



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

JUNE 2025

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

The past 20 years have seen a revolution in how we communicate information with one another. We have witnessed the widespread adoption of the internet by people of all ages and walks of life. At first, the internet was an additional channel of quick connection. It has now supplanted many of the traditional avenues for sharing important material. In 2025, I have multiple apps on my iPhone that will alert me with "Breaking News." At the same time, I rarely pick up a hard copy newspaper anymore.



The shifts in communication going on in corporate media are being replicated in the church. Once upon a time, our diocese sent out a monthly newspaper entitled "The Southern Cross." The first edition of that publication came out in 1970, shortly after the establishment of the diocese. As electronic communication became more common, it morphed into a quarterly magazine in 2014. You may have noticed that you have not received a copy since October 2022. When Bishop Scharf became our diocesan bishop, he directed that the resources devoted to "The Southern Cross" be invested in creating an excellent web presence along with improving the quality of the bi-weekly "Bridges" email as an organ for sharing the Good News from across the diocese.

The shift that has occurred in diocesan communication has been mirrored in most parishes. Churches that once published monthly newsletters realized that savings in printing and postage could be realized through online distribution of those newsletters as pdf files. Increasingly, parishes began to see online platforms as the primary means of communication. Printed communications often contained outdated material as last-minute changes became necessary. Electronic newsletters are able to convey important data on short notice. It also allows people from beyond the parish who may be interested in us to get a better glimpse of what life is like at St. Andrew's.

We are somewhat unique in that we continue to have a hard copy monthly newsletter (even if many of you are reading this in electronic form). Most churches sunsetted their

monthly newsletters some years ago or reduced them to seasonal publications. They generally report the change to be positive.

I know many of you value receiving the "Chimes" as a way to stay connected with what is happening at St. Andrew's. That sense of connection is important. That said, I believe it is important for us to invest our resources in the ways most of us communicate. Whether it is our church or our grandchildren, most of us are now communicating electronically. I want to follow the path of our diocese and most parishes in creating a quality online communication experience through the "e-Chimes."

It is customary for the printed "Chimes" newsletter to go on recess over the summer months. It seems that this is an appropriate point to make the adjustment that has occurred in most other parishes and dedicate our time and energy in the parish office into the electronic newsletter. While it is not my intention to fully eliminate this newsletter in the fall, we will be producing it less frequently than in the past. It will probably take on a different style. It will be less about current events and increasingly a platform to tell out stories. It is my hope that many of the things we currently do through the "Chimes" will be integrated into the "eChimes."

I realize this represents a major change and a mindset shift in how we communicate. I know many of you look forward to the arrival of this publication. Please know that we want everyone to stay informed. The good news is that the e-newsletter arrives much more frequently. The information is up-to-date and in an electronic-friendly format. If you have important details share, please let Lisa know in the church office so it can be included.

We give thanks for those who have made the printed Chimes a valued source of information for St. Andrew's through the years. As we find new ways to tell our stories, we are reminded that we follow in the footsteps of those who were effective in spreading the Gospel using the tools of their day.

With thanksgiving for your partnership in the Gospel,
Matthew+

Senior Warden

Kathy Ludwell

Sunday, May 25th, was the last Eucharistic service held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church; Bishop Scharf conducted the service. The service ended with the deconsecration of the building; Canon Norman read the bishop's decree, and the altar was stripped. It was a very somber and sobering event.

During the service, Bishop Scharf encouraged St. Martin's parishioners to share their memories of their time as a church family. After hearing testimonials of these experiences, I know St. Andrew's would be so fortunate to have them join our church family. They portrayed a picture of a close knit group who enthusiastically welcomed others into their church and appreciated each other's individuality. Just the type of Christianity we all strive for. One characteristic of their church family that was prevalent in all of their testimonials and that I very much appreciated was that they were not shy about inviting newcomers to join their various ministries. This enthusiasm made the visitors feel welcome and at home. And now the members of St. Martin's must find a new church to attend. I can only hope that we will welcome any who attend our services in the same manner making them feel at home and letting them know how much we need their participation and ideas. St. Martin's and St. Andrew's - one family. The upcoming church picnic being held on Saturday, June 21, would be a great time for the entire congregation to gather together to appreciate each other and our good fortune.

Junior Warden

Roger Roy

This last month we have replaced the flags in the Memorial Garden as well as in front of the Thrift

Shop. The well pump for our irrigation system was fixed and will be utilized for irrigation soon. The exhaust fan in Krysher Hall was repaired, a new belt and three fuze switch were replaced. The refrigerator, freezers, and ice machine were inspected and running well. Our 44- year- old golf cart got a well-needed tune up, but we are still looking for a new or used one, please let us know if you come across one for the church. Our fire extinguishers all around the campus were inspected and some replaced. The faucets in Krysher Hall's Kitchen were replaced as they were leaking badly. There was a report of mold in Colton Hall, but the rugs were cleaned and found out to only be dirt and coffee stains. Finally, I would like to thank all the people who came out to rake around the Thrift Shop and other areas of the church. It is looking good right now but more leaves are falling, and we likely need more rakers soon. Thank You!

Altar Guild

Glee Gates, Co-director

Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send our workers into His harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38

As we enter our hurricane season and the heat of the summer, we often think this is the time for a break from our responsibilities and daily tasks. This might be true for some but for most of us, the duties continue. Are the bills paid? Is the money that is donated, counted each week? Do we continue to have wine and hosts for communion? Is the church set up and colors changed with the liturgical seasons and special services such

as funerals and baptisms? Are the flowers in place? Are people there to greet you as you enter the church, serve you communion and read the scriptures each week? Is someone always there to prepare the weekly slides and to run those slides as we worship? Are the services streamed to those who cannot attend in person? Are the sick and shut-in visited and served communion at home? Are there organized planned activities to include everyone for enjoyment and fellowship? Is the Thrift Store open and manned with volunteers? Is the lawn mowed, bushes trimmed, leaves raked, weeds pulled and Memorial Garden maintained respectfully? I think you get the point. There are so many ways to give of your time and talents and so many of the above are fulfilled by a handful of people.

In last month's Chimes I asked for volunteers to be called on for special services, I did not receive one response to our needs to share God's blessings! If you don't help, who will?

Quote from Derwin Gray, Limitless Life:

Our time,
talents & treasure
are on loan to us
from God.

Give them away with

Unlimited Generosity!

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

Summertime is often a time of rest for many. People go on vacation, traditional schools are closed and the heat here in Florida forces us to go slow and rest more frequently. However, rest is meant to be restorative. As things slow down it is a good time to take the opportunity to meditate on our plans and wants vs God's plans and ways for us.

For a starter : Jesus summarized his teachings on commandments into two core principles: love God and love your neighbor. Specifically, he emphasized loving God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and loving your neighbor as yourself. These principles are foundational to his message and are considered the "two great commandments".

What gifts/talents can you offer your family , neighbors and St. Andrews ? Can't think of anything ? Then take a leap of faith and try something new. There are many passages in the Bible assuring us that God is with us at all times and will see us through . Then when regular schedules return you will be rested and restored to share yourself and the fruits of your meditations with others ! (Especially St Andrews !)

The Pastoral Care team will continue to provide visits to the homebound, hospitalized, those in rehab or extended care facilities. (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 Matthew at the church 352 683-2010 .)

Remember if we do not know when you are in the hospital or home bound you or someone on your behalf must call the office. We have no other way of knowing you needs.



CHOIR NOTES

Jody Bowes, Director of Music

As the summer months begin our choir will take their traditional Summer Break in the months of June and July. Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, August 21st for our fall season. We have been blessed to have the opportunity to use the musical gifts God has given us to add to our 10:30 am worship service. I pray God will continue to guide our musical pathways as we continue to grow together in His love. Your participation is always welcome, whether in our Sanctuary Choir which sings at the 10:30 am service and rehearses on Thursday evenings, or in our Christmas and/or Easter Choirs which rehearse seasonally on Saturdays at 3 pm. Please consider adding your voice to our music ministry. See you in church!



An Invitation to all Ladies of the Church:

During the summer, church ministries normally take a break. But sometimes we still have the need for fellowship that we receive while participating in these ministries. So, all ladies of the church are invited to a once a week gathering for lunch and casual discussions. Our first meeting will be Thursday, June 19 at noon in Krysher Hall. Please bring your own lunch and drink. For more information, contact Connie Mehr.



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE
WHO SERVE AND PROTECT**

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.



HAWAIIAN LUAU

Our luau was a great success! The night was very busy with great food, trivia game, raffles and especially the dancing. Emily led the Macarena, Roger the Hula and Connie, the train. Many thanks to everyone that attended and helped set up and clean up.



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TREASURER'S REPORT
as of April 30, 2025
Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	22,390.00	108,756.63	288,545.00
Thrift Shop	4,913.24	18,717.97	40,100.00
Total Revenues	27,303.24	127,474.60	328,645.00
Expenses			
Core Church	34,306.14	131,726.45	401,278.00
Thrift Shop	1,874.32	8,062.58	22,426.00
Total Expenses	36,180.46	139,789.03	423,704.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(11,916.14)	(22,969.82)	(112,733.00)
Thrift Shop	3,038.92	10,655.39	17,674.00
Total	(8,877.22)	(12,314.43)	(95,059.00)
Investments			
		Bank Accounts	Truist
SSGA	119,305.72	Unrestricted	78,171.82
		Restricted	439,290.81
Total	119,305.72	Total	517,462.63



Mark Your Calendars for July & August!

CARD BINGO

Sunday, 7-13-25 from 12-3

\$10, includes one 50/50 ticket

More 50/50 tickets sold at door

Lunch of Hot Dogs, Chips & Cookie \$5.00

PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION

Saturday, 7-26-25 from 1-3

LADIES LUNCHEON

Friday, August 8, 2025

12:30 @ Wellington Country Club

BUNCO

Sunday, 8-24-2025 from 12:00-3

\$20, includes one free 50/50 ticket

More 50/50 tickets sold at door

Lunch of Hot Dogs, Chips & Cookies \$5.00

Serve
wholeheartedly,
as if you were
serving the
Lord, not
people.
Ephesians 6:7

A Pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece and Italy



Have you ever wanted to go on a pilgrimage but haven't had the ability to do so? Well, now you can! And you don't have to leave Spring Hill! Join Connie Mehr on **Saturday, July 26 from 1:00 to 3:00** in the church to go on a pilgrimage to places where the apostle Paul journeyed. Through photos from her pilgrimage, Connie will take you to Ephesus, Turkey and Corinth, Greece. In addition, this pilgrimage will include a photo trip to the Lost City of Pompeii, Italy. The presentation will include time for discussion. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex the first week of July. For more information, contact Connie Mehr.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

02 Beverly Blickensdorf
 03 Junette Holmes
 05 David E. Soch
 05 Edna Wood
 08 Jeff Leavenworth
 12 Jennifer Meissner
 13 Austin Cole
 16 Bradley Meissner
 18 Anthony Clifton
 18 Bev Clohset
 19 Angelina Meissner
 20 Colleen Kovacs
 24 Joe Monday
 29 Pat Hubbell
 Ryan Grant
 30 John Crouse

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

12 George and Nancy Cotter
 26 Bob and Carolyn Meissner
 27 Craig and Glee Gates

JUNE LECTIONARY**June 1 Easter 7**

Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
 John 17:20-26

June 8 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
 or Genesis 11:1-9
 Romans 8:14-17
 or Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:25-35, 37
 John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 15 TRINITY SUNDAY

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
 Psalm 8 or Canticle 13
 Romans 5:1-5
 John 16:12-15

June 22 Pentecost 2

Isaiah 65:1-9
 Psalm 22:18-27
 Galatians 3:23-29
 Luke 8:26-39

June 29 Pentecost 3

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21
 Psalm 16
 Galatians 5:1,13-25
 Luke 9:51-62

MAY 2025

Transfers in: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfers out: 0

Baptisms: 0

Anointing: 17

Deaths: 1

Jenell Burleson 05/25

Funerals: 1

Cary Madsen 5/3/25



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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)

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MAY 2025 ATTENDANCE

Week Ending Sat/Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
3/4	3	33	14	25	66	38	179
10/11	4	39	15	31	61	35	185
18/19	5	36	14	17	65	29	166
24/25	5	39	13	34	61	47	199
TOTAL	17	147	56	107	253	149	
AVER-AGE	4	37	14	27	63	37	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am Holy Eucharist II 9:15 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	2 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	3 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	4 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open OFFICE CLOSED	5 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open	6 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open OFFICE CLOSED	7 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 4 pm Holy Eucharist II, followed by Adult Formation
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