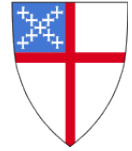


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes



An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

April 2021



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As I write this article the services of Holy Week are rapidly approaching. And each service is wonderful in its own right. The emphasis on service on Maundy Thursday is motivating. The emphasis on the Lord's suffering and sacrifice for us on Good Friday and Holy Saturday are moving. And then the great celebration of Easter itself in the Great Vigil and Easter morning is jubilant. And then, and then, well then things begin to calm down, except for us because we are now in the season of Easter. We have moved out of Lent, that serious season of penitence and introspection and moved into Eastertide. The season of Easter is seven weeks long. This time of the Christian year is a time in which we rejoice in the victory of Christ over death. But it is more than that because during this time we also examine our faith anew and consider what it is that we really believe. Do we really believe that a man came back to life? Do we really believe that this man was tortured and put to death on our account? Is this all some religious mumbo-jumbo? These are the big topics that we put on the table and consider in this season. Because if it is true that Jesus did in fact return to life after being tortured and killed on our account then Christianity is nothing close to any kind of religious mumbo-jumbo.

In our world today there are many in our society who do not consider the resurrection of Jesus to have much significance. In the minds of many, Jesus may have been a good guy and it was a shame that he was killed but does it really matter to us today? After all in the annals of history there have been many tragic deaths. In the minds of many around us, God is not very important in our day to day lives either. There may be times of crisis when we need Him, but otherwise we can get along quite well on our own. Most people seem to think is that God simply wants

us to be pretty good people, that we try to be nice and fair to others, and then when we die we will all go to a "better place." These are common beliefs in our society right now, aren't they? I hear them frequently and I am sure you do as well. Yet, if Jesus died for our sins and rose again then all those beliefs are very wrong. They are wrong because if Jesus rose from the dead there is only one way to God. They are wrong because if Jesus died on the cross for our sins there is only one way to avoid condemnation. And if those things are true there is only one to find peace from our troubled consciences. That one way is through Jesus Christ. The fact of Easter is the resounding "NO" to a nonchalant view of God and eternity. God takes our lives and how we live very seriously. God takes all our wrong doing very seriously. God takes our brokenness and needs very seriously. This is why Jesus came into the world. This is why Jesus had to die to pay the penalty for our sins and the sins of the human race; he had to because God considers our sins very seriously. This is also why we have our communion every week. During Holy Communion we remember that Christ was willing to be broken for us and as we turn to Him he will help our broken lives be made whole. During Holy Communion we remember that Christ shed His blood and as we turn to Him our empty souls can be filled. This is all true because Jesus did rise from the dead and that day was and is the most important day in all of human history!

May you this month have a glorious Easter and a jubilant Easter season!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

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Sr. Warden's Remarks

Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden



This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. (Psalm 118:24)

I always think that Spring really begins with Easter. How do they decide when that date is? Well, officially it follows the first full moon after the spring equinox. In Christian calendars the first full moon is called "Paschal Full Moon." Paschal comes from the Aramaic word meaning "Passover." Once again, an example of Jesus fulfilling the prophecies of the prophets.

Easter is a season of Rebirth. Yes, Spring is a time for trees budding and the first flowers pushing through the soil. But it is also a time for all of us to experience rebirth in the belief of Christ's Resurrection and Ascension.

On another note, the vestry is working diligently at reopening the numerous ministries in which so many members of our congregation participate.

Wishing you a blessed Easter season; let us be glad and rejoice!

Buildings & Grounds

Hal Smith



As spring and Easter season approaches, Steve and the grounds committee have the campus looking outstanding. We have just finished replacing the roofs on the Sanctuary, Krysher Hall, the walk-way and the office and the Thrift Shop and they look great. Steve has done a great job of painting, keeping trees trimmed and making sure our campus grounds stand out in the community. Again, thanks to Craig, Glee and Debbie for the outstanding work they have accomplished in Memorial Garden. Our beautiful garden has received its final touches and is complete. As you can see, we have put curbing around the statues and plant life so it looks great. The sod has been replanted, the mulch has been placed around the plants and the rocks around the statue. The engraver has polished the eternal garden markers in Memorial Garden and the cross outside of Krysher Hall. We are looking forward to having the Church enjoy these grounds during Easter.

Ministry News

Altar Guild

Glee Gates, Director
Patti Werner, Assistant Director



How wonderful to celebrate Easter and worship together this year! What a glorious celebration with the crosses visible again, the Alleluia Frontal on the altar and all the lovely lilies. Thank you to the Altar Guild and all the other volunteers who stripped palms and made crosses, assisted with the foot washing and those who helped in the stripping of the Altar. We were honored to decorate the altar and the church to celebrate our risen Lord and prepare for all the Holy Week services. For Easter, the Altar is adorned in white symbolizing joy. Although we use the undecorated white frontal many times throughout the liturgical year, this is the only time of the year we use the Alleluia frontal. Please remember to appreciate the joy it symbolizes every time you enter the church.

Thank you again to everyone who assisted the Altar Guild and to all those who volunteered their time and talents to make these special services of Holy Week an honor to Jesus and memorable for our whole church family.

Memorial Garden

Glee Gates



Many of you have visited the Memorial Garden since the restoration was completed and we have heard many positive and favorable comments on the appearance. This is how it all began:

The project began in early October. Since the shrubs and plants had reached their life expectancy it was necessary to remove the old plants, replace them with new ones and spread mulch around them. Due to settling, most of the grave markers were lifted, leveled and new base placed underneath to keep them stable. Using the map of sites, blank stones were placed in the available spaces to make it easier to identify sites.

The statue of Jesus and the Memorial Garden Monument were moved to a more prominent position. The old border was removed and new curbing put in that encircled the statue and the new plants. Crosses were placed on the curbing to give a look of reverence to the whole Garden.

New sod was put down on the bare ground between the rows of markers and the sprinkler was repaired to assure the water was adequate for the new plantings. Stones were placed around the base of the statue and monument.

The project was completed in March. We are blessed to have had the time, talent and resources to restore our Memorial Garden to a beautiful place of calm reflection.

Please join us for the rededication of the Memorial Garden on Holy Saturday. If you are unable to attend, take a few minutes to visit what a beautiful garden of remembrance we have here at St. Andrew's.



The Belles of St. Andrew's

Patti Werner



We had a wonderful attendance for our March Bingo day. Those that could not attend were missed. Our next get-together will be Tuesday April 13th at 2pm in Krysher Hall for Bingo. Bring an item for the prize table. It was fun to be with each other again and to welcome new ladies. Please contact me to let me know if you can attend in April.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Connie Mehr, Treasurer
As of February 28, 2021

	This Month	Year to Date	2020 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	34,407.37	69,909.78	327,044.00
Thrift Shop			30,150.00
Total Revenues	34,407.37	69,909.78	357,194.00
Expenses			
Core Church	28,215.10	56,559.83	340,170.00
Thrift Shop	1509.11	3000.53	17,024.00
Total Expenses	29,724.21	59,560.36	357,194.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	6,192.27	13,349.95	(13,126.00)
Thrift Shop	(1,509.11)	(3,00.53)	13,126.00
Total	4,683.16	10,349.42	0.00
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	115,401.65	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	30,922.38	Unrestricted	37,157.76
		Restricted	153,064.75
		Discretionary	240.51
Total	146,324.03	Total	190,453.02

Souper Bowl



Michelle Traudt

THANK YOU to all who donated to the Souper Bowl at the beginning of the month. We raised a total of \$386.50, which more than exceeded our expectations considering the pandemic & reduced attendance at church. So, thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who donated. As we all know now, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers went on to win Super Bowl 55 in their home stadium!!! What a great way to end the season



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

*Julian Barry, Joseph Beatty,
Martin Clausen, Krista Crosetto,
Howard Gidden, Sean Gilbert,
Dwayne Hamblin, Roger Handy,
Kristina Langley, Skip LaPointe,
Karen Monday-Gresham, Rhett Roy,
Tracy Thomas, Courtney Foster McCorvey,
Peter Turner, & Mary Turner.*

**We have revised the list, if your loved
one should be on it, please call the
office.**

March Attendance

Week Ending Sat./Sunday	* Other Services	Sat. 4 pm	Sunday 8 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Total
March 6/7		47	39	62	148
March 13/14		49	28	64	141
March 20/21		53	24	56	133
March 27/28		54	40	82	176
TOTAL		203	131	264	598
AVERAGE		51	33	66	150



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Sunday Services
8 am Service
10:30 am Service

Saturday Services
4 pm Service (no music)

Parish Office Hours
Mon. & Thurs. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Only one Black Friday
offers eternal savings.



1 Samantha Traudt	11 Charlene Moore	20 Alarene Knight
3 Gil Peterson	12 Phil Clohset	21 Kevina Trapp
4 Molly Agius	13 Rich Kovacs	21 Rocco Volpe
4 Pat Dodge	15 Ben Mikosz	21 Mary Ward
4 Sandra Meyers	16 Brittney Traudt	23 Heather Steele
6 Jody Bowes	17 Paula Harrelson	24 Cierra Fitch
8 Pat Hladky	18 Carolyn Bednarski	24 Frederick Larham
8 Jean Wimpenney	18 Gail Jordan	26 Laurine Smart
9 Nancy Cotter	19 Bob Howell	28 Desiree Cole
9 Steve Sumner	19 Linda Parks	28 Maria Cole
9 Doug Voght	19 Hal Smith	30 Beverly Crosetto

**Doris Derer turns
100!!!**



A big thank you to all who sent cards .
Pictured left is Doris celebrating at her
birthday party thrown by the staff at
Brookdale Senior Living.
Photo submitted by Pete Jackson.



6 Anne & Lee Thomas	24 Gloria & Steve Sumner
18 Gail & Jerry Niedurny	25 Raymond & Anita Curtis
21 Fr. Fred & Vera Scharf	26 Maggie & John Crouse
23 Sylvia & Bob Hicks	