



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

AUGUST 2023

From the Rector



Dear Friends,

We have been enjoying a quiet summer at St. Andrew's, but even though it has been fairly quiet we have been having some great times together. This past month we had a great Fourth of July picnic and then mid-way through the month there was a Bible Trivia game night. This coming month the big event is the St. Andrew's Sock-Hop. It will be on August 19th shortly after the Saturday service at 5:30. We enjoyed this last year and expect to have another great time as well. We hope you will be able to come and join us.

Our readings this summer have been from Genesis the first book of the Old Testament. We have been hearing about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In August we will continue with Jacob and then move on with the story of Joseph. These men and their wives were pivotal in the founding history of the Jewish nation and as such were pivotal in their influence to us as followers of Jesus. The reason they were and still today are so important is because of their faith and relationship with God. Abraham is known as the father of faith because he believed God when God told him that God would make him a mighty nation with descendants as many as the stars in the heavens. At the time Abraham was in his seventies and Sarah his wife (in her 60's) was barren and had been unable to have children. Yet Abraham believed God would somehow do it. In fact God did, but it was almost thirty years later. Abraham still believed all those years. As if those 30 years of waiting were not test enough, when Isaac was somewhere between 12 and 15, God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as a human sacrifice on Mount Moriah. Yet, because Abraham so trusted God and so believed what

God had promised him that he thought God would somehow raise Isaac back from the dead. This is the kind of faith and trust in God Abraham had. Isaac and Jacob had faith too. We hear more about the faith of Jacob in his stories and his faith was more like ours. He tries to deal with God and says things like, "If you will protect me and bless me and bring me safely through everything, THEN I will serve you and give you 10 percent of all that I have." Jacob said that after he had seen the stairway up to heaven and heard God speak to him. As time goes on though Jacob comes to know God and to love and trust Him.

These stories we hear in our readings are wonderful pictures of how God has faithfully dealt with His people in the past. We don't have time to go through all those stories and explain them in our services but I hope you will take the time to read them on your own. I recommend starting with the story of Abraham which begins in Genesis chapter 12 and reading through Abraham's life adventures. Then read about Isaac, Rebecca, Esau and Jacob—now that family had some issues! Then Jacob's life is also a story filled with God's actions and help. Through it all, remember that this God is our God. And He loves us. Remember that when God had Abraham look up and realize that his descendants would be as many as those stars, God was looking ahead in history and counting you and me as some of those stars, some of Abraham's descendants. So we are part of God's fulfilling His promise to Abraham.

I hope that during August like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob you will experience God's presence in your lives more and more.

Warmly in Christ,
Fr. Lance+

Senior Warden

Craig Gates

Welcome to August everyone. It may be the hottest month of the year but cooler weather is just around the corner. It does make us appreciate our winter though!

I would like to thank all of those who helped keep our church operating smoothly during Fr. Lance's and Diane's vacation. A special thank to Fr. Fred and Vera for all their time and effort. They are a blessing to us all.

Vacation, travel and illnesses caused some scheduling challenges this summer. It was so uplifting to see so many people step up to help with a smile and joyful heart. You are truly an example of strong faith and love for St. Andrews in action. As I thought about this the last few weeks I began to reflect on all the people, past and present, that have shown and shared their love and faith to us. All helped us grow as faithful Christians. I paraphrased an article by Jay Sidebotham that emphasizes how important these people are to us.

Spiritually speaking, we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, who have modeled for us what it means to have working faith. Perhaps as we close out our summer schedule and begin to restart all of our ministries in September, we can take time to think about who these people are or have been in your life. On whose shoulders do you stand? Offer a prayer of thanks for them. If they are still around send them a note of thanks or call them. Then, think and pray about how you might be a part of the building of someone else's faith. How can we provide the faith and strength to be the "shoulders" for someone else to stand on?

Altar Guild,

Glee Gates, Director

Welcome to August! What's the old saying? "Time flies....." Well the summer is flying by but the

heat is still with us. Thankfully we are finally getting some much needed rain!

As I began to prepare the article for this month's Chimes, I tried to think of something new and exciting to share. Browsing through the Chimes articles from past years and reviewing the Altar Guild manual gave me little to work with. Then I realized with The Altar Guild, the new and exciting remain new and exciting every week as we prepare the Altar for our Holy Eucharist services. Nothing is more inspirational and exciting than preparing the table to share the body and blood of our risen Lord with our church family. Just like God's constant love for us is exciting!

Each week we go through the motions of approaching the Altar for Holy Communion. Do we have our mindset on the sacrifice Jesus made for us and what it means to receive this Holy Sacrament or have we let our minds drift to other thoughts? This week, and every time you take communion, put yourself in the proper place with Jesus as you receive His Holy Gifts and leave the Altar feeling fulfilled in His love.

Have a safe and healthy rest of the summer. We look forward to welcoming back our friends who make their home with us in the winter months.

Blessings and thanks to Fr. Fred and Vera for the sacrifices they made during Fr. Lance's absence. Their time with us has been appreciated and enjoyed. Have a happy summer and safe travels!

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

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. This follows the tradition of the earliest Christians bringing bread and wine from services to those unable to come.

Many of our members are licensed Lay Eucharistic visitors and bring commun-

ion. Some of our members also belong to the Order of Saint Luke and are also able to anoint for healing. That being said, it is not necessary to be or do either. There is always giving the gift of your presence.

We provide visits to the homebound, hospitalized, those in rehab or extended care facilities. We meet bi-monthly during the regular church year. 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

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

Music Notes

Jody Bowes, Director of Music

I hope you are enjoying your Summer, staying cool, and resting your wonderful voices in preparation for our Fall music program! I hear many lovely voices singing hymns on Sunday mornings, and hope to see many of you when Choir rehearsals begin.

Choir Rehearsals resume Thursday, August 24 at 6 pm in the Krysher Hall Music Room.

Two more "Sing At First Sight" workshops are scheduled for Sat. Sept. 9 & 16 at 2:30 pm in the Krysher Hall Music Room. These will cover Modules 5 & 6, completing Book 1. If you missed the first 4 classes, talk to Jody about scheduling more classes later this year or after Christmas. Book 2 classes will be scheduled in 2024.



Saint Lawrence

This month on August 10th we commemorate the life of a fellow named Lawrence. He was known as the Laurence the Deacon. He was martyred during the persecution initiated in 257 by Emperor Valerian. Christians were persecuted by the Romans over the years for several reasons. The first reason was for treason, that is, that Christians said that Jesus was Lord thus supplanting Caesar as Lord. This was treason. The second reason Christians were persecuted was because they were accused of cannibalism. It was said that they ate the body of drank the blood of a

sacrificed man. (We do this of course during Holy Communion.) The Communion rite was misunderstood and Christians were hated and despised because of this practice. And then also they were accused of incest. Christians married their sisters or their brothers. This accusation came from the practice of calling fellow Christians brother or sister.

This particular persecution under Valerian was aimed primarily at the clergy and the laity of the upper classes. During this time all properties of the church were confiscated and assemblies of the church were forbidden. On August 4th 258 Pope Sextus the 2nd and his seven deacons were arrested in the Roman catacombs. They were all summarily executed except for the archdeacon Lawrence. Lawrence was brought out and questioned by the prefect. In the early days of the church the deacons were the ones who oversaw the monies of the church to make sure that the poor were cared for so the Roman authorities wanted Lawrence to tell them where all the church money was. Lawrence in reply assembled the sick and the poor to whom, as archdeacon he had

distributed the church's relief funds and then he presented them to the prefect saying, "These are the treasures of the Church." In response the Roman prefect had Lawrence roasted alive on a gridiron on August 10th. Lawrence had been much loved because of the love and compassion he had shown for the poor and unfortunate. After Lawrence's death other Christians were encouraged to keep the faith no matter what with the saying, "Live with Christ and Lawrence."

The Greek word from which we get our English word 'martyr' simply means 'witness' but in the age of persecutions a martyr came to mean one who had witnessed that Jesus is Lord even to death.

Even though you and I are not under the threat of death because of our faith in Jesus, still let us take encouragement from men like Lawrence to be bold to witness for our Lord Jesus.



Our next movie night will be
Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 pm

in Krysher Hall. We'll be showing an oldie but goodie--*Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?* Please join us for the movie, popcorn and discussion of the film. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



August 19th

5:30 - 8:00

Krysher Hall

Hot Dogs provided

**Come and enjoy the
music and dancing!**

FUN ON THE 4th of JULY!



AUGUST LECTIONARY

August 5/6 The Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:13-21
Luke 9:28-36

August 12/13 Pentecost 11

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 19/20 Pentecost 12

Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 27/27 Pentecost 13

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



Picnic on the Patio June 2023



TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1 through June 30, 2023

Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	May/June	Year to Date	2023 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	41,502.01	194,901.47	364,626.00
Thrift Shop	5,828.76	23,584.15	35,250.00
Total Revenues	47,330.77	218,485.62	399,876.00
Expenses			
Core Church	58,103.81	181,407.37	377,352.00
Thrift Shop	3,758.68	11,512.81	22,524.00
Total Expenses	61,862.49	192,920.18	399,876.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(16,601.80)	13,494.10	(12,726.00)
Thrift Shop	2,070.08	12,071.34	12,726.00
Total	(14,531.73)	25,565.44	-
Investments			
SSGA	101,708.03	Bank of America	
Alliance Bernstein	26,997.74	Unrestricted	62,340.77
		Restricted	416,985.87
		Discretionary	180.58
Total	128,705.77	Total	479,507.22

JULY 2023 ATTENDANCE							
Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
1/2	8	45	36	29	70	168	356
8/9	9	47	10	28	70	15	179
15/16	9	41	16	27	65	27	185
22/23	7	39	7	31	72	41	197
29/30	-	55	18	32	66	67	238
TOTAL	33	227	87	147	340	318	
AVERAGE	8	45	17	29	68	64	

JUNE 2023

Transfers in: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfers out: 1

Joan Hammell 06/05/23

Baptisms: 0

Anointing: 52

Deaths: 0

Funerals: 3

Michelle Tatham 06/14/23

Michael Kmetz 06/17/2023

Helen Collier 06/27/2023

**JULY 2023**

Transfers in: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfers out: 0

Baptisms: 0

Anointing: 58

Deaths: 0

Funerals: 2

Margaret Green-Witt 07/11/2023

Linda Lee Birnbaum née DiLisio
07/20/2023

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| Sunday | Treasurer | Vestry | Warden | |



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

Julian Barry, Jason Hobson, Joseph Edmonds, Bradley Meissner, Michael Perry, USMC

Please call the office with updates to this list.



Great Movie Recommendation from Mark Traudt:

The Sound of Freedom

This is a must see movie. A true story about a Government agent who saves children who have been human trafficked.

Warning: it is very emotional, but it is a message that must get out.

So please go see it and pass the word along.

As it says in the movie “Gods children are not for sale “ If you go on their website, there are free tickets available.

[Click here for more information](#)



Birthdays

01 Donna Sievers	17 Janet Crisfield
03 JoAnn Bowe	17 Gabriel Lightburn
03 Joseph Fox	18 Ester Marion
04 Craig Gates	18 Norma Leavenworth
04 Rudolph Smith	19 Lisa Brennert
05 Larry Harrelson	20 Helen Sharp
07 Ann Esposito	22 Derek Newman
07 Lil Giordano	23 Laura Knox
08 Bob Burton	23 Susan Meissner
10 Janet Stephens	25 Milia Julian
12 Barbara Resotko	26 Claudia Milledge
14 Hector Arroyo	27 John Caamano
14 Mervis Lewis	28 Sally D. Roberts
16 Carole Levesque	28 Zane Lewis
16 Marie Julian	31 Marilyn Dietzel
16 Henrietta Rice	

Anniversaries

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

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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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August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop	2 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	3 9 am Backpacks 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 4 pm Holy Eucharist II 5 pm Adult Formation
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