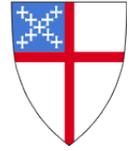


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes



An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

August 2020



From the Rector

As I write this article I am once again struck with how much we are in God's hands and despite what we think and plan God may have a different plan. And guess what? We will go with God's plan whether we like it or not. We may go kicking and screaming; we may go willingly and peacefully, but we will go. Along that line, if anyone had told you in 2019 that the entire world would be shut down due to a virus, you would not believe it. No one would have believed it. It is inconceivable and yet, here we are. All this to say, I certainly do not know what is in store for us in August. I do not know whether or not the governor will close the state back down; I don't know whether the bishop will close our churches back down. All I can say is that right now, the Covid virus infections are continuing to increase and even here in Hernando County and here at St. Andrew's Church we are being affected. We have had one member die of the Covid virus. We have had another infected but it looks as though he will recover, thanks be to God. (Neither one has been here at church since February)

At this point therefore we are still going to continue only our services 4 pm on Saturdays, 8 am and 10:30 Sundays. Our office is closed but we are still here and if you need to speak with me please feel free to set up an appointment through Lisa by calling our church number, 352-683-2010.

So how are we supposed to deal with this disease that is running seemingly uncontrolled in our midst? In John chapter 16 Jesus is concluding his upper room discourse with his disciples. (They are probably on their way to the Mount of Olives where Jesus will pray, the disciples will fall asleep and then Judas will come with a band of soldiers to arrest Him.) As he finishes

teaching them Jesus says, "I have said these things to you, (the things from chapter 13 through 16) I have said these things that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." You see, we WILL have tribulation; we will have hard times in this world. We always tend to be surprised when bad things happen; we wonder how God could have allowed this bad thing to happen to us of all people. Yet Jesus tells us that in fact bad things will happen to us in this world. We will have to deal with viruses and plagues, old age and sicknesses. We may have earthquakes, hurricanes and all sorts of bad things. Yet, Jesus says that he has told them all these things so that they can have peace. What all has he told them? (I encourage you to check it out in its entirety.) He has promised them that they will not be alone because He will send them His Spirit, His Holy Spirit to be with them. God will send us His Spirit to live with and in us! Yes, we will have to go through hard times in this world. But this world, our life in this world, is not the whole story. This world is only the first chapter and we have the rest of our eternal lives that will be really great news! This first part is the tough part, it is true. But through this tough part God Himself will walk with us. God Himself will strengthen us and help us. Through Him we can have peace because everything will turn out well in the end and not just well, it will turn out great! Jesus told us to take heart, or it could be translated as take courage because Jesus has overcome the world. He is the victor and through Him we will have victory as well.

I am continuing to pray for you that you will feel God's holy presence and know his great love!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance

Sr. Warden's Remarks

Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden



So, here we are waiting for this pandemic to end or at least decrease to the point where we can resume our normal lives of worship. If you are like Kathy and me, you are struggling with cabin fever. You cannot participate in the ministries you are accustomed to doing. Even attending service can present a challenge. Given all of this, I have become very impatient. Then I read an article about how Christians should approach patience. It shared that as Christians we should thank God. Next, it stated that we should ask His purpose. Lastly, remember that God works for those who love Him. I struggle with all of this. Yet, all I can do is wait for His response.

On another note, while many of our ministries are not able to provide their services, we are still planning on how to adjust our delivery to the community.

Jr. Warden's Remarks

Bob Meissner, Jr. Warden

Well now that the winter is over, we can put the snow shovels away. The summer heat melted it. Ha! Ha!

Since March we have been very busy. I will only notify you of the major projects completed. The 10 ton and the 15 ton air conditions were replaced in the Church and the Flags now move. The back flow valve for fresh water was fixed. The toilet in the men's room of the narthex was also fixed. The Memorial Gardens were worked over. The Church gutters were replaced with 7" gutters and the water leaks fixed. Cleaned pipe in Day Care Center. The last major item completed on Monday, July 26th, was the Church Septic Tanks. There were other jobs completed which were more minor but necessary.

All looks well as of this time, hopefully no more big outlays of money. I know we all pray that Jesus will help us find a vaccine cure for this virus, until that time, Be Safe.

Love to All, Bob

Ministry News

Altar Guild

Glee Gates,
Coordinator



Hello Everyone!

Your Altar Guild is one ministry, although abbreviated, that has stayed active throughout this pandemic. We are still preparing the altar for the regular services as well as memorial services as needed. For safety's sake only a few of us are currently active but we are here for you and for the preparation of our services.

As a reminder, since the church has begun having regular services, please consider honoring a loved one for a special occasion, memorial or thanksgiving by sponsoring the Altar Flowers and the Presence Light. Envelopes are in the pew pockets for these donations or you can call the church office.

We look forward to and pray for a time when we can all safely be together again. Until then, be safe, be well, be happy and trust in God's love to carry us through each day.

In His Service,

Glee Gates



The 5 Finger Prayer

(found & submitted by Susan Villnow)

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, "a sweet duty".
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Connie Mehr, Treasurer
As of **March 1 - June 30, 2020**

	March-June	Year to Date	2020 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	125,378.99	149,770.96	351,900.00
Thrift Shop		18,371.69	45,350.00
Total Revenues	125,378.99	168,142.65	397,250.00
Expenses			
Core Church	101,186.89	136,302.07	376,834.45
Thrift Shop		6,358.01	20,415.55
Total Expenses			397,250.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	24,192.10	13,468.89	(24,934.45)
Thrift Shop		12,013.68	24,934.45
Total	24,192.10	25,482.57	
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	94,383.73	Sun Trust	
Alliance		Unrestricted	18,995.97
Bernstein	37,490.48	Restricted	162,529.31
		Discretionary	41051
Total	131,874.21	Total	181,935.79

Note: The Treasurer's Report in the July Chimes reflected only the May figures not the March - May. This report accurately reflects data from March - June.

Parish Register

July Attendance

Week Ending Sat./Sun.	* Other Srvcs	Sat. 4 pm	Sun-day 8 am	Sun-day 10:30 am	To-tal
July 4/5		29	27	42	98
July 11/12		30	19	50	99
July 18/19	*41	31	19	51	142
July 25/26		36	21	49	106
TOTAL	*41	126	86	192	445
AVERAGE		67	22	48	112

July 2020

Transfers in: 0 Transfers out: 0

Deaths: Mickey Smith 7/9/20
Edward Knight 7/21/20

Funerals: Alice Francheschina 7/15/20
Mickey Smith 7/16/20
Anne Lama-Lewis 7/22/20

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Anointings: 0



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING

IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:

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

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Sunday Services

8 am Service
10:30 am Service

Saturday Services

4 pm Service

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By Appointment Only

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(Closed Friday)

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He has made everything

beautiful
in its time



Ecclesiastes 3:11



August BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Donna Sievers | 10 Janet Stephens | 18 Norma Leavenworth |
| 3 JoAnn Bowe | 14 Mervis Lewis | 19 Lisa Brennert |
| 4 Rudolph Smith | 14 James Wood | 20 Helen Sharp |
| 4 Craig Gates | 15 Katherine Goulet | 22 Derek Newman |
| 4 Aaron Lewis | 16 Carole Levesque | 23 Susan Meissener |
| 5 Larry Harrelson | 16 Marie Julian | 25 Milia Julian |
| 7 Ann Esposito | 17 Gabriel Lightburn | 26 Claudia Milledge |
| 7 Lill Giordano | 17 Janet Crisfield | 27 John Caamano |
| 8 Bob Burton | 18 Ester Marion | 28 Zaine Lewis |
| | | 28 Sally Roberts |
| | | 31 Marilyn Dietzel |

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Thanks to Mike Dean (See Joshua 6)

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IT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT THAT JOSHUA
ALSO "FIT" THE BATTLE OF JERICHO



August ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Debbie and Hal Smith
- 11 Diana and Philip Seminerio
- 15 Emily Ann and Clay Lindsey
- 23 Colleen and Rich Kovacs
- 25 Vonetta and David Lightburn
- 26 Bev and Phil Clohset