# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Chimes 

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,


Summer time is upon us. By this time the snow birds have gone back to their homes up north and many of us will be taking vacations and spending time away from our homes too. Taking time to relax and get out of our normal day to day routines can be very helpful to us. Even if we don't get away, changing things up for a little while is healthy. There was a time when Jesus and his disciples had been through a hard several weeks and Jesus suggested to his disciples that they all "get away to a quiet place." The reason changing things up for a while can be healthy is because then when we return we can see our routines with a new eye. Perhaps we can reevaluate how we have been going about what we have been doing. This is especially appropriate for us as Christians because we are now entering the Season after Pentecost which is a green season. This green season is also known as ordinary time.
This season is about the life of Christ in His church; it is the time we pray for the Holy Spirit to work in and through us! Remember Jesus told his disciples that He would not leave them as orphans but would send them His Spirit. His Spirit is the Holy Spirit. So this season is the season where we particularly consider how the Holy Spirit wants to work in us. Since the color of this season is green it reminds us that we should be looking for ways to grow through dependence on and through guidance of the Holy Spirit.
So what does growth look like for us as Christians? Growing in our Christian life can be misunderstood. Sometimes we confuse simply learning more about the Bible with growing as a Christian. But in reality we grow as Christians through developing a better relationship with our Lord Jesus. It is very important to know the Scriptures and know what God tells us to do, but that is not what relationship with God, relationship with Jesus is all about. We can know what to do; we can know all kinds of Bible verses and where things are in the Bible, but what is really important is to really know and love Jesus. Our Christianity can either be from our heads or from our hearts. Remember our Lord criticized the Pharisees because they approached their relationship with God with their heads, with their do's and
don'ts. But it is our hearts that God wants. And in that regard it is important to be aware of His presence around us and to find joy in speaking to Him. There is a little book (less than 50 pages) called, The Practice of the Presence of God that was written by a humble friar named Brother Lawrence in the 1600 's. In this book Brother Lawrence does not deal with theological or doctrinal issues. His one single aim was to bring about a conscious personal union between himself and God. I commend the book, especially the letters part, as a help and even a guide to give you direction in growing your relationship with the Lord. (The book can be read for free online; or if you order it look for the modern version.)
But however one works at it, learning to love and know the Lord better is the most important aspect of our Christian life. When we read the Scripture, we need to then stop and meditate on what God may be saying to us; when we pray, we need to stop and wait for Him to fill us with His presence and strength; when we come to church, we come to hear His word explained and then take Holy Communion to receive His presence into us. These are ways for us to love and know the Lord better. And this is to be the focus of our Christian life during this season.
During June, July and August we give the Adult Bible study a break and will resume in September. The Adult Formation classes will take a break during June when I am on vacation but will resume sometime in July. But our church services continue without any breaks! Please make sure that you feed your souls and spirits by coming to church regularly this summer. Fr. Fred will be leading the services in June and I will be back in July.

This is the summer edition of the Chimes and includes both June and July. Looking forward I hope you will plan to join your church family for a picnic on the patio on June 17 th. And then we will have a 4th of July pot luck picnic in Krysher Hall. On July 19th we will have a Jeopardy or Trivia Game night with sandwiches. So we have some great times planned for this summer and I hope you will plan to join them all or at least as many as you are able.
I will see you in church; keep growing in the Lord!
Warmly in Christ,
Fr. Lance +

## Senior Warden

Craig Gates

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
(Romans 12:1-8)
Last month we were reminded to pray for those in need. As Episcopalians, and indeed, at St. Andrew's we believe in the healing power of prayer but let us not overlook what affect those prayers have on us.
We can reshape our thoughts and attitudes with prayer. Prayer can turn hate into love, fear into trust, anger into forgiveness and despair into joy. Reminding ourselves to pray when confronted by negative thoughts, such as fear and anger, we can refocus our thoughts to conform to the teachings of Jesus.

God's gift of prayer has awesome power!

Have a blessed and safe summer.

## Altar Guild, Glee Gates, Director

In previous Altar Guild Chimes articles, I have talked about the change in liturgical colors or seasons, upcoming events and other calendarrelated items that do not always specifically highlight the service of the Altar Guild.
Below is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for God's blessings and for the loyal and faithful members of our Altar Guild.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the joy of ministering at the altar at St. Andrew's.
Grant us the grace of humility that as we work, we are mindful of the privilege of serving and by doing so bring honor and glory to your name.
Help us to welcome others into this ministry and share the knowledge we
ourselves have received from those who came before us.
Teach us to be faithful and show reverence in our work.

Forgive us when we err or fall short in our duties and give us a sense of honor to continue our service without guilt, shame or embarrassment.
May we all show our love for God and each other as we work together side by side each week.
With thankful hearts, we ask your blessing on St. Andrew's Altar Guild and all who minister at the altar and care for sacred vessels and linens. Make us mindful of your everlasting love as we prepare each service for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

## Pastoral Care

## Janet Crisfield

Have a happy and blessed summer. Although some activity has slowed down remember our church and church family are always here to continue worshipping and offering friendship and support to each other .

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 communion. 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 bimonthly 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 7969389 or Father Lance at the church 352 683-2010
Remember if we do not know when 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.

## Congregational Administrators

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| Glee Gates | $4: 00 \mathrm{PM}$ |
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| Sharon Dunham | $8: 00 \mathrm{AM}$ |
| Patti Werner | $10: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ |

4:00PM
8:00AM
10:30AM

## St. Andrew's Upcoming Events:

- June 17-12:00 pm-3:30 pm - Picnic on the Patio - a Father's Day Celebration. Please sign up in the narthex.
- July 4-12:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Indoor Independence Day Potluck Picnic. Look for signup sheet in the narthex as the date gets closer.
- July 19-5:30 pm-8 pm - Bible Trivia Game Night. Look for signup sheet in the narthex as the date approaches.



## JUNE LECTIONARY

## June 4 - TRINITY SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20
June 11 - Pentecost 2
Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18 - Pentecost 3
Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
June 25 - Pentecost 4
Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

## JULY LECTIONARY

July 2 - Pentecost 5
Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42
July 9 - Pentecost 6
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45: 11-18
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## July 16 - Pentecost 7

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
July 23 Pentecost 8
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
July 30 - Pentecost 9
Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

TREASURER'S REPORT
as of April 30, 2023
Connie Mehr, Treasurer

This Month
Year to Date 2023 Budget

|  | This Month | Year to Date | 2023 Budget |
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| Revenues |  |  |  |
| Core Church | $39,317.10$ | $153,338.32$ | $364,626.00$ |
| Thrift Shop | $4,279.21$ | $17,816.54$ | $35,250.00$ |
| Total Revenues | $43,596.31$ | $171,154.86$ | $399,876.00$ |

Expenses

| Core Church | $28,844.49$ | $123,377.31$ | $377,352.00$ |
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| Thrift Shop | $1,641.15$ | $7,754.13$ | $22,524.00$ |
| Total Expenses | $30,485.64$ | $131,131.44$ | $399,876.00$ |
| Net Gain/Loss |  |  |  |
| Core Church | $10,472.61$ | $29,961.01$ | $(12,726.00)$ |
| Thrift Shop | $2,638.06$ | $10,062.41$ | $12,726.00$ |
| Total | $13,110.67$ | $40,023.42$ |  |


| Investments | Bank Accounts |  |  |
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| SSGA | 99,473.26 | Bank of America |  |
| Alliance Bernstein | 26,997.74 | Unrestricted | 76,588.34 |
|  |  | Restricted | 393,871.07 |
|  |  | Discretionary | 980.58 |
| Total | 126,471.00 | Total | 471,439.99 |


| MAY 2023 ATTENDANCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $\mathbf{2 7 / 2 8}$ | 6 | 50 | 9 | 32 | 72 | 58 | $\mathbf{2 2 7}$ |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 1}$ |  |
| AVERAGE | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 0}$ |  |

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St Andrews Episcopal Church Spring Hill

## MAY 2023

Transfers in: 0
Weddings: 0
Transfers out: 0
Baptisms: 0
Anointing: 46
Deaths: 0
Funerals: 0

## St. Andrew's Thrift Shop

2301 Deltona Blvd Spring Hill, FL 34606

352-686-1114
Mon - Thurs 10-2, Sat 10-2
NOW OPEN THURSDAYS!


Saint Peter (c. 1610-1612) by Peter Paul Rubens

On June 29 we commemorate the martyrdom of St . Peter and St. Paul. Both of these men were executed under Nero sometime in the mid-sixties in Rome. Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified. Legend has it that Peter asked to be crucified upside down because he said he was unworthy to be executed in the same way as his Lord Jesus was.

Clement of Rome wrote about this event some 30 years later. "Let us come to those champions who lived nearest to our time. Let us set before us the noble examples which belong to our generation. By reason of jealousy and envy the greatest and most righteous pillars of the Church were persecuted, and contended even unto death. Let us set before our eyes the good Apostles. There was Peter who by reason of unrighteous jealousy endured not one not one but many labors, and thus having borne his testimony went to his appointed place of glory. By reason of jealousy and strife Paul by his example pointed out the prize of patient endurance. After that he had been seven times in


The Apostle Paul (c. 1657) by Rembrandt
bonds, had been driven into exile, had been stoned, had preached in the East and in the West, he won the noble renown which was the reward of his faith, having taught righteousness unto the whole world and having reached the farthest bounds of the West; and when he had borne his testimony before the rulers, so he departed from the world and went unto the holy place, having been found a notable pattern of patient endurance."

The theme of patient endurance is apparent in both Apostles' lives and deaths. All of us endure. All of us go through times of trial and as we age, those times grow more frequent. However, As St. Clement points out for us, it is important as followers of Jesus to have patient endurance. To go through the struggles of life grumbling and complaining is not showing patient endurance. No, we need to find things in our day to day lives for which to thankful. We need to remember to give thanks to those who help us. We need to be grateful for our creation, our lives, and our salvation. It is having that gratitude that will enable us to be more like the great saints who through their lives and deaths gave us good examples to follow.

MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS: June is the time to Sing at First Sight! While our Sanctuary Choir takes their summer hiatus, our Music Ministry will hold 4 Saturday classes in June on "sight singing" recognizing music notation, following melody lines and learning the time values of different notes. Join Jody each Saturday in June at $2: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ in the Krysher Hall Music Room for an hour of enlightening musical fun! The course uses a book, "Sing at First Sight." A donation of $\$ 8$ per participant is requested to help cover the cost of class materials. This is a great way to strengthen your existing music reading skills or to learn from the start - no experience required! Please sign up in the Narthex or call Jody at 508-8780803 so we'll have enough materials ready at our first class on June 3rd. Looking forward to seeing you!

Jody Bowes, Director of Music


02 Beverly Blickensdorf
02 Gloria Lewis
02 Gene Laveroni
02 Donna Schauer
02 Gloria Jean Sumner
03 Junette Holmes
05 Julian Barry
05 Harold "Skip" Joyce
05 David E. Soch
05 Edna Wood
08 Jeff Leavenworth

09 Georgianna Gault
11 Richard Hoefer
12 Jennifer Meissner
13 Austin Cole
16 Bradley Meissner
16 Carla Newman
18 Anthony Clifton
18 Bev Clohset
19 Angelina Meissner
20 Colleen Kovacs
20 Kathryn Bangs

## Birthdays

24 Barbara Johansen
24 Joe Monday
26 Marlene Christie
28 Kifi Benson
29 Pat Hubbell
30 John Crouse
30 Edward Farrell
30 Rita Watson-Trapp

## Anniversaries

03 Michael and Marion McClelland<br>04 Dale and Lyna Rumbarger<br>12 George and Nancy Cotter<br>19 Leeroy and Mary Clark<br>26 Bob and Carolyn Meissner<br>27 Craig and Glee Gates<br>27 Rudolph and Grace Smith<br>28 Ed and Charlotte Farrell<br>28 Gene and Laura Laveroni



## Birthdays

03 Vonetta Lightburn
03 Zane Stymiest
06 Glee Gates
07 Patricia Chapyak
07 Emma Ruth
08 Lillian Bolchazy
08 Judy Colmery
09 Marjorie Campbell
09 Angie Diaz
13 Anthony Acquaviva
13 John Bowes
14 Phylis Mercer
15 Joan Hammell
15 Laura Laveroni
18 Heather Ann Claggett

18 Tedd Stymiest
19 Ellie Wilcox
20 Carmen Milbuta
22 Elena Gregson
23 Barbara Hood
24 Liz Hamilton
24 Sarah Hutchinson
24 Dorothy Owens
25 Barbara Ingram
27 Lisa Jackson
29 Dale Hatch
29 Nancy Pignatello
31 Kristina Hutchinson
31 Bonnie Staveski

## Anniversaries

3 David and Katherine Ward
19 Harry and Marjorie Campbell
27 Russell and Marie Julian
27 Butch and Judy Trainor


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| 25 <br> 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II | 26 <br> 10 am - 2 pm <br> Thrift Shop | 27 <br> $10 \mathrm{am}-2 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> Thrift Shop | 28 <br> 10 am Healing Service <br> 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop | 29 <br> 9 am Backpacks 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop 6 pm Sanctuary Choir | 30 |  |


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