



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Parish Chimes

*An Ancient Faith for a Modern World*

**OCTOBER 2023**

### 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. I am glad to report that our ministries are back and operating once more. The Thrift Store is open five days a week, (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday), the Backpack ministry is packing those backpacks for the kids at Deltona Elementary (well, not the backpacks, they are packing bags now), the food pantry is giving away food to needy pre-school families, the pastoral team is visiting those who are sick and shut-in, the altar guild is setting up the altar for every service, the greeters are greeting people as they come into church, our camera people are beaming out our services to those who want to be here but cannot, our child care folks are taking care of the children during church service, the audio people are making sure the sound levels are right for people to hear our service, the computer operators are making sure we are all on the same page, the women's Bible study is meeting, the men's group is meeting, the adult Bible study and Adult Formation class are meeting, and our choir is rehearsing again too. But wait, there's more! In October we will start Episcopal Traditions once again. This class is for any who are interested in becoming members of St. Andrew's Church. We will meet after 10:30 Sunday morning service for about 30 to 40 minutes on October 8, 22, 29 and November 5. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those interested. There are great things happening. God has been so good to us here at St. Andrew's!

October begins our annual stewardship month. Craig Gates, the senior warden, and I will be sending out letters to the congregation and the pledge cards will be sent too. Stewardship month can be either a time of joy or of 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 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.

We are looking forward to some special events in October. Along with our regular busy schedule we will have a harvest/Halloween dinner-dance party on October 27th. There will be more details coming soon but make sure to keep that date open so you can spend some fun time with your church family.

Let us continue to grow as a church; let us grow in our love for God, in love for each other, and in love for those in our community.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

## Senior Warden

*Craig Gates*

Glee and I received this reading from one of our vestry members and we both thought it was a very meaningful reminder of our responsibility as Christians. As we are seeing an increasing number of visitors searching for a church home, let us all greet them warmly and be “that one” in their lives.

**BE THAT ONE**-Sheri Eckert

Be that one. That one who forgives when deep offense has been committed.

That one who loves when no one else does

That one who gives kindness to those who are mean.

Be that one who looks past the insult, and instead, sees the pain that motivated it.

That one who shines light upon those who sit in utter darkness

Be that one because the impact of being that one runs far and wide.

It brings healing to the wounded, joy to the sad, and hope to those in despair.

Be that one.

Have a safe and blessed October and enjoy each other in worshipping our Lord.

## Men's Group

*Craig Gates*

The Men's group will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month beginning 10/13. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Altar Guild,

*Glee Gates, Director*

Wow it's October and our snow birds have flown south to keep warm! Let's remember to welcome them back to their Florida church family!

Once again, I was perusing the Chimes from past years. The articles differ but the message of faith has remained constant as we have grown spiritually as a church family. We are reminded of

our physical separation from each other during COVID, the celebration of our 50th anniversary and the freedom to worship once again, “unmasked”! Take a look back and see how far we have come.

In the Episcopal Church, the outward appearance of the altar and the surroundings in which worship takes place has its own special meaning. The Altar Guild creates and preserves many of these traditions by preparing the Lord's Table for every celebration of the Holy Eucharist. As we celebrate, look around the sanctuary and especially at the beautiful objects we use as we worship, think with gratitude of those individuals past and present who have contributed, appreciated and maintained them. And as you worship, may you be drawn closer to Him whose body and blood is our hope, our strength and our salvation.

Glee Gates, Director

Note: Last month Pat Hubbell was omitted in the list of Altar Guild members.

## Pastoral Care

*Janet Crisfield*

Our fall church year is off to a wonderful start. We are worshipping together, learning together and playing together. Please remember our parishioners that are not able to join us. If you know of someone who lives near you offer them a ride or if they are not able to attend any of the services or activities, offer to bring them a bulletin every week or give them a call with any news or share with them about one of the activities you have attended.

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 bringing prayer and the presence of Christ to them.

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

## Congregational Administrators

*Glee Gates*

Hello and welcome back to our “snowbirds” and greetings to our many volunteers! Many of you volunteer each week for positions during our regular services (greeter/usher/LEM/reader/computer/sound board etc.). Although it seems like summer is hardly over, we need to start planning for our holiday services. If you would like to serve at any of our holiday services (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day) please notify your Congregational Administrator (below) or the church office. Let them know your availability so no one is left out of these important dates and services.

Sharon Dunham 8:00AM

Patti Werner 10:30AM

Glee Gates 4:00PM

Blessings and thanks to all our volunteers for their service to St. Andrew's.

## Boy Scout Troop 433

Happy Autumn everyone and welcome to Boy Scout Troop 433. Perhaps you did not know, or you are vaguely aware that a Boy Scout troop meets here at St. Andrew's church.



Here is a brief history of how Troop 433 came into existence. The Troop was chartered on March 28, 1988, by Father Robin Murray, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2301 Deltona Blvd., Spring Hill, FL., and Unit Commissioner Mr. Richard Vaillancourt of the Withlacoochee District of the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This is the thirty-fifth year of the Troop.

St. Andrew's Church is the Charter Organization that owns the rights to the Troop. The Chief Executive Officer (Father Lance) and the Charter Organization (St. Andrew's church) are represented to the Boy Scout Council and the Troop by a person known as the Charter Organization Representative. This person is also a member of the Adult Leadership committee for the Troop. The COR collaborates closely with the Troop Committee Chair, Church Administrator, and Rector; aids

the Troop Committee in the annual re-charter process; signs adult applications; stays in communications with the Council Office about the adult leaders.

The Troop meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Krysher Hall. There are currently 24 boys involved in the Troop. The Troop is "boy" led which means the older scouts take on leadership positions. The boys are supervised under the direction of the Scout Master and Assistant Scout Masters.

Currently none of the Scouts or Adult leaders are members of St. Andrew's church but, Troop 433 continues to be a part of the youth outreach ministry that Father Murray began in 1988.

If you are wondering why I am authoring this article it is because I volunteered to become the COR for St. Andrew's with Father Lance's blessing and approval. Prior to my retiring from my ministry practice in 2019 I had volunteered with Boy Scouts of America for 34 years.

If you have any questions about the Troop, please feel free to contact me. My phone number and email address can be found in the church directory.

Yours in Scouting,

Larry Edmonds

Charter Organization Representative



Our pets are a blessing to us..



..Join us in blessing them!

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH AT 3 PM**

**HALLOWEEN  
GET  
TOGETHER**

**Costumes  
Optional!**



**Prize for best voted costume**

**Friday October 27, 2023**

**5:30 - 8:00**

**MUSIC NOTES***Jody Bowes, Director of Music*

"It's beginning to look a lot like . . ." **CHRISTMAS CHOIR!** Rehearsals for this year's Christmas Eve choir begin Saturday, October 21 at 3 pm in the Krysher Hall Music Room. Bring your singing voice and your love for Christmas music! We will be rehearsing a beautiful anthem to sing at our 6 pm Family Service on Christmas Eve.



In the meantime, Sanctuary Choir rehearsals have resumed on Thursdays at 6 pm. We always have a fun time working on music that we pray will enhance our worship services and help bring us all into God's nearer presence as we sing and pray together. We would love to have your voice join our chorus any time! Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals will switch from Thursday nights to Saturdays at 2 pm beginning October 21.

See you in church!



## Thrift Shop Christmas Tag Sale

October 07 from 10 am - 2 pm  
St. Andrew's parking lot



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

**Julian Barry  
Jason Hobson  
Joseph Edmonds  
Bradley Meissner,  
Michael Perry, USMC  
Brigadier General Karen Monday-Gresham**

*Please call the office with updates to this list.*

**OCTOBER LECTIONARY****October 1 - Pentecost 18**

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8 - Pentecost 19**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15 - Pentecost 20**

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22 - Pentecost 21**

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29 - Pentecost 22**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

*Jesus  
is always  
seeking to express  
His love to others through  
you.*

# Women of The Bible

K A R I H P P A S B S K T J D I D A F E J O Y N  
 M C U M W M G F B N U Q F W H W E D D P T Z P R  
 O A S J S K O A V P E V J F I U B A S H W H A S  
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 R T I N X H C I J O B P G L N U Y U I W V S A F  
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 A Q X I H B N P T D S S B A V L Z W N B T U S B  
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 Z S O O C I S L G A W I W O W Z Y Z Z H C M R X  
 J V S G C H Y S A C R O D P U K L W C L D X L D  
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Abigail

Anna

Bathsheba

Deborah

Dorcas

Gomer

Jezebel

Jochebed

Lois

Lydia

Mary

Michal

Naomi

Orpah

Rahab

Ruth

Sapphira

Sarah

Tamar

Zipporah

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

	This Month	Year to Date	2023 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Core Church	21,759.65	275,912.79	364,626.00
Thrift Shop	2,589.71	29,314.24	35,250.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>24,349.36</b>	<b>305,227.03</b>	<b>399,876.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Core Church	30,026.26	244,213.94	377,352.00
Thrift Shop	1,023.55	14,270.66	22,524.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>31,049.81</b>	<b>258,484.60</b>	<b>399,876.00</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>			
Core Church	(8,266.61)	31,698.85	(12,726.00)
Thrift Shop	1,566.16	15,043.58	12,726.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>(6,700.45)</b>	<b>46,742.43</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
SSGA	102,217.71	<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Alliance Bernstein	26,997.74	Bank of America	
Commonwealth	30,170.56	Unrestricted	54,081.13
		Restricted	318,976.76
		Discretionary	428.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,386.01</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>373,486.14</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

Transfers in: 0  
 Weddings: 0  
 Transfers out: 0  
 Baptisms: 0  
 Anointing: 26  
 Deaths: 0  
 Funerals: 1  
 Gerald Niedurny 09/14/23

<b>SEPTEMBER 2023 ATTENDANCE</b>							
Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
<b>2/3</b>	-	40	10	30	72	24	<b>176</b>
<b>09/10</b>	6	43	14	35	71	30	<b>199</b>
<b>16/17</b>	7	45	20	31	55	93	<b>251</b>
<b>23/24</b>	9	52	11	36	53	75	<b>236</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>222</b>	
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	



10/02 Theresa Hertenstein	10/12 Merope Noel
10/03 Charlotte Farrell	10/13 Al Eylward
10/05 Catherine Edmonds	10/13 El Gowans
10/05 Lou Johnson	10/15 Steve Smith
10/07 Jeannie Caamano	10/17 Maggie Crouse
10/07 Paul Popalis	10/17 Jeri Mikosz
10/08 JoAnn Ausland	10/19 John Spencer
10/08 Donna Hegstrom	10/25 Emily Meissner
10/09 Anita Badolato	10/26 Canute Baird
10/09 Suzanne Hill	10/27 Isabella Traudt
10/10 Connie Mehr	10/28 Lucia Cevallos
10/10 Robby Noel	10/28 Patti Werner
10/12 Barbara Cordaro	10/29 Ada LeBron
10/12 Bitto Franz	10/31 Dominick Esposito



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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)

**Diocese Website**  
[www.episcopalswfl.org](http://www.episcopalswfl.org)

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10/08 Norma and Linda Neill	10/21 Ben and Jeri Mikosz
10/10 Mike and Georgia Ruth	10/26 David and Lillian Mulholland
10/10 Tom and Helen Sharp	10/27 Gregory and Beverly McDougal
10/14 Dominick and Ann Esposito	10/28 George and Marisa Hamblin



# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist II 9:15 Adult Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	<b>2</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop 7 pm Boy Scouts (KH)	<b>3</b> 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop	<b>4</b> 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop 3 pm Adult Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9 am Backpacks 10 am Women's Bible Study KH 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop 6 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop CHRISTMAS TAG SALE 4 pm Holy Eucharist II 5:15 pm Adult Formation
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