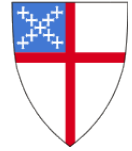


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes



An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

February 2019



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This February is one without an Ash Wednesday. That hasn't happened since 2014. Typically Lent starts sometime in February. What that means of course is that we have the Season after Epiphany for a longer time. And that is a blessing because it gives us more time to contemplate the significance of Jesus being God and a human.

Now the fact is 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 the how it happened exactly, we can begin to grasp 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. He even knows what it is like to feel rejected by God. So we know we have a God who knows our pain, our suffering, and loneliness. We know God understands us.

The second reason Jesus is completely God and completely man is important is built off of the first reason which is 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? My goodness, 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 say these words so much that they kind of lose their power 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 Jesus being completely God and completely man 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 important reasons why Jesus being completely God and completely human is really significant. I hope you will make some time to think about this in this season.

As we move into spring the vestry will be having their annual vestry retreat when we look at where we have been and where we need to go this coming year. We will look at what the needs of our church are and what Jesus would have us do about them. So please pray for your vestry and me.

As you will see on our church calendar we have another fun time planned with our Strings & Things February celebration "All you need is love." In the Adult Bible Studies we will continue looking at the Parables of Jesus. In Adult Formation we will be looking at what happened in the church in the first, second, and third centuries and how those events formed and shaped who we became today. These take place along with the men's group meetings and the single women's group meetings.

So you see we have a wonderful Season after Epiphany mapped out! I hope you will take part in many of these events and continue to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance

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The Deacon's Bench

Deacon Ludwig Wallner

Bells and the Rood Screen



The Oxford American Dictionary defines a bell "as a hollow object in the shape of a deep upturned cup, made to sound a clear musical note when struck either internally or externally."

So why do we use bells before and during the service? Is it just to add some musical sound to our worship service? No, the use of bell has a very clear meaning.

Usually before the service begins, the Steeple Bell (which is now located in the courtyard) is rung. This is not only a notice that the worship service is about to begin, but the true meaning is that this ringing is a call to the parishioners to come to worship. In fact, in rural England traditional parish boundaries were marked by how far away a church's bells could be heard.

During the worship service, smaller bells are rung which are known as the Sanctus or scring bells. These bells are used during the prayer of consecration and are meant to draw the attention of the congregation to the special moments of this part of the service.

One has to ask why bells to draw my attention to what's going on. Good question, so let's look at a bit of history. An ancient English word for cross was "Rood". One feature of many medieval church furnishings was a screen which separated the nave of the church from the chancel area. In many churches the chancel screen was topped with a beam on which rested either a large crucifix or a Christus Rex. As a result of this arrangement the beam was known as the rood beam and the screen became known as a rood screen.

While the congregation was in the nave, the rood screen prevented them from seeing the worship service and in many cases from hearing the service. In order for members of the congregation to know what was going on in the service, bells were introduced to draw attention to the beginning of the Great Thanksgiving. Thus the Sanctus bells are rung (usually three times) at the Holy, Holy, Holy. Next time is at the end of prayer "On the night . . . Remembrance of me". In some churches during this prayer the priest genuflects, elevates the bread and then again genuflects, the bell is rung at each of these motions for a total of three. Likewise during the prayer "After supper . . . remembrance of

me" the bell is rung. Again in some churches as the priest genuflects and elevates the chalice the bells are rung usually three times. The final time the Sanctus bells are rung are at the "Great Amen" which is the end of the consecration prayers and before the Lord's Prayer.

In many Episcopal churches, rather than the genuflection during the Great Thanksgiving, the priest will make a profound bow at the appropriate time. This is the case here at St. Andrew's.

Historic Note: In medieval churches, the purpose of the Chancel or Rood Screen was to separate the priests and/or the monks from the laity. Today there are very few churches with Rood Screens, since we no longer separate the clergy from the laity. Most Rood Screens which can be seen today have survived the ages and/or have been restored in medieval churches. Although the Rood Screen no longer exists, a feature of the Rood exists in many Episcopal churches today, including St. Andrew's which is the Christus Rex in the chancel area.

Church terms:

Nave: The large area of a church, usually where the congregation worships, between the narthex and the chancel.

Chancel: The area around the altar.

Narthex: The space or room between the main doors to the outside and the main doors leading to the nave.

Sr. Warden's Remarks



Craig Gates, Sr. Warden

Welcome to February everyone. Even with our few days of winter we have enjoyed our glorious Florida weather.

Now that we have enjoyed our annual meeting, taken care of our church business and elected new vestry members and convention delegates, we are ready for all the work and accomplishments that lay ahead this year. We are indeed blessed to have such a wonderful church and church family to do the work that God has given us to do. Thank you to all for the gifts you bring to St. Andrews.

I look forward to worshipping with you and welcoming newcomers into our church.

Ministry News

Altar Guild



*Glee Gates,
Coordinator*

Hello Everyone!

As you know, I often use this space to inform you of the functions of the Altar Guild. This month, I would like to share some excerpts from the manual for Altar Guilds dated 1915 compiled by JOSEPHINE SMITH WOOD from the Episcopal Diocese of New York that still hold true today.

The Font is properly placed near the door, to show that Baptism is the gate by which we enter into the fold of Christ's Church.

The Altar is made conspicuous as the most sacred part of the Church, because it commemorates Christ crucified. It is elevated for its Divine purpose, beautified and adorned as the throne of the Great King and railed in to preserve it from irreverence. The place within the Chancel rail is called the Sanctuary.

The two Eucharistic lights (candles) are said to signify that "Christ is the True Light of the world, revealed to us in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments." When lighted for the Celebration, the light on the Epistle side is kindled first and extinguished last (so the Gospel side never burns alone). Other lights on or about the Altar are used as symbols of spiritual joy in Christ's Redemption.

Flowers are used for the same reason, symbolizing spiritual joy. No ornaments or adornments should be placed on the Altar proper.

Although I took the liberty to abbreviate some of these excerpts, this manual compiled over 100 years ago validates the meaning behind what we do and the directives your Altar Guild continues to follow today. I hope you enjoyed these teachings as much as I did. . . . 100 years later.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Janet Crisfield
Facilitator



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 pray and anoint for healing. However, it is not necessary to be or do either. Our goal is to bring the presence of Christ and the caring of our congregation to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of the visits can consist of a short friendly visit bringing bulletins, newsletters, cards and small gifts, prayer and or reading Bible passages if the parishioner is unable to do so.

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 Lance at the church 352-683-2010.

Our next meeting is Wednesday March 20 at 12 noon in Krysher Hall.

Reminder: we cannot visit you or your loved one if we do not know you need a visit. The laws and guidelines are very strict and facilities cannot let us know if you are there or not. You or a family member or friend must call the office and let us know. The office staff is very conscientious about letting Father Lance and me know.

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

Janet Crisfield

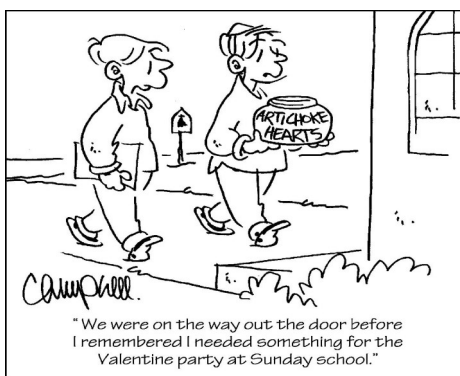


Sunday School

Miss Susan,
Miss Colleen &
Miss Jeanie



Leaving something or someone behind does not mean that you will not find it. The Magi followed the star in seeking to find the Savior. Our Sunday School Group has posted our New Year's Resolutions to check and/or modify weekly. By learning from our mistakes we find new beginnings. We defined the term Epiphany citing the Wisemen, John the Baptist, and the Wedding at Cana. We learned about Jesus' first miracle there, ask us about it!



Music Notes

Jody Bowes,
Music Ministry



Mark your calendars for February 16th: **"Strings & Things: All You Need is Love"** from 6 to 8 pm in Krysher Hall. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share.

The **Sunday School Children** will present a song using hand-held chimes at the 10:30 am service on Feb. 17.

Easter Choir rehearsals begin Saturday, March 2nd at 1 pm in the Krysher Hall Music Room.

See you in church!

Lifeline Screenings

Debbie Smith

This year's Lifeline Screenings were a complete success! Parishioners interested in getting a screening done made appointments to come in. We had a total of 66 screenings completed!!!



Single Women's Group

Connie Mehr

The Single Women's Group had a wonderful Christmas party on Christmas Day. The six ladies who attended enjoyed good food and good fun! We played games, worked on a craft and enjoyed talking and laughing with each other. The Group officially kicked off with a "meet and greet" on January 12. The ten ladies who attended got to know each other and discovered they have more in common than just being single! We also began a Bible Study on January 15. This study is not a Bible Study per se; it is a journey to discover and discuss issues that single women face and identify scripture to help us through these issues, thus strengthening our relationship to God. This study and discussion is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events (more information will be forthcoming):


February 15 – Lunch at Cracker Barrel – sign up sheet in the Narthex – deadline is Feb 10 – We will be happy to help those who need a ride
March 23 – Stage West to see "Of Mice and Men"
April 26 - Potluck Dinner
May 18 – Tea Party
June 8 – Indoor Beach Party (indoor picnic with beach theme)

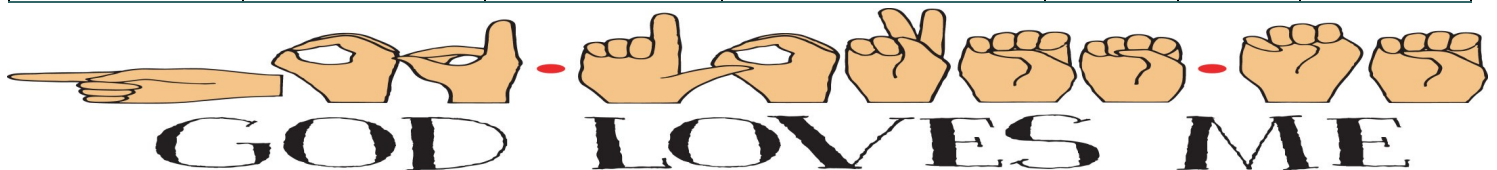




EVENT KEY

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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LOCATION KEY

C = Church	TS = Thrift Shop
CH = Coulton Hall	SC = Chapel/Class Room in Narthex
KH = Krysher Hall	MG = Memorial Garden
L = Library	

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Friday & Saturday, February 1 & 2 Vestry Retreat

Sunday, February 3	Souper Bowl Sunday
Thursday, February 7	9:00 am AARP starts (Thursdays)
Friday, February 8	9:00 am Men's Group
Sunday, February 10	Scout Sunday
Friday, February 15	11:30 am Single Women's Group at Cracker Barrel
Saturday, February 16	6:00 pm "Strings & Things: All You Need is Love"
Sunday, February 17	Soup & Salad Potluck - bring desserts! 12:30 pm Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, February 19	1:00 pm Single Women's Bible Study
Friday, February 22	9:00 am Men's Group

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 5	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 20	Pastoral Care Meeting

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

Keith Barroncini, Julian Barry, Joseph Beatty, Brian Cain, Martin Clausen, James Cole, Neil Crown, Krista Crosetto, Jason Daniels, Myriah Diaz, Olivia Clair, Warren Fedoryk, Daniel Fitch, Shawn Fitch, Howard Gidden, Sean Gilbert, Donald Harris, Dwayne Hamblin, Roger Handy, Andrew Hammatt, Doug Henderson, Joseph Kee, Amy Kelly, Kristina Langley, Skip LaPointe, Cade Mulrooney, Jacob Poma, Rhett Roy, Tracy Thomas, Courtney Foster McCorvey, Peter Turner, & Mary Turner.

Please call the office with updates to this list.

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February Lectionary

February 3

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30
Psalm 71:1-6

February 10

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-13
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 138

February 17

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

February 24

Seventh 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

LOVE Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*
1 Corinthians 13:4

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Follansbee, Treasurer
As of **November 30, 2018**

	This Month	Year to Date	2018 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	30,557.36	315,443.33	357,252.00
Thrift Shop	5,354.32	52,842.47	55,300.00
Total Revenues	35,911.68	368,285.80	412,552.00
Expenses			
Core Church	36,768.05	355,189.44	369,221.82
Thrift Shop	903.04	18,431.21	17,009.41
Total Expenses	37,671.09	373,620.65	386,231.23
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(6,210.69)	(39,746.11)	(11,969.82)
Thrift Shop	4,451.28	34,411.26	38,290.59
Total	(1,759.41)	(5,334.85)	26,320.77
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	99,506.14	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	33,386.47	Unrestricted	(4,991.89)
		Restricted	244,238.04
		Discretionary	306.21
Total	132,892.61	Total	239,552.36

Food Pantry Shopping List

This is our staples list, other items appreciated.



Mac 'n cheese
Spaghetti
Cereal
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup

Cans or jars:

Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta Sauce
Chicken Noodle soup
Tomato soup
Tuna
Corn
Green beans
Pork 'n beans
Canned peaches

Hotdogs

Thanks so much for helping our community families.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, we will shop for you. We do most of our shopping at Save A Lot.

January 2019

Transfers in: 0

Transfers out: 0

Deaths: Elaine Cremer 1/16/19

Funerals: 0

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Anointings: 77

January Attendance

Week Ending Sat./Sunday	* Other Services	Sat. 4 pm	Sunday 8 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Total
January 6/7		50	39	160	249
January 13/14	*8	55	48	154	265
January 20/21		52	44	140	236
January 27/28		53	46	120	219
TOTAL	8	210	177	574	969

Bulletin Board

Meetings, Event News, etc.

If you would like more information about our ministries please pick up a copy of the Serving Opportunities brochure or call the church office.

Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age – especially if you are 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.



In Your Area

AARP TAX-AIDE LOCATIONS

February 1st – April 12th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Need to be at tax site before 12 noon. No Appointment

Mondays:	Grace World Outreach Church, 2033 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville
Tuesdays:	First United Methodist Church, 9344 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill
Wednesdays:	High Point Clubhouse, 12249 Clubhouse Rd., High Point Community
Thursdays:	St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2301 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill
Fridays:	Brookridge Clubhouse, 8150 Hampton St., Brookridge Community

AARP Foundation®

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BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY
ANNIVERSARIES

1 Kathleen Birdsall	13 Bob Armitage
1 Eric Kepner	16 Bob Meissner
2 Russell Meissner	17 Pat Good
2 Debbie Smith	17 Lucy Joyce
3 Eileen McGiffin	18 Christy Cline
4 Emily Ann Lindsey	18 Rev. Elaine Cole
6 Michelle Meissner	19 Harry Owens
7 Peter Baird	20 Dale Hatch
7 Jane Hood	21 Michaela Crooks
7 Isabel Lalane	21 Linda Neill
8 Loreen Rice	23 Linda Birnbaum
9 Ileta Monahan	23 Mary Clark
9 Gretchen Murray	25 Kay Hatch
9 Jacqueline Ruth	25 Sylvia Hicks
10 Josephine Kunz	25 Cheryl Pederson
11 Salwa Eldarzi	26 Lisa Hoover
12 Jodi Ausland	28 David Mulholland
12 Bob Comey	

1 Minnie & Jerry Yoerg
5 Pat & Jim Dodge
10 Lill & Art Giordano
15 Pat & Lou Johnson

HOW
PRECIOUS IS
YOUR **STEAD-FAST**
LOVE,
O GOD!
PSALM 36:7

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Sunday Services

8 am Service (no music)
9:15 am Adult Formation Class
9:45 Jr. Inquirers
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services

4 pm Service (no music)
5 pm Adult Formation Class

Wednesday Services

10 am Service
with prayers for healing
11 am to 1 pm Food Pantry open
1:30 and 6 pm Adult Bible Study
6 pm Youth Ministry

Parish Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs. 9 am – 2 pm
(Closed Friday)

Diocese Website

www.episcopalswfl.org

The Parish Chimes Editors

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St. Andrew's Music Ministry presents a FREE FELLOWSHIP EVENT ...



Saturday

Feb. 16th

6 to 8 pm

Krysher Hall



Strings & Things: All You Need is



Love



A musical evening of LOVE-inspired music from
Beatles to Broadway, including Sing-A-Longs!

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