunch, we take on the language of the secular world to such an extreme that we forget that we are also disciples of Jesus.

As Christians, we are people steeped in the practice of thanksgiving. For us, it is not just a Thursday on the calendar in November, it is what we do every Sunday. That is what Eucharist is, thanksgiving.

So as we move into the deep end of ministry in November, from the stewardship campaign, to Thanksgiving, the celebration of our patronal feast day, to the beginning of Advent, I would like to say to each of you, "I thank God that we are on this journey together. For all that has taken place in these past few weeks, and for all that awaits us in the days to come, thanks be to God."

With thanksgiving for your partnership in the Gospel,  
Matthew+



## MINISTRY NEWS

### Senior Warden

*Craig Gates*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we are continuing to focus on our Stewardship campaign! We know that stewardship is the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care. We also know that as a child of God, it is our responsibility to give back to our Father.

We believe God is transforming us, sending us, into the world to live as scripture teaches. Once we acknowledge our many blessings, we must give thanks and look to Him who has provided for us and what we will return to Him and His church in the joyous act of giving!

As you pray to God to ask how you can give back to Him, also pray for the church. St. Andrew's will continue to move forward with our new leadership, stand together in unity and pray God will guide our pathway forward.

We are thankful for your strong and faithful financial support of St. Andrew's. You are stewards who have helped this congregation make a real difference in the lives of the people that we all serve in Jesus' name. We believe, with the apostle Paul, that there is a power at work within us, as God's people, to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

After meaningful and heartfelt prayer, pledging is the decision between you and God that promises your financial support for all He has given you. Pledging is also your commitment to the church and the foundation on which the budget is prepared to support the church and its ministries. Just like each of you has expenses, the church must maintain the buildings, pay staff wages, provide air conditioning, heat, electricity, water and sup-

plies to keep everything running and properly maintained.

Your giving is a direct response to God's deep love for you and your relationship with Him. Please prayerfully consider an increase of your financial commitment to our missions and ministries for the coming year. Many members of St. Andrew's make an annual financial pledge. Based on income, some tithe (10%), some pledge a proportionate percentage; still others give as they are able through our weekly plate offerings. The intention of giving is a commitment to God which should be made without worry. For God will help you fulfill that commitment as told to us in Proverbs: 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act."

### Junior Warden

*Roger Roy*

My report this month has to do with the damage to the campus after the two hurricanes. As many of you know, our area was hit hard with two hurricanes in a row, one was considered the storm of the century. Helene caused a tree to fall in our Memorial Garden and caused the fence around the air conditioning compressors to fall over. The tree was cleaned up and the fence has a temporary fixed until we get some new parts. The next hurricane, Milton, caused many branches and leaves to litter the campus, soon the dumpsters were full and because of the storm the garbage collection being late, many of those branches were not collected, so clean up is still going on. Because of the

storms, the roof repairs to the Narthex were put on hold and some leak issues were detected, the work will begin soon. Our campus was spared of any real damage compared to what has happened in other areas. We should all thank God. We should all think about our pledges this year in the upcoming stewardship and keep our church going strong and hopefully our repairs to a minimum. Thank You.

### Altar Guild

*Glee Gates*

Welcome to the November Chimes!

Last month, we officially welcomed Fr. Matthew with Bishop Scharf here for the Celebration of New Ministry service. The altar was adorned in white and the visiting clergy were vested in white. Your Altar Guild set the church for the service according to the Bishop, Fr. Matthew and the rubrics. The Baptismal vows were repeated and everyone was sprinkled with holy water. What a joyous occasion and a lovely service that was attended by many parishioners, visiting clergy and guests. We thank everyone who participated in the service and those who made possible the wonderful reception that followed.

November makes us think of Thanksgiving and getting together with friends and family in the loving warmth of home; having a feast of turkey, stuffing and wonderful desserts. Last month, many of us were faced with a category 5 hurricane with sustained winds of

180 mph aimed directly at our coastline. Many people were not as fortunate as most of us were and they experienced life altering losses from which many cannot or will not ever recover.

As we pray our thanksgivings, please include those who suffered losses as the result of these hurricanes. Provide help in any way you can for those who have been left with nothing. Remember all things come from God so share, what we often take for granted, with those in need and thank God for His blessings every day. Swiss poet and philosopher Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881) says "It's a blessing that wisely asks us to number our days. It goes like this:"

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God be with you.

It's also a bit like John Wesley's rule of life:

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways

you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

Happy Thanksgiving and may God continue to bless St. Andrew's, our church family and our loved ones.

### Pastoral Care

*Janet Crisfield*

The Pastoral Team wishes you a November full of thankfulness and gratitude. In the beginning of the month we remember those loved ones that have gone to the greater presence of the Lord and pray to realize how thankful we are to have shared our lives with them. At the end of the month we have Thanksgiving and remind ourselves of our many blessings in gratitude as we prepare for the Christmas season.

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. This follows the tradition of the earliest Christians

bringing bread and wine from services to those unable to come.

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 are also able to anoint for healing. That being said, it is not necessary to be or do either.

We provide visits to the homebound, hospitalized, those in rehab or extended care facilities. We meet bi-monthly during the regular church year. 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 Mathew at the church 352 683-2010

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

**Red, White & Blue  
Potluck Lunch**  
November 10th  
12:30 pm - 2:30 p.m.  
Join us for games, corn hole  
and patriotic singing.



Today,  
instead of being  
upset by all the things  
that are wrong,  
I will be thankful for  
all the things that  
are right.



# The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of The Reverend Matthew Theodore Grunfeld as Fifth Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church • October 5, 2024





**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
 as of September 30, 2024  
*Connie Mehr, Treasurer*

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Core Church	27,120.88	230,632.52	325,853.02
Thrift Shop	2,154.00	29,316.04	41,150.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>29,274.88</b>	<b>259,948.56</b>	<b>367,003.02</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Core Church	23,130.75	207,892.13	371,973.00
Thrift Shop	808.66	15,983.64	24,468.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>23,939.41</b>	<b>223,875.77</b>	<b>396,441.00</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>			
Core Church	3,990.13	22,740.39	(46,119.98)
Thrift Shop	1,345.34	13,332.40	16,682.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,335.47</b>	<b>36,072.79</b>	<b>(29,437.98)</b>
<b>Investments</b>		<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
SSGA	121,173.65	Bank of America	
Alliance Bernstein	29,230.05	Unrestricted	91,237.48
		Restricted	313,383.96
		Truist	
		Unrestricted	122,777.91
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,403.70</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>527,399.35</b>

**OCTOBER 2024**

Transfers in: 1  
 Andre Lombardi 10/15/2024

Weddings: 0

Transfers out: 0

Baptisms: 0

Anointing: 31

Deaths: 1  
 Richard Hanel 10/28/24

Funerals: 1  
 Audrey Collins 10/02/24

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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**  
[www.episcopalswfl.org](http://www.episcopalswfl.org)

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Thanks to all who not only helped with The Fall Ministry Festival, but did so with joy and enthusiasm. Those who set up, cooked, cleaned up, decorated, provided music and fun items to share, coordinated and manned table displays, all of you made this fellowship a success.



- 11/02 Linda Magee
- 11/03 Maurice Stewart
- 11/04 Carol Fuller
- 11/04 Adele Ruggerio
- 11/05 Jenell Burluson
- 11/06 Pete Jackson
- 11/08 Howard Benson
- 11/12 Fred Lewis
- 11/13 Trish Gardner
- 11/14 Marjorie Convery
- 11/15 Harry Calderbank
- 11/21 Vera Scharf
- 11/24 Karen McGrath
- 11/25 Nancy Koehle
- 11/25 John Nabil
- 11/26 Marty Monahan
- 11/27 Gayl Rische
- 11/29 Veronica Smith

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Sharon & Tyrone Ricks
- 14 Carmen & Arthur Milbuta
- 17 Cecilia & David Soch 50 YEARS
- 20 Carla & Dave Newman
- 25 Paula & Larry Harrelson
- 30 Lauren & Roger Roy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS, AND THEIR FAMILIES:**

- Julian Barry
- Bradley Meissner
- Michael Perry, USMC
- Brigadier General Karen Monday-Gresham

*Please call the office with updates to this list.*

*Thank you* ❤️ **THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE YARD SALE. IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND MADE OUR JOB MUCH EASIER.**

**NOVEMBER LECTIONARY**

<p><b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Proper 26</b>                  Deuteronomy 6:1-9                  Psalm 119:1-8                  Hebrews 9:11-14                  Mark 12:28-34</p>	<p><b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Proper 27</b>                  1 Kings 17:8-16                  Psalm 146                  Hebrews 9:24-28                  Mark 12:38-44</p>
<p><b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>Proper 28</b>                  Daniel 12:1-3                  Psalm 16                  Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25                  Mark 13:1-8</p>	<p><b>Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King</b>                  Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14                  Psalm 93                  Revelation 1:4b-8                  John 18:33-37</p>

**OCTOBER 2024 ATTENDANCE**

Week Ending Sat./Sun	We d	Sat	Sat ONLIN E	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLI NE	Total
5/6	4	158	63	21	43	42	331
12/13	-	38	0	32	59	48	177
19/20	5	50	17	32	77	26	207
26/27	-	35	17	28	74	-	154
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>116</b>	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>39</b>	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	<b>4</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open 7 pm Boy Scouts (KH)	<b>5</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>6</b> 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>7</b> 9 am Backpacks 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open <b>6 pm Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>8</b> OFFICE CLOSED 9 am Men's Group Meeting (Chapel)	<b>9</b> 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 10 am Daughters of the King Meeting 11 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal 1:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 3 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4 pm Holy Eucharist II
<b>10</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II 12:30 Red, White & Blue	<b>11</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open 7 pm Boy Scouts (KH) 11 am Bishop	<b>12</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>13</b> 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>14</b> 9 am Backpacks 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>15</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>16</b> 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 11 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal 1:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 3 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4 pm Holy Eucharist II
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<b>24</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	<b>25</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open 7 pm Boy Scouts (KH)	<b>26</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>27</b> 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open	<b>28</b> 9 am Thanksgiving Eucharist	<b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>30</b> 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 11 am - Children's Choir Rehearsal 1:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 3 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal 4 pm Holy Eucharist II