



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

MAY 2023

From the Rector



Dear Friends,

Although Easter Sunday is now behind us, we are still in the season of Easter and will be for the month of May. Every time we have Holy Communion in this season I say or chant the proper preface for Easter. This comes at the beginning of Holy Communion right after you say, "It is right to give him thanks and praise." I say a few more words and then the following: "But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life."

This is a remarkable prayer. We say here that of all the things for which we praise God, and of course, there are very many, the chief thing is for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Typically we thank God for our daily food. We thank God for health and his help throughout our days. We thank and praise God for our family and friends. We thank and praise God for our homes, our jobs, and our community. But do we really thank God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ? I mean outside of church? If in fact, it is the chief thing for which we praise God we really ought to be thanking him and praising Him for it even outside of church.

I think one reason we typically do not praise and thank God for the resurrection is that we simply take it for granted. It is an historical fact. It is something with which we had nothing to do, and it seems that it has nothing to do with us now. And I suppose in a sense that is right. We had nothing to do with the resurrection any more than we had anything to do with our own physical birth. But in the same way we ought not to take our own lives for granted but we ought to be thankful for our creation; in that same way we need to remember what God did for us in and through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and be thankful.

It is through the resurrection that we understand that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice for us. It is through that sacrifice of Jesus that we have peace with God—we have been reconciled with God; our sins are no longer between God and

us. (Jesus is the true Paschal, the true Passover, Lamb who died for our sins.) We also have been made into new people, a new creation. We are made new through believing in Jesus. And what is it exactly that we believe? We believe Jesus is the one sent from God to save us; that He paid for our sins by dying on the cross. We believe that through the death of Jesus and then through his resurrection that we can have new life, we can escape the clutches of the selfish behavior and wrong thinking and bad habits; but not only this but through our belief we can have eternal life; life after we die on this earth. We believe that one day God will give us new resurrection bodies! And we can believe this because God raised Jesus from the dead. Do you see where this leads? Everything about our Christian life is dependent upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. THAT is why we are chiefly bound, obligated, to praise God for the resurrection.

This is one of the main reasons that during this season we say, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Because it is this season we especially remember and thank God for glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is a glorious season of joy and thankfulness. I hope you take advantage of being in church to experience God's presence and joy together with God's people.

We have some great events planned for May! On May 5th we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. And in honor of this day we plan to have a dinner together at the church. Bring your best chili, corn bread, or dessert to share. If you have any questions, ask Lauren Roy. On May 23rd we will have another movie night. This month we will watch and then talk about the comedy Cool Runnings.

These events are add-ons to our weekly Wednesday Bible study—which right now is being hosted by Fr. Larry. He is going through Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah and showing how Jesus fulfilled prophecies made by these prophets hundreds of years before his birth. Fr. Fred is continuing to lead the mid-week healing service. And we also have the adult formation classes after the 4 pm Saturday service and at 9:15 Sunday morning. I hope you take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about your faith so that you can grow closer to God.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

Senior Warden

Craig Gates

What a wonderful April we had! Our Lenten and Easter services brought us together as a church family in worship, reflection and spiritual growth. As we move into May the warmer weather will come and our snowbirds will be leaving for their summer adventures. We will miss them and wish them a safe return in the fall.

I hope as we continue through our Easter season, we remember to draw on our journey through Lent and Easter to grow in faith and let our light shine upon others.

Please remember to be aware of others and their needs and to pray for them. Also remember to look for and greet all visitors, welcome them and invite them to coffee hour. May all who walk through St. Andrew's doors feel God's presence in each of us and know that this is their church home.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Altar Guild,

Glee Gates, Director

"The Lord is Risen Indeed!" What glorious activities and services we had during Holy Week. I hope you were able to attend one or several as they all contribute to the full meaning of our Christian Faith. Your Altar Guild was busy preparing the sanctuary and the altar for the different services as well as arranging lilies and planning for the Baptisms we had on Easter morning.

We'd like to thank Steve our sexton for his help in removing the cover from our Christus Rex. It is a "tall" order that we cannot do without him. Thanks Steve for all your help.

The next few weeks we will continue to enjoy the "Alleluia" frontal which is only used during our Easter weeks. We will also leave the beautiful granite on the altar exposed until we return to the ordinary or green season after we celebrate Pentecost.

Congregational Administrators

The Congregational Administrators would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and talents to serve at the Holy Week services. We know that this is a special time and often you have families from out of town or attending services with you. Your generosity in giving your gift of time continues to make not only Holy Week but all our services joyful and reverent. Thank you all again from your Congregational Administrators:

Glee Gates 4:00PM

Sharon Dunham 8:00AM

Patti Werner 10:30AM

Men's Group

Craig Gates

All men are invited to meet with Fr. Lance and the Men's group to discuss possible projects that need to be completed around the church campus. Please bring any ideas you may have for projects that can be completed by our church men to help maintain, enhance or improve the church campus. The meeting will be held May 5 at 9:00AM in the Chapel. Please note, this meeting will take the place of our meeting usually scheduled for the second week of the month. Our regularly scheduled meeting will resume on 5/26.

MAY 5
5:30 pm

Bring your best chili, corn bread, or dessert to share! Please sign up in the narthex.



Keep us informed if you, a family member, or church member he church that you know goes into the hospital. Hospitals no longer keep lists that can be checked 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.**

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth . 1John 3:18

As we move through the Easter Season to Pentecost let us remember Christ's love for and service to others. We always need and welcome new members for training.

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

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.



This month in our Episcopal Lesser Feasts and Fasts calendar we commemorate the life of a fellow named Bede. He was born in the year of 672 and is known as Bede the Venerable. Venerable means the respected or the honorable. At the age of 7 Bede's parents brought him to the nearby monastery at Jarrow which is near Durham in northeast England in order for him to be educated. He grew to love life at the monastery. He loved to study, read, and write in an age where scholars were extremely uncommon. He was ordained a deacon at the age of 19 and then at the age of 30 he was ordained a priest.

What he is particularly famous for is his written work, *The Ecclesiastical History of England*, written in Latin. He writes about how the church came to England and slowly took root and flourished.

Bede's character shines through his work. He was an exemplary monk, an ardent Christian, devoted scholar, and a man of pure and winsome manners. He received the unusual title of Venerable more than one hundred years after his death. According to the legend, the monk writing the inscription for his tomb was at a loss for a word to fill out the couplet "This grave contains the _____ Bede's remains." That night an angel filled in the blank with the word 'Venerable'.

Often we think to be a saint one has to be a martyr or some very significant theologian. But Venerable Bede reminds us that God is delighted with us when we live wisely and virtuously, when we take our Christianity and faith seriously and try to please God.

Women's Guild News



The new Women's Guild held its organizational meeting on April 26. We had a good turnout but want to remind all women of the church that they are part of the Women's Guild and are invited to participate. The meeting focused on establishing committees to help with different activities, and trying to resume some ministries we had before. The committees discussed were: Funeral Receptions; Special Church Dinners; Children's Activities; Special Church Assistance; Friends of the Library; and Outreach.

For anyone who didn't attend the meeting, there is an information sheet in the narthex which explains these committees and how the Women's Guild will be involved. There is also a form to let us know your interest in helping with one or more of these committees. You can return your form to Connie Mehr, Patti Werner or put it in the offering plate.

In addition to these committees, the Women's Guild plans to have special meetings with guest speakers, as well as fun group events! Future meetings will be announced in the bulletin.

Women's Bible Study

A new study on the Parables of Jesus will begin on Thursday, May 11 at 10 am in Krysher Hall. This 5-week study will focus on some of the parables—their meaning and what they mean for us today. No need to sign up for this study—just attend!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS 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.

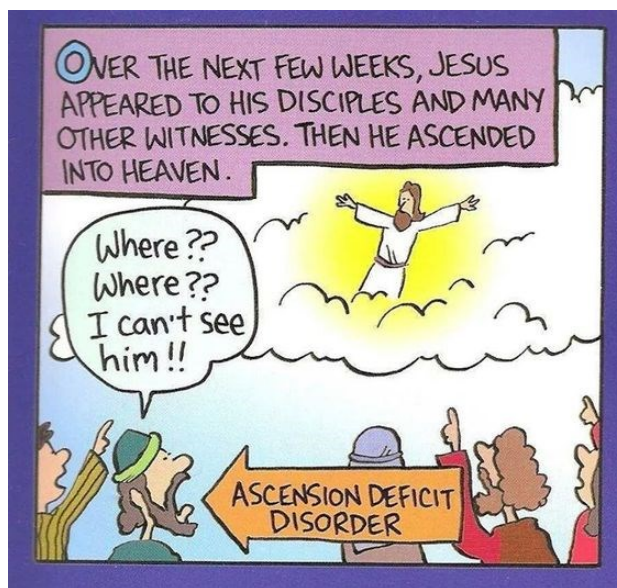
Food Pantry Shopping List

This is our staples list, other items appreciated.

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.

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| <i>Cans or jars:</i> | <i>Other Items</i> |
| Peanut Butter | Mac 'n cheese |
| Jelly | Spaghetti |
| Pasta Sauce | Cereal |
| Chicken Noodle soup | Pancake Mix |
| Tomato soup | Pancake Syrup |
| Tuna | |
| Corn | |
| Green beans | |
| Pork 'n beans | |
| Canned fruit | |



Holy Week 2023



APRIL 2023 ATTENDANCE

Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
1/2	-	75	13	41	119	42	290
8/9	24	52	18	60	153	66	355
15/16	10	52	10	50	75	47	244
22/23	8	55	10	42	85	76	276
29/30	9	55	4	32	73	29	202
TOTAL	51	289	55	225	505	260	
AVER-AGE	13	58	11	45	101	52	

APRIL 2023

Transfers in: 1
 Barbara Resotko 04/11/2023
 Weddings: 0
 Transfers out: 0
 Baptisms: 0
 Anointing: 62
 Deaths: 0
 Funerals: 1
 Cheryl Richter 04/15/2023

MAY LECTIONARY

May 7th Easter 5
 Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14

May 14th Easter 6
 Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm 66:7-18
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21

May 21 Easter 7
 Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

May 28th
The Day of Pentecost:
Whitsunday
 Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:25-35, 37
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 20:19-23

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

This is a picture of our new Facebook page:



St Andrews Episcopal Church Spring Hill

“Like” and follow us and St. Andrew’s news will be right in your news feed.

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!

Need a name tag?

Membership transferred?

Other information?

Your church office can help with that! We’re available from Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Whether you call, email, or stop by, we’re happy to help!



TREASURER'S REPORT

as of March 31, 2023

Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2023 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	34,669.61	114,021.22	364,626.00
Thrift Shop	4,523.67	13,537.33	35,250.00
Total Revenues	39,193.28	127,558.55	399,876.00
Expenses			
Core Church	30,048.97	94,459.07	377,352.00
Thrift Shop	2,463.05	6,112.98	22,524.00
Total Expenses	32,512.02	100,572.05	399,876.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	4,620.64	19,562.15	(12,726.00)
Thrift Shop	2,060.62	7,424.35	12,726.00
Total	6,681.26	26,986.50	
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	98,572.62	Bank of America	
Alliance Bernstein	26,997.74	Unrestricted	63,111.70
		Restricted	386,085.36
		Discretionary	980.58
Total	125,570.36	Total	450,177.64

May Anniversaries

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| 2nd John and Clara Wimpenney | 15th The Rev. Larry and Cathy Edmonds |
| 7th John and Leslie Nabil | 18th Ed and Karen Risley |
| 8th Lucia and Tiberio Cevallos | 23rd Craig and Michelle Meissner |
| 8th Russell and Susan Meissner | 23rd The Rev. Lance and Diane Wallace |
| 12th Jeff and Norma Leavenworth | 24th Irving and Caroline Melber |
| 13th Bob and Margie Burton | 31st Anthony and Alwyn Dunbar |
| 14th Danny and Tammy Fernandez | |

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Sunday Services
8 am Service (no music)
9:15 am Adult Formation
10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services
4 pm Service
5 pm Adult Formation

Parish Office Hours
Mon, Tues, and Thurs.
9 am – 12 pm
(Closed Friday)

Diocese Website
www.episcopalswfl.org

The Parish Chimes Editors
Lisa Collier
Email: schurch22@tampabay.rr.com

May Birthdays

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| 1 Artie Giordano | 21 James Bethoney |
| Craig Meissner | 22 Jerry Yoerg |
| Milbuta, Arthur | 24 Ed Risley |
| Monday, Sue | 25 Jose Mendoza |
| 2 Tammi Fernandez | 25 Deb Wilkes |
| 3 Dylan Meissner | 26 George Hamblin |
| 4 Ileta Monahan | 27 Barbara Warren |
| 6 Jane McCarthy | 28 Cameron Fitch |
| 10 Margot Herbert | 28 Lauren Roy |
| 11 Carol Tucker | Roger Roy |
| 13 Russell Julian | 28 Sarah Shaw |
| 14 Dawson Lightburn | 29 Jim Cortier, |
| 17 Ann Lалlos | Johnson, Patricia |
| 18 Jerrelyn Fortin | 31 Alwyn Dunbar |
| 19 Jim Dodge | |
| 19 Janie Fritz | |



May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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