## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

October 2021



## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Summer is now officially over. The weather is cooler and in the early mornings there is a slight chill in the air. Not only that, but it seems that the Covid numbers on the Delta virus are finally dropping. Hopefully soon the bishop will remove the mask mandate which will open up our ministries once

We had a wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend! Bishop Smith along with his wife Mary were here to celebrate with us and to receive our new members! We officially welcome Deborah and Joe Fox, BJ Lawson, Sandy Meyers and George and Henrietta Rice. Also here to celebrate with us were Fr. Ernie Bennett and his wife Roz and Shanda Mahurin and her husband Randy. It was a great celebration! I especially enjoyed hearing what our two former rectors had to say to us! The service went well; the music was beautiful, thank you Jody! The special music was outstanding! Thank you Jody and Lisa!

Those who were here on Sunday at 10:30 were able to pick up their anniversary gift, a tumbler or a set of stemless wine glasses. We will be handing them out at the 4 pm Saturday service and the 8 am Sunday service this coming week. And if you were at the 10:30 service and did not get your gift you can pick it up next Sunday as well.

Thanks also to the committee who helped me pick out the anniversary gifts: Connie Mehr, Patti Werner, Maureen Follansbee, Kathy Ludwell, and Diane Wallace. I want to thank Connie Mehr for coordinating the anniversary activities! She did a great job! Finally thank you to the Altar Guild for all their extra work in preparing for the special service.

October begins our annual stewardship month. I and Michael Ludwell will be sending out letters to the congregation and we will be sending out the pledge cards. Stewardship month can be either a time of joy or discomfort. I hope it will be a time of joy for you! As I have said in the past, giving is a

sign of spiritual health. We want to be able to give back to God. It is not supposed to be a matter of having to do something, like a wearisome chore; instead it should be a matter of being able or even getting to do something, as in being able to join in at a party. God understands that on the one hand we need money to survive, to pay our bills and buy our food and shelter. Yet throughout Scripture we are warned that money can get too strong a grip on our souls and that at least is one reason God set up the tithe, so that we have a good channel to be able to give our money away. Tithe is an odd and old fashioned word. It simply means "a tenth part of something paid as a voluntary contribution usually for the support of a religious establishment." Giving ten percent goes back to Abraham, the father of faith. He gave ten percent to the high priest Melchizedek as a way to say thank you to God for helping him win a battle. Ever since then, the tithe was considered a standard for us to follow. In the New Testament the example and then encouragement of giving continues and is still with us. We therefore have tithes and then offerings which is when we give over and above the tithe. As I will say in my congregational letter, I want you to pray about what you will give. Talk to God and ask Him to give you a thankful and joyful heart so that when you give it will be a joyful experience.

God has been so good to us here at St. Andrew's. For 50 years now he has faithfully kept our church together worshiping and honoring Jesus! Let us continue to grow as a church in love for God, in love for each other, and in love for those in our community.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

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#### Sr. Warden's Remarks

Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. . . I was sick and you looked after me." (Mat 25:34) When I was elected to the vestry little did I know how much I had to learn. Fr. Lance starts every meeting asking vestry members what they would like the rest of us to pray for; either something we are in need of or for another. This caught me off guard. I was brought up that prayer was personal and that the clergy prayed for us. Gradually, I began to understand the wisdom of his direction. It does help direct our conversation, collectively and individually, with God. Many of the prayer requests are for others. While we are still working through the pandemic and maybe cannot visit those ill for many reasons, please consider calling and looking after that person and others you know who are ill or living alone or cannot drive. See what you might be able to do to help.

On a similar note, thank you so much for your contributions to the Food Pantry. You would not believe the difference a donation of a box makes. Because of your generously following Christ's teaching to feed the hungry, we have not had to spend church funds. Yet, collectively, we are providing all the food necessary to maintain the program we have in place to support the pre-kindergarten families housed on our campus.

### Ministry News



Hello all. I know we are all enjoying the cooler temperatures now that we are in October. Soon we will be seeing our fellow parishioners that have been away for the summer. Your Altar Guild was pleased to adorn the Altar for the very special occasion of our 50th church anniversary. We are honored to serve our Lord and our church in the Altar Guild ministry. Hopefully, more and more folks will feel comfortable to attend church services in person in the future. The important thing is to feel safe and keep well! If you would like more information about what being on the Altar Guild is all about, please contact Glee or Patti.

#### **Pastoral** Care

Janet Crisfield



Pastoral Care Team visits continue to be on hold for hospitals and some extended care facilities due to the ongoing Covid developments. Fr Lance is able to visit in these places and continues to do so.

We were able to start visiting people in some extended care facilities; however, these places have differing guidelines. All the team has been vaccinated and we call for any changes before we visit upon request of the patient or family. We will continue to offer cards, prayers and phone calls to the homebound as well as all those in extended care facilities.

We are prepared to welcome new team members when the current restrictions are over. Fr Lance and I are willing to talk to any of you who feel called to or are considering this ministry even at this time.

A reminder: We cannot be in touch with you if we do not know of your needs. We are able to do some home visits if you are vaccinated. If you need our prayers and support you must contact the office and let them know. Lisa is very faithful in communicating with Fr. Lance and myself.

#### The Belles of St. Andrew's

Patti Werner



We are a social group of single ladies that get together for fun and support each other in our lives. For October, we'll meet on Wednesday Oct. 13th at 2 pm to begin making our Botanical Gardens Christmas tree decorations. I will have all of the supplies needed for this fun and easy project. We've always been so proud of the decorations we've made for the past years. Prepare to wear your facial masks to be safe in these uncertain times. Bring your own beverage. We'll meet at Krysher Hall. New ladies are always welcome.

Call Patti Werner if you would like additional information.

#### **Crafters' Group**

Patti Werner

We are a group of St. Andrew's parishioners and their friends that enjoy doing crafts and socializing. Bring a project you are working on and meet some new friends and be inspired with their projects. We'll meet on Wednesday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in Krysher Hall. Bring your own beverage and be prepared to wear your mask. New members are always welcome. If you know of an organization that could use something that we could make for them, please share those ideas. If you would like to learn a new craft, please let me know and I'll see if a class can be set up.

If you would like more information, please call.

#### In case you missed our 50th Anniversary...







Above: Thank you to our special guests: Bishop Dabney Smith, Fr. Ernie Bennett. and Pastor Shanda Mahurin.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Connie Mehr, Treasurer
As of August 31, 2021

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	This Month	Year to Date	2021 Budget				
Revenues							
Core Church	36,150.00	249,937.97	320,044.00				
Thrift Shop	857.09	10,205.64	30,150.00				
Total Revenues	37,007.09	260,143.61	357,194.00				
Expenses							
Core Church	23,149.77	218,942.04	340,170.00				
Thrift Shop	922.16	12,518.38	17,024.00				
Total Expenses	24,071.93	231,460.42	357,194.00				
Net Gain/Loss							
Core Church	13,000.23	30,995.93	(13,126.00)				
Thrift Shop	(65.07)	(2,312.74)	13,126.00				
Total	12,935.16	28,683.19					
Investments		Bank Accounts					
SSGA	111,416.27	Sun Trust					
Alliance Bern-							
stein	30,620.61	Unrestricted	35,918.88				
		Restricted	167,483.28				
		Discretionary	615.51				
Total	142,036.88	Total	204,017.67				

September Attendance							
Week Ending Sat./Sunday	* Othr Srvcs	Sat. 4 pm	Sunday 8 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Total		
Sept. 4/5		54	30	66	150		
Sept. 11/12		49	19	66	134		
Sept. 18/19		36	21	65	122		
Sept. 25/26		37	24	114	175		
TOTAL		176	94	311	581		
AVERAGE		44	24	78	146		

#### September 2021

Transfers in: 0
Transfers out: 0

Deaths: Edith Diller 9/16/21

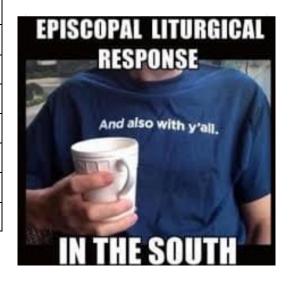
Funerals: 0
Baptisms: 0
Confirmed: 0
Received: 6
Weddings: 0



And sometimes the BCP rubrics provide options, such as the people may sit or stand. (Meme by Liturgy Memes)

### **RUBRICS CUBE**





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#### **Sunday Services**

8 am Service 10:30 am Service

**Saturday Services** 

4 pm Service (no music)

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Mon. ,Wed. , & Thurs. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### **Diocese Website**

www.episcopalswfl.org

**The Parish Chimes Editors** 

Lisa Jackson & Debbie Smith

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

Keith Barroncini, Julian Barry, Joseph Beatty, Martin Clausen, Krista Crosetto, Jason Daniels, Olivia Clair, Warren Fedoryk,

Daniel Fitch, Shawn Fitch, Howard Gidden, Sean Gilbert, Dwayne Hamblin, Roger Handy, Doug Henderson, Jason Hobson, Joseph Kee, Amy Kelly, Kristina Langley, Skip LaPointe, Bradley Meissner, Karen Monday-Gresham, Rhett Roy, Kristian Stridiron, Tracy Thomas, Courtney Foster McCorvey, Peter Turner, & Mary Turner.

Please call the office with updates to this list.



8 Linda & Norman Neill
10 Helen & Tom Sharp
10 Georgia & Mike Ruth
14 Ann & Dominick Esposito
21 Jeri & Ben Mikosz
26 Lillian & David Mulholland
27 Beverly & Gregory McDougal
28 Marisa & George Hamblin

Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, Oct 3rd at 2 pm. Please bring your beloved pets to be blessed by Fr. Lance.



(remember to bring the leash or carrier for protection)