



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

FEBRUARY 2025

Dear People of St. Andrew's, Years before I moved to New York City to attend seminary, I had the opportunity to spend a few weeks there for an internship. As someone who grew up in Columbus, GA, a mid-sized southern city, New York was a very different place. Sweet tea was a foreign concept, especially in the late 1990s. Revolving doors were unfamiliar. I had to learn the proper technique for swiping a MetroCard (then a new technology) to avoid the dreaded "Swipe Again at This Turnstile" message in subway stations.



My father, a native of the Borough of Queens, gave me a few essential lessons for surviving in the city before I left home. One of those lessons was that I should place my wallet in my front pocket to protect it from pickpockets. For added protection, he suggested that I put a "dummy" wallet in my back pocket with \$10 that I could throw if someone attempted to mug me. My dad wanted me get out and enjoy the city but do it with some street smarts. To this day, I still keep my real wallet in my front pocket.

Spring Hill does not present many opportunities for pickpockets or muggings, but there are other ways for crafty individuals to target good people. Many of you have had a recent experience of how some people use technology to take advantage of others. The use of technology for communications and commerce is here to stay. I allegedly lived a full and happy life before the advent of Amazon and iPhones, but I have a hard time conceiving of life without them now. Just as my fa-

ther sent me off to New York with encouragement to be street smart while enjoying the city, it is important to approach technology in the same way.

As a reminder, representatives of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will never contact you by email or text message to ask you to send e-gift cards. Additionally, we will never call or email to ask you for your bank account details, credit card information, or Social Security numbers. While I cannot speak for other organizations, it is often good to be suspicious of such requests.



The MTA frequently warns straphangers on the subway, "If you see something, say something!" If you receive a communication that seems sketchy, please call us at one of the numbers you know is legitimate to confirm if it is legitimate. The challenge is many scams going around have become quite sophisticated. As someone who is street smart in an online world, you should know that if someone is asking you to part with your money or personal details, it is good to check it out before following through.

With thanksgiving for your partnership in the Gospel,
Matthew+

Senior Warden

Craig Gates

This will be my last article as your Senior Warden and Vestry Member. I have been reflecting on what a privilege and an honor this experience has been during this time serving St. Andrew's. During the last 18 years, I have served multiple terms as Jr. and Sr. Wardens, filled in for Wardens as needed and created sabbatical, transition, rector's search and survey committees. Also, rebuilding and repairing well-used church items and grounds work has been a welcome stress relief which has led to good fellowship time with parishioners.

There have also been many St. Andrew's milestones to remember. Remodeling the church, reupholstering the pews, installation of new flooring, building our new Narthex and Sacristy, celebrating the burning of our mortgage and how we grew stronger as a church during the COVID years.

I am especially grateful to all who made our Rector Search process proceed so smoothly. Various committee members, parishioners and fellow Vestry members contributed many hours and not one time did anyone say "NO" to anything that was asked of them. Cooperation, love, commitment, dedication and prayer are good words to describe what I have experienced as your Sr. Warden.

These are examples of what St. Andrew's is all about. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment, kindness, generosity and service.

I am not leaving, just changing roles. Worshipping together, especially in the spring, always brings hope, love and anticipation. There is still much to do and I look forward to seeing our future growth and increased presence in the community.

Junior Warden

Roger Roy

It's hard to believe that it's the month of February. The month of January did not bring too many challenges. The roofing materials have arrived and work on the Chapel roof should begin when the weather gets a little warmer. The fence around the A/C compressors is being worked on by Craig Gates and Steve Smith, thank God for those two. Also, Steve is sanding and painting the poles along the walkway from the parking lot next to Krysher Hall to the Church. The campus and buildings are in pretty good shape for now, let's hope they stay that way.

Altar Guild

Patti Werner, Co-director

Your Altar Guild continues to work behind-the-scenes to change the Altar colors according to the Church Year Liturgical colors. During Epiphany, the Altar color is green, the color of living things and of God's creation. Volunteers are welcome to join our teams. We currently have three teams, for a total of seven people. There is plenty of room for more! A team sets up on a Saturday morning, it takes about an hour and then that team has two weeks off. We have a well-documented manual that we all follow. We set up for all four services on Saturday. The Saturday 4pm service is set up to be ready for the service later that day and the remaining setups are organized in the Sacristy ready to be used for the other services. The manual tells us how many hosts, how much wine, which vessels and linens to use for each service. After each service, an Altar Guild member or two will clean up from that service and then set up for the next service. As a new member you will learn as you go with plenty of assistance, don't be scared to try. Nobody is expected to know every-

thing at once. All members are very supportive of each other. We are assisting our Rector for the regular services as well as extra services for Easter, Christmas, weddings, funerals and Baptisms. It is an honor to serve on the Altar Guild. Once a year, in the spring, the Diocese of Southwest Florida, of which we are a part, holds an Altar Guild meeting for all Altar Guilds in the Diocese to attend. I have attended two, so far, and what a joy to meet other Altar Guild members and learn and compare how things are done in other churches. The two that I attended were at The Cathedral Church St. Peter in St. Petersburg. Please contact me or Glee Gates to join our ministry, we are both in the church directory. Or, speak with us before or after a church service. I attend the Sunday 10:30AM service, Glee attends the Saturday 4PM service. If you attend the Sunday 8AM service, you can speak with David Soch and he will notify us.

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

Happy Valentines Day ! February already, the month we remember those we love. There are several kinds of love but four are emphasized in the bible; Romantic (Eros), Family love mostly addressing the bond between parent and child (storge), brotherly love between each other (Phileo) and the highest form, unconditional unselfish love like the love God has for us and wishes for us to have for one another (Agape).

The first two come easily for most of us. Phileo, brotherly love takes a little doing: respect, helpfulness, kindness, forgiveness, support for one another and unselfish giving. Agape love is totally unselfish, sacrificial as God went so far as to sacrifice his son Jesus for us and our sins. As Abraham Lincoln recognized : "Greater love has no man then to lay down his life for his brother."

Most of us need a great deal of prayer and faith and growing in Christ to attain Agape love. However, this month let us all start by meditating on these loves and pray for guidance and brotherly love among us. We can do that !

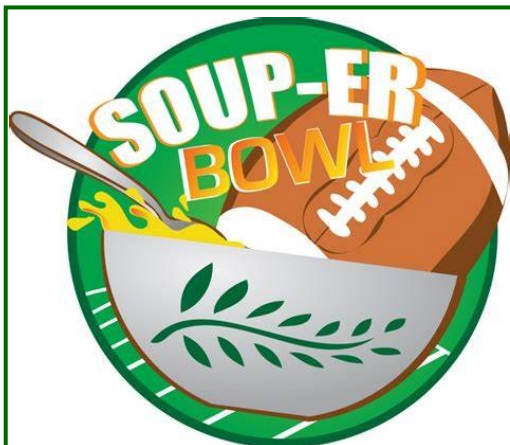
The Pastoral Care Ministry is dedicated to bringing the presence of Christ to parishioners that are unable to come to regular services either on a temporary or on-going basis Many of our members are licensed Lay Eucharistic visitors and bring communion. Some of our members also belong to the Order of Saint Luke and are also able to anoint for healing. That being said, it is not necessary to be or do either. There is always giving the gift of your presence.

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. If you are interested in learning more please call Janet Crisfield at 352 796-9389 or Father Matthew 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.



Many, many thanks to Craig Gates for his service as St. Andrew's Senior Warden.



Even though St. Andrew's did not predict the winner of the Super Bowl as it has in the past, it was close. The Chiefs received \$182; the Eagles \$176. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser for St. Andrew's.

MEN'S CAMPFIRE NIGHT OPEN TO ALL MEN AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH



CAMPFIRE & FELLOWSHIP

14326 HIGHGROVE RD., SPRING HILL
(IN THE WOODS AT THE GATES HOUSE)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2025

5:30PM-9:00PM

Bring your favorite beverage, cigar and lawn chair.

Menu to be determined: If you have a favorite snack, please bring enough to share.

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

February 1/2
The Presentation of
Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
Psalm 84

February 8/9
Epiphany 5

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138

February 15/16
Epiphany 6

Jeremiah 17:5-10
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26
Psalm 1

February 22/23
Epiphany 7

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38
Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

TREASURER'S REPORT
as of December 31, 2024
Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	29,781.53	311,156.77	325,853.02
Thrift Shop	4,115.07	39,938.11	41,150.00
Total Revenues	33,896.60	351,094.88	367,003.02
Expenses			
Core Church	38,108.82	317,025.81	371,973.00
Thrift Shop	1,884.31	21,901.11	24,468.00
Total Expenses	39,993.13	338,926.92	396,441.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(8,327.29)	(5,869.04)	(46,119.98)
Thrift Shop	2,230.76	18,037.00	16,682.00
Total	(6,096.53)	12,167.96	(29,437.98)
Investments			
SSGA	116,914.18	Bank Accounts	
Alliance Bernstein	38,317.83	Bank of America	
		Unrestricted	87,637.11
		Restricted	313,124.85
		Truist	
		Unrestricted	107,825.17
Total	155,232.01	Total	508,587.13

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



Happy Valentine's Day!

Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your commitment to our country.

Please call the office with updates to this list.

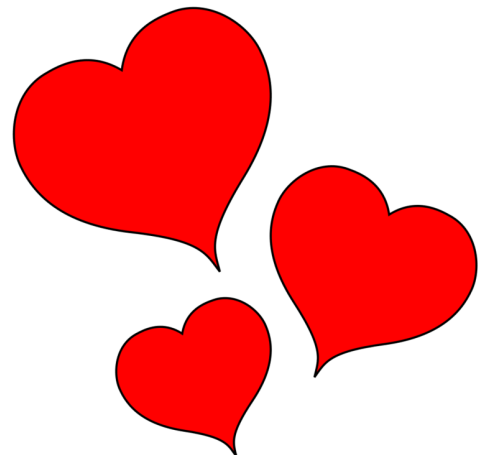


Love Thy Neighbor

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 C O M P A S S I O N A T E O H
 E C W W T T E F I H E C B Q V
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Word list:

BUILD	HUMBLE
CARE	KIND
COMPASSIONATE	LOVE
ENCOURAGE	MIND
FORGIVE	NEIGHBOR
GOD	PRAY
HEART	SHARE
HELP	TREAT





BIRTHDAYS

- 02/01 Blake William Smart
- 02/02 Russell Meissner
- 02/02 Debbie Smith
- 02/03 B.J. Spencer
- 02/04 Emily Ann Lindsey
- 02/06 Michelle Meissner
- 02/07 Sherry Cortier
- 02/09 Ileta Monahan
- 02/09 Gretchen Murray
- 02/09 Cecilia Soch
- 02/13 Bob Armitage
- 02/13 Karen Risley
- 02/17 Dorothy Walker
- 02/18 Rev. Elaine Cole
- 02/20 Helen Evans
- 02/20 George Lawton
- 02/21 Linda Neill
- 02/25 Sylvia Hicks
- 02/25 Cheryl (Pederson) Linthicum
- 02/28 David Mulholland

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
- 02/23 John and Helen Evans

JANUARY 2024 ATTENDANCE							
Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
4/5	6	34	23	32	67	35	197
11/12	4	41	21	32	73	9	180
18/19	5	38	12	34	52	27	168
25/26	4	43	26	35	61	57	226
TOTAL	19	156	82	133	253	128	
AVERAGE	5	39	21	33	63	32	

JANUARY 2024

Transfers in: 0
 Weddings: 0
 Transfers out:
 Baptisms: 0
 Anointing: 42
 Deaths: 2
 Ann Szubinski
 Carole Fuller
 Funerals: 0

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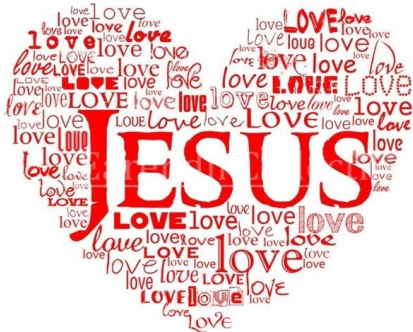
Sunday Services
 8 am Service (no music)
 10:30 am Service (music)

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	3 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	4 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	5 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open	6 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open 6 pm Sanctuary Choir	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 10 am Daughters of the King Meeting 4 pm Holy Eucharist II <i>"Soup"er Bowl Week-end</i>
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