



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

March 2023

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Last week we observed Ash Wednesday and many of you came to church and had ashes imposed upon your forehead. You heard either me or Fr. Fred say to you, "From dust you came and to dust you shall return." We were solemnly reminded of our mortality; we were reminded that we will all die one day. And then on the first Sunday of Lent we heard how Jesus fasted for 40 days and then was tested by the Evil One. His 40 days of fasting is the template for our Lenten season.

Jesus never gave us the commandment to fast for 40 days like He did, thank Heaven. But in the early church the season of Lent was instituted to remind Christians not only of the fasting that our Lord Jesus did, but take time to meditate about our lives. We need to think about how we are living, how we are spending our time and money, and to examine the thoughts and intents of our hearts. We are encouraged to do some fasting and to do much praying. Many of us "fast" from eating chocolate or drinking wine or going on Facebook or something that we really enjoy during Lent. And it is a good thing to exercise self-control. But in our fasting we need to remember the point of why. We are to be fasting to grow closer to God and to become more like Jesus. During those times when we desire the chocolate or wine or to see what's happening on Facebook, it is then we are to pray. So the idea is that when we want these things a lot then we will get lots of prayers said! The goal of self-denial is to grow closer to God and to become more like Jesus.

On Ash Wednesday we are reminded that we are mortal; we are going to die. But that isn't the whole story is it? The Lenten season is 40 days long and at the end of those 40 days is Easter. If Ash Wednesday is the day we acknowledge our mortality; Easter is the day we celebrate our immortality through the victory of



Jesus defeating Death! And we are both aren't we? We are both mortal and immortal. The ultimate point of Lent is to prepare us for our immortality. We try to exercise self-control over certain habits in order to develop better Christian habits like prayer and thankfulness and giving. We do this because even though this sort of self-denial is not particularly enjoyable we are to be looking beyond this discomfort to our goal and our goal is immortality! Our goal is to become citizens of the Kingdom of Jesus that He will establish here on the earth at the end of time! In the book of Hebrews we are told that Jesus endured the shame and agony of the cross for the joy that was set before him. In the same way, I want us to see beyond the discomforts of Lent to Easter, in fact, to see all the way to the joy of heaven.

There is somberness in Lent as reflected by our Lenten colors and our Lenten exercises, yet we are to remember that Easter is just there on the horizon. So indeed let us work at our different areas of self-denial and develop better Christian habits of prayer, Bible reading, thankfulness or whatever habit needs development in our lives. There are Lenten booklets to help us in our daily meditations in the narthex. But let us also remember the underlying theme of joy! We are preparing our souls for the joys of heaven! May you have a Holy Lenten season!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance



Please make sure to notify the office if you, a family member, or someone from the church that you know goes into the hospital. The hospital no longer keeps a list that we can check at the front desk. If you do not let the office or Fr. Lance know, we are not able to visit.

**You can call the office at 352-683-2010 or  
Fr. Lance's cell phone 352-515-8657.**

## Ministry News

### Senior Warden

*Craig Gates*

As I write my first Chimes article as your Sr. Warden, I want you to know how honored I am to serve again in this position. Please pray that I am open to God's guidance to serve our church to His glory.

Furthermore, each vestry member loves St. Andrew's and brings with them their special talents and perspectives. Please get to know each member as well as bring any concerns, questions or new ideas to us. They will be discussed and an answer returned to you. With God's guidance and your prayers, your vestry will work to make the year ahead a good one.

March is going to be a very busy month at St. Andrew's as we move through the Lenten Season, and approach Easter. We will have many inspiring services that can help us grow closer to the Lord and truly understand what Lent means to us.

I look forward to worshiping with you and our church family. Please plan to attend one of our Lenten Services. Don't forget to invite someone to church and greet each visitor as you would like to be greeted.

### Altar Guild

*Glee Gates, Director*

*Patti Werner, Assistant Director*

During March we are in the season of Lent. Our liturgical color is purple during this time. The front of the Altar, the priest chasuble, the stole and the lectern hanging are all purple. In addition, during Lent, there are no Altar flowers

and all crosses are shrouded. Your Altar Guild is so happy to welcome two new members, who are learning the various tasks involved in setting up the Altar and the church for all of the services. If anyone is interested in learning more about this ministry, you are always welcome. Altar Guild members are needed at each service to "reset" the altar and prepare for the next service.

On Saturday April 1st, we will be making the palm crosses for all of the Palm Sunday services. In the past, we have prepared nearly 600 palm crosses and fronds! All parishioners are welcome to join in this morning activity that always proves to be enjoyable and worthwhile. Diane will be there to remind us all how to weave the crosses. Look for announcements closer to the day for the times.

We feel God's love and guidance in the Altar Guild ministry.

### Men's Group

*Craig Gates*

St. Andrew's Men's group continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at 9:00 am in the Chapel. During March, we will be discussing the difference between a heart dedicated to God and one dedicated to self. We hope to broaden the understanding of our hearts and how to continue to develop a heart better dedicated to God. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. You may direct questions to Craig Gates or Fr. Lance.

### Pastoral Care

*Janet Crisfield*

The Pastoral Care Team offers and provides prayer and visits to our St.

Andrews brothers and sisters in Christ.

We pray for you to use this season for self-reflection and remembering that God is always light and strive to work on that quality for ourselves and 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 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. If you need or know of a fellow parishioner that could benefit from this ministry please call the church at 352-683-2010.

## ST. ANDREW'S 2023 VESTRY



**Front Row:** Sandra Meyers, Patti Werner, Susan Fiegel-Rapp, Janie Fritz and Janet Crisfield.  
**Back Row:** Clay Lindsey, David Ward, Mark Traudt, Craig Gates and Roger Roy.

*Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the gifts of leadership and service to those in your Church who guide the care and keeping of our parish. Be present with those who serve on our Vestry, that their committed hearts may be fixed upon you. Grant them wisdom to notice the cares and concerns of this community, trust to follow your guidance when answers are not easy, and the knowledge and love of you to be ever-present in their discussions and decisions. Through Christ our Lord we offer our prayers to you. **AMEN.***



## Daughters of the King Sponsor Undie Sunday



For its annual service project, the Daughters of the King has chosen to support the Dawn Center of Hernando County, "a certified domestic and sexual violence center providing no cost supportive services for victims/survivors to heal and plan their futures."

In so doing, the congregation is asked to take part in the Undie Sunday Project.

During the month of March, there will be a receptacle in the narthex for "Undie" donations. While families who gain temporary homes at the Dawn Center's shelter often obtain gently used clothing, rarely do they get new underwear. The DOK's Undie Sunday project aims to supply those men, women and children with new "Undies." Generally, there are 40 residents at the shelter; half of which are children ages 4 - 10, who, in addition to "undies," need new socks. Our congregation can make a tremendous difference in the lives of these individuals.

If you prefer, there is also a container to accept monetary donations of \$5, \$10 or \$20. If you donated by check, please make the check payable to the church and mark the donation "Undie Sunday". Thank you so much for your generosity!!

# 2023 Bishop's Visit



On February 5, 2023, Bishop Doug Scharf visited us at St. Andrew's to confirm and receive 8 new members. St. Andrew's is Bishop Doug's boyhood church and his father is Fr. Fred, our retired assisting priest. It was a joy and a blessing for our church family to meet Bishop Doug, Shannon, and their boys.



Parishioners enjoyed a reception in honor of Bishop Scharf and to welcome new members. Bishop Scharf was presented with a sculpture of Jesus washing Peter's feet and a chart showing his Apostolic succession.



### Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

Our church celebrated Valentine's Day with a Dinner and Dance. A good time was had by all.



## March Lectionary

### 4/5 Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

### 11/12 Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

### 18/19 Lent 4

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### 25/26 Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45



"Lent is not something we do for God – Lent is something we do *with* God."



## Treasurer Report

**THE TREASURER'S  
REPORT FOR FEBRUARY  
WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL  
PARISH CHIMES.**

*We apologize for any  
inconvenience.*



**MONEY MATTERS:** Did you know that when you contribute to the church through the online portal, 3% of that offering goes to the credit card companies?



# Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes and Sausage Supper was much enjoyed. A big thank you to the Men's Group who prepared, served, and cleaned up!



February Attendance					
Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed Heal	Sat.	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Total
4/5	10	59	42	132	243
11/12	5	65	40	90	200
18/19	8	56	35	91	190
25/26	-	52	46	89	187
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>402</b>	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>101</b>	
** ASH WEDNESDAY 10 am - 86 6 pm - 51					



## February 2022

Transfers in: 1  
 Dale Rumbarger 02/16/2023  
 Weddings: 0  
 Transfers out: 0  
 Baptisms: 0  
 Anointing: 48  
 Deaths: 2  
 Henrietta Rice 02/18/2023  
 Cheryl Richter 02/21/23  
 Funerals: 0

# Food Pantry Shopping List

This is our staples list, other items appreciated.

*Cans or jars:*

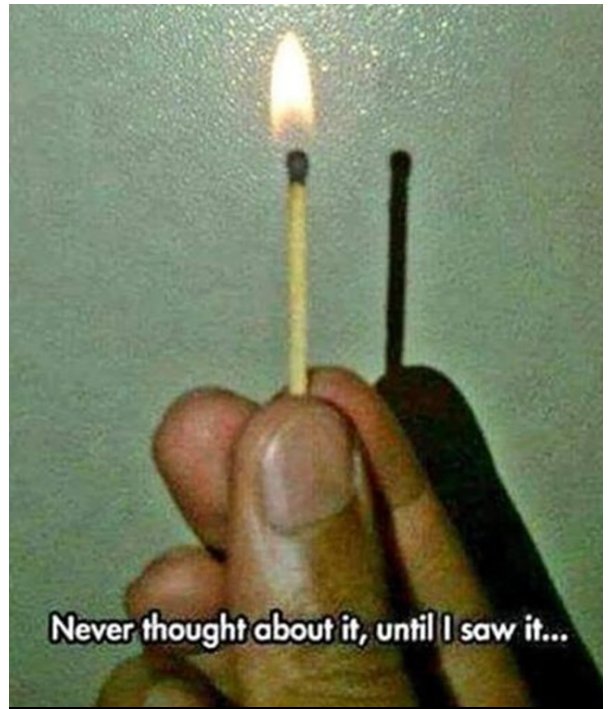
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pasta Sauce
- Chicken Noodle soup
- Tomato soup
- Tuna
- Corn
- Green beans
- Pork 'n beans
- Canned fruit



*Other Items*

- Mac 'n cheese
- Spaghetti
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup

Thanks so much for helping our community families.  
 If you wish to make a monetary contribution, we will shop for you. We do most of our shopping at Save A Lot.



Never thought about it, until I saw it...

**Light has no shadow.  
 "God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all"**  
 1 John 1.5



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

*Julian Barry , Jason Hobson, Joseph Edmonds  
 and Bradley Meissner*

*Please call the office to update this list.*

## March Birthdays

- 01 Patricia Culverhouse
- 04 Susan Fiegel
- 04 Rebecca Whilby
- 07 George Cotter
- 10 Mark Traudt
- 12 Marion McClelland
- 12 Caroline Meissner
- 17 Norman Niell
- 17 Clifford Dubiel
- 17 JackieMcCabe
- 18 Sarah Lillpopp- Strzelczyk

- 18 James Skinner
- 19 David E. Ward
- 20 Justin Lightburn
- 21 Beverly McDougal
- 21 Charles DeCosa
- 24 Fred Julian
- 24 Lillian Lambert-Mulholland
- 27 Susan Villnow
- 29 Audrey Mack
- 30 Deborah Fox
- 30 Ronald Grant
- 30 Margaret Hanel
- 30 Philip Seminerio
- 31 Tiberio Cevallos
- 31 Gail Niedurny



## March Anniversaries

- 17 Kay & Dale Hatch



# March

LOCATION KEY  
**C** = Church  
**CH** = Coulton Hall  
**KH** = Krysher Hall  
**CR** = Conference room  
 in office  
**L** = Library  
**TS** = Thrift Shop  
**SC** = Chapel/Classroom  
 in Narthex  
**MG** = Memorial Garden

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>EVENT KEY</b>  <b>AF</b> = Adult Formation  <b>BP</b> = Back Packs  <b>DOK</b> = Daughters of the King  <b>FOL</b> = Friends of the Library  <b>HE</b> = Holy Eucharist  <b>JrI</b> = Junior Inquirers  <b>OSL</b> = Order of St. Luke  <b>SS</b> = Sunday School  <b>YI</b> = Youth Inquirers  <b>YM</b> = Youth Ministry         </div>						
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