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Episcopal Church**  
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The Rev. Shanda M. Mahurin, Rector

**Proclaiming Christ in the heart of Spring Hill since 1971**



**the PARISH  
CHIMES**

**APRIL 2012**



## FROM THE PASTOR

*Dear St. Andrew's,*

*You show that you are a letter from Christ...*

*Written not with ink but with the  
spirit of the living God,*

*Not on tablets of stone but on  
tablets of human hearts.*

*2 Corinthians 3:3 NIV*

I am overwhelmed by your outpouring of love and hugs and notes and phone calls—truly you do show me that “you are a letter from Christ.” When I remember you, it will be like reading again a cherished letter. Thank you so much for the privilege, the honor, and the joy you have given in calling me to be your rector. Thank you for your prayers, your support, your insights and suggestions, your sometime criticisms and corrections, your love, your understanding and your forgiveness!

I have been reflecting on the following questions:

- ✦ How is St. Andrew's different today from when I arrived? How am I different?
- ✦ What accomplishments in ministry am I most grateful for?
- ✦ What challenges have we overcome and what did we learn from these situations?
- ✦ What do I wish we had done, had time and resources allowed?

I hope to share some more thoughts on these questions during the time remaining and I would welcome your reflections too.

The time seems very short. I have begun my last round of parish visitations, attended my last Vestry and Diocesan Council meetings, and just now, am writing my last Chimes column. At least we're not moving any time soon! We will stay in our home here; visit family, travel, and then discern where God is calling us to go next. Even if we move away, we expect to stay in Florida and I will still be a priest in this Diocese. So, it isn't “Goodbye” forever!

Two days after I mailed the retirement letter to you, Randy and I heard that Jeremy (son #1) and his wife Jennifer are expecting a baby in November. So the family Christmas we are looking forward to this year will be even more special than we had anticipated.

As St. Paul said in his *Farewell Address*, “I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.” (Ephesians 1:16)

With love and prayers for your continued journey in faith,

*Pastor Shanda<sup>+</sup>*



## **Sr. Warden's Remarks**

Betty Jo McCann, Sr. Warden

By now, each parishioner should have received a letter personally signed by Pastor Shanda announcing her retirement. Pastor's last day with us will be Sunday April 22nd.

Upon first hearing the news, my thought was, “What does this mean to me?” Then I thought, “What does this mean for Shanda and Randy?” Upon further reflection, I finally thought, “What does this mean for St. Andrew's?” Perhaps your thoughts followed this same train. Or not. My emotions went on the same train—personal sadness, jubilation for the Mahurins on the chance to enjoy time with family and friends, panic for St. Andrew's.

Although Pastor and Randy plan to remain in the area, I know I will not be enjoying the interaction of ideas (sometimes divergent) that has become the norm for me in the past three years of close association. Many of you have also had the pleasure of the same closeness. Even though it is with regret the vestry received the news, there was resounding encouragement for how much they will enjoy retirement. And they will. We all wish them the very best.

The big question on everyone's mind is, “What does this mean for St. Andrew's?” Well, it means many things. We have some immediate details to sort through. And then we will work on the long term items. There are programs started by Pastor Shanda that we will certainly want to continue. Pastoral care will still be available. Some of our volunteers may have to crank up their devotion of time and talents. Canon Durning is meeting with the vestry to begin the consultation on how we go about our next steps.

Please keep the Mahurins in your prayers as they venture into a new phase of their life. Please keep the staff of St. Andrew's in your prayers as we venture into the unknown. Most of all, keep St. Andrew's in your prayers as we go forward.

Every communicant of St. Andrew's (except one or two) has been a member of ‘another church.’ Even the long time members of St. Andrew's have memories of ‘how things used to be.’ All of our

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**Come Celebrate  
The Rev. Shanda Mahurin's  
Ministry of 29 years  
Fellowship Hour  
Immediately after the 10:30am Service  
Sunday — April 22, 2012**

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memories reflect the church in another time, another place. Let's take this opportunity to look forward, to try to visualize where St. Andrew's wants/needs to go to keep the faith strong in Spring Hill.

On another note, the vestry is very pleased to announce we will make every effort to keep our school open. Many meetings and long hours of deliberating have brought us to this point. The school will increase their rates (in line with other schools in our community) and will offer hot lunches. We will see if all these efforts pay off. By Oct 1 we will know the enrollment for school year 2012-2013. This will allow us to determine if the rate increase has been accepted and is working for us. If not, the school will close next year and there will be no further discussion.

**There will be a celebration of Pastor Shanda's ministry immediately after the 10:30 am service on Sun. April 22.**



## The Tool Kit

Harry Calderbank, Jr. Warden

**Sanctuary Lighting:** The problem with the hanging fixture near the choir area was caused by a defective circuit breaker. It was repaired with minimal expense thanks to the kindness of **Lannie Kline**, who provides us with so much electrical service and expertise. Please take a moment to say *thank you* when you see him around campus.

**Krysher Hall Air Conditioning:** A major problem was recently repaired by Blue Water Refrigeration. The main freon line developed a crack; all the freon leaked out and burned out a pressure switch. We have not yet received an invoice but it is certain to be a major expense. I have been advised freon currently costs \$50 to \$75 per pound: 78 pounds were needed to recharge the system. We will be faced with an unanticipated bill of thousands of dollars for the refrigerant alone. This expense was "unanticipated" but should not be considered unexpected, given the age of our air

conditioning systems. Even with our dire financial straits, something must be done to preclude many more expenses like this.

**Thrift Shop Kiosk in Krysher Hall:** A leak was detected at the former gift shop. The air conditioning unit drain pan is directly above the shop. The drain line and fitting were gnawed by rodents. Repairs were made and arrangements are in progress to determine the nature of the rodent problem (rats, squirrels, etc.). Appropriate extermination measures will be taken.

**Alarm System:** A problem with the Sanctuary alarm system was recently repaired by State Alarm Company, which hopefully will not be too expensive.

**A Special Thank You** to our hard working sexton, **Tom Beem**, is in order. A few weeks ago I offhandedly commented that I hoped we could find a way to paint the exterior of Coulton Hall this year; but first a rotting lean-to storage shed at the side of the building would have to be removed, plus a substantial stand of overgrown bamboo. A week or so later Tom removed the shed and cut down the bamboo – no small task by any standards. He accomplished this while still performing his primary duties and the myriad of other tasks that somehow always seem to pop up. Tom is a valuable part of our parish family and much of what he does goes unnoticed. We simply assume things will be done because Tom does all that is asked of him, plus more, in his quiet and efficient way. Please keep this in mind and see if you can find a moment to say a quick *thank you* when you see him. I know it would be appreciated.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**Sally Cloughly**

The Friends will meet on **Tuesday April 10th at 12 noon** in the library for our last meeting until October! How time does fly. Please do join us for fellowship. Bring a bag lunch. At 12:30 pm **Joanne Lillpopp** will preside over our business meeting, followed by Book Club around 1:30 pm. **Nancy Koehle** will review **The Eighth Scroll** by Dr. Laurence B. Brown. If you liked **The Da Vinci Code** by Dan

Brown you will really enjoy this book, because it is more believable. Come whether you have read it or not. We welcome all interested new friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Pastor Shanda, so much for your support of the library. Knowing your love of literature, we wish you many rich and blissful hours to come of joyous reading. We will miss your wise suggestions and insights for additions to the Witt Library as we miss you and Randy. *Happy Reading to all!*

## KIT 'N KABOODLE

Patricia Trama, Asst. Manager

The Thrift Shop has good news! It has been a great start to the year financially. February's gross income was the highest ever: \$11,883. We are very grateful for the donations we receive, especially furniture, which makes these figures possible. The ongoing hard work from our dedicated volunteers is the secret to our success. Our longer shop hours are bringing in additional money and new clients. Of course, this is only possible because these volunteers were willing to work more hours. Those of you who stepped up recently to join us when we asked for help have "fitted" in beautifully and have made a great contribution already. Thank you.

**Karen Schneider** introduced us to a **blanket project** that lets us give as many blankets to the needy as we can use. **Rich Kovacs** jumped in as always, and brought many boxes to the shop. With the help of **Dick Ammen**, **Rick Pederson** and Rich we have given blankets to the **Dawn Center**, homeless people helped by the **Salvation Army**, **Holy Ground** and several other charitable organizations.

We invite you all to check out the **Thrift Shop Kiosk in Krysher Hall** after both Sunday services. We highlight items from the Thrift Shop, religious items, greeting cards, Easter novelties and great gifts.

The **re-landscaping** being done in front of the shop is a donated project of love and not a St. Andrew's project, although the plans and the sidewalk were approved by

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# St. Andrew's VPK, Preschool and Child Care News

Gerri Anderson, Director



Writing to you this month is difficult as I contemplate the mixed emotions I am feeling – joy and relief that our school will remain open, and sorrow and disbelief that our Pastor is leaving.

I thank our School Advisory Board members, Focus Group participants, and other caring volunteers who tirelessly attended meetings, worked diligently on our budget and utility/insurance, etc., questions, and gave us their support to help us demonstrate that the school can be self-supporting as well as a positive

contributor to the church. I gratefully thank the Vestry members who voted to keep us open. Thank you so much for your faith in our 39-year-old ministry. This is now a time to move forward and not look back on mistakes, misconceptions, and misunderstandings.

Finally to Pastor Shanda: words cannot adequately express the sadness I feel that you are leaving us. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you these past seven years and am proud to be on your staff. You are a special Pastor and caring friend. Thank you for

your love and your support of our school, and most importantly for the caring and understanding given to my family and me through our personal crisis, for which you have sincerely prayed. I will miss you.

*Gerri Anderson*

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the Vestry. The sidewalk is a Thrift Shop project as a memorial to George Schneider. It seems there are many caring facets to Karen's Kit 'n Kaboodle.

We are happy to bring you all good news this month, and pray it continues.

## TRIBUTE

A light glimmers and then brightens.  
A woman with a soft voice  
and strong spirit  
Comes to lead for a time.  
Many are helped  
on their paths to growth and healing.  
The light burns bright,  
and we learn,  
and some appreciate,  
and some see from a different view.  
All are intertwined in the woven fabric  
of life in our Savior's love.  
Music soars, minds and hearts are opened.  
We worship together.  
The young are encouraged and fed.  
The hungry are helped, the poor clothed,

The ill and infirm receive comfort.  
There is prayer for all concerns.  
Much, much more is to come;  
But for the soft voice and strong spirit,  
the time to travel on has arrived.  
Many are sorry at this parting.  
She is sad to go, but excited  
to begin a new phase of her life.  
In all things there is love.  
In all things we give thanks.  
In all things, with all our hearts,  
may we always live and love and learn.

Thank you, Pastor Shanda Mahurin, for your tireless dedication to our Youth and Music Ministries. We will truly miss you, and I especially give great thanks for all the support you have given to me throughout my five years of ministry here at St. Andrew's, and for the countless things you have taught me. May God watch over you and Randy as you head off into new adventures. Remember us with love --- and we will do the same.

Jody Bowes

## BLESSINGS in a BACKPACK Donation List

Toaster Pastries  
Individual Cereal Packs  
Cereal Bars  
Chicken Spread  
Canned Chicken/Tuna  
Deviled Ham  
Tuna/Chicken Salad w/Crackers  
Beans & Wieners  
Vienna Sausage  
Small Packets of Crackers (i.e., Ritz Fresh Stacks)

Crackers w/Cheese/Peanut Butter  
Raisins  
Nuts  
Applesauce  
Jell-O/Pudding Snack Packs  
Mac/Beef  
Ravioli w/Meat  
Ramen Noodles  
Canned Soups  
Cocoa Mix  
Juice Boxes/Pouches  
Shelf Milk Boxes

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

**PETE JACKSON** for your hard work building and finishing the beautiful front support wall on our new choir risers. This was indeed a labor of love. We greatly appreciate all your efforts in helping to improve our choir area. God Bless You! ---

Jody & The Choir

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION & EDUCATION:** A lifelong process! Offered in the Anglican tradition of **seeking the truth from diverse viewpoints**, even as our relationship with God through Jesus never wavers. Different viewpoints may be represented at different times.

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION / Sept.-May in the Library 9:30-10:15 am. APRIL STUDY: Completing The Five People You Meet In Heaven.** Mitch Albom's NY Times Best Seller and the subsequent movie explore the unexpected mysteries of the afterlife by reminding us what really matters here on earth.

**FAITH JOURNEY GROUP: Mondays, 7 pm, Sept. through May.** Parishioners & friends meet for deeply rewarding and peaceful study and sharing. Open to all. Call Sarah Madsen at 796-0868 for more information.

**BIBLE STUDY: Mondays, 2 pm (Library) September-May.** Open to you, your friends & neighbors. Bring a Bible—come with a heart for our Lord, an inquiring mind and expectation of deep spiritual growth. Call Pastor Shanda (352.683.2010) for info.

**GriefShare—Your Journey from Mourning to Joy: Tuesdays, 3 pm (Library).** Sad thoughts often provide comfort to all. Open to anyone who has lost someone through death. Led by trained facilitator Susan Villnow. Contact the office or Susan with questions.



**LOCATION KEY:**

C = Church

CH = Coulton Hall

KH = Krysher Hall

L = Library

TS = Karen's Kit 'n Kaboodle Thrift Shop

PS = PreSchool in Friendship Hall

# April 2012

**EVENT KEY:**

AE=Adult Education

BP = Back Pack Ministry

CC = Children's Chapel

CG = Cursillo Group

DOK = Daughters of the King

FJG = Faith Journey Group

FOL = Friends of the Library

GS = GriefShare

HC = Holy Communion

OSL = Order of St. Luke



SAB = School Advisory Board

SS = Sunday School

WC = Welcoming Committee

YI = Youth Inquiry

YMM = Youth Music Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</b> 8am HC 9:30 AE 10:30 HC Gather in Courtyard for Liturgy of the Palms. <i>Combined Contemporary &amp; Traditional Worship Service</i> 11:45 Fellowship	<b>2 Monday in Holy Week</b> 10am T/S bible Study 12pm HC © Rite I 1pm Thrift Shop Brd Mtg 2 pm Bible Study (L) 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	<b>3 Tues. in Holy Week</b>  3pm GS (L) 6:30 pm Celtic Eucharist	<b>4 Wed. in Holy Week</b> 10am HC & Healing 11am CC 11:30 CG (L) 12pm People Helping People (KH) 4:30 pm Back Packs 6pm YMM (KH) 7pm To The Cross (C)	<b>5 Maundy Thursday</b>  6pm Soup Supper (KH) 7pm HC, Foot Washing, Stripping of Altar	<b>6 Good Friday</b> TS, VPK & Day Care Closed 12noon Good Friday Liturgy 1pm Stations of the Cross Courtyard 	<b>7 Holy Saturday</b> <u>Thrift Shop Closed</u> 2pm Choir Rehearsal 4:15 Rosary 5pm Holy Sat Liturgy Memorial Garden 5:30pm Flowering of Cross NO 4pm Service
<b>8 Easter Sunday</b>  6am Easter Vigil & HC 8am Festival HC 9:30am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Festival HC NO SUNDAY SCHOLL NURSERY IS AVAILABLE	<b>9 Mon. in Easter Week</b> <b>OFFICE &amp; THRIFT SHOP CLOSED</b> VPK, K3 & Day Care Closed 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	<b>10 Tues. in Easter Week</b>  Thrift Shop Bag Sale 9am PS readers 12pm FOL 3pm GS L	<b>11 Wed. in Easter Week</b>  10am HC & Healing 11am CC 11:30 CG (L) 6pm YMM	<b>12 Thurs. in Easter Week</b>  4:30 pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13 Fri. in Easter Week</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>14 Sat. in Easter Week</b>  10:30 DOK  4 pm HC LESSONS & CAROLS
<b>15 Bright Sunday</b> 8am HC LESSONS & CAROLS 9:30 AE 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC LESSONS & CAROLS	<b>16</b> 10am T/S Bible Study 2pm Bible Study (L)  7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	<b>17</b>  12:30pm Staff Mtg. (L) 3pm GS 6pm Vestry	<b>18</b>  10am HC & Healing 11 am Children Chapel 11:30 CG (L) 6pm YMM	<b>19</b> 9:30am Preschool Readers 4:30 pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>21 HUMOR SUNDAY</b>  4 pm HC
<b>22 HUMOR SUNDAY</b> (International Earth Day) 8am HC 9:30 AE 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC Farewell Party for Pastor Shanda after 10:30 am Service	<b>23</b>  2pm Bible Study (L) 5:30 - 7pm Welcome Gathering at Susan Villnow's House 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	<b>24</b>  9am-3pm Clergy Day at DaySpring 3pm GS (L)	<b>25</b>  10am HC & Healing 11am CC 11:30 CG (KH) 6pm YMM Family Movie Night	<b>26</b> 4:30 pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>  Church Office Closed	<b>28</b>  4 pm HC
<b>29</b> 8am HC 9:30 AE 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC	<b>30</b> 10am TS BS 2pm Bible Study (L) 3:30—WC 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)					

## APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Samantha Traudt	16 Miner Ciley (100)
2 Lee Williams	16 Pamela Senior
2 Paul LaBron	16 Mary Louise Pennisi
3 Gil Petterson	16 Brittney Traudt
4 Molly Agius	18 Gail Jordan
4 Pat Dodge	19 Bob Howell
6 Jody Bowes	19 Linda Parks
7 Artie Gittens	20 Lisa Jones
7 Lawrence Dion	21 Robert Hall
7 Sandy Herold	21 Rocco Volpe
8 Gwendolyn Boner	21 Mary Ward
8 Jean Wimpenny	21 Kevin Trapp
8 Christine King	22 Isabelle Papazian
8 Tracy Anderson	25 Louise Collins
9 Nancy Cotter	22 Candy Jacob
9 John Candy	23 Evelyn Malbone
10 Ron Fedoryk	23 Heather Steele
11 Paul Zahniser	24 Cierra Fitch
11 Charlene Moore	25 Patricia Gardella
11 Evan Vencevich	29 Arvella Doyle (100)
12 Phil Clohset	29 Betty Audette
13 Rich Kovacs	29 Ray Gustafson
15 Ruth Underwood	29 Charles Reif
	30 Beverly Crossetto



2 Bob & Patricia Gardella	24 Russell & Pauline Colyer
3 Richard & Joan Hammell	25 Henry & Joan Mehl
6 Eric & Diana Jude	25 Raymond & Anita Curtis
12 Lannie & Linda Kline	26 John & Maggie Crouse
18 Jerry & Gail Niedurny	26 Don & Joan Jaikes
19 Walter & Clair Eriksen	30 Bruce & Sally Cloughly
20 Hank & Loretta McInturff	

## Archbishop Steps Down

The Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Rowan Williams will step down at the end of the year. He was appointed the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury in 2002. In a statement issued from Lambeth Palace, the Primate of All England said, "It has been an immense privilege to serve as Archbishop of Canterbury over the past decade, and moving on has not been an easy decision ... I ask your prayers and support in this period and beyond. I am abidingly grateful to all those friends and colleagues who have so generously supported Jane and myself in these years, and all the many diverse parishes and communities in the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion that have brought vision, hope and excitement to my own ministry. I look forward, with that same support and inspiration, to continuing to serve the Church's mission and witness as best I can in the years ahead." He has now accepted the position of Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, England, effective January 2013.



## APRIL Lectionary

**April 1 — Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**The Liturgy of the Palms**

Mark 11:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**The Liturgy of the Word for the Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

**April 5—Maundy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10)  
Psalm 116:1,10-17  
1 Corin. 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 6—Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53; 12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19; 42

**April 8 —Sunday of the Resurrection— Easter Day**

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18

**April 15—Easter 2 (Bright Sun. / Lessons & Carols)**

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

**April 22—Easter 3 (Humor Sunday & Creation Sunday)**

Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

**April 29—Easter 4**

Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

## LOOKING AHEAD .....

**Sun. April 1 — PALM SUN.** *Palms at all services— 10:30 am svc begins OUTSIDE/process inside with palms.*

**HOLY WEEK (April 2—7):**

**Monday 12 Noon—Holy Communion**

**Tuesday 6:30 pm—Celtic Eucharist**

**Wednesday 7 pm—"To The Cross"**

**Thursday 6pm—Soup Supper/  
7pm Service w/Footwashing**

**Good Friday—Noon Service/  
1 pm Stations of The Cross**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8:**

**6 am—Vigil & HC / 8 am & 10:30 am—HC**

**9:30 am Community Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sat & Sun. April 14 & 15—EASTER**

**LESSONS & CAROLS** *Pat all 3 services*

**Sat & Sun. April 21 & 22—"Creation  
Sunday & Holy Humor"**

**Sun. April 22— Celebration of Pastor**

**Shanda's 29 Years of Ministry**  
*after the 10:30 am service*

## The Parish Register

**Funerals:** William Claggett  
Richard Graim  
Edith Whiteman  
Betty Worswick

**Transfer Out:** Tom & Jeane Sandusky  
(Moved to Pennsylvania)



## From the DEACON'S BENCH

The Rev. Ludwig Wallner

*Fourth of a series on the Bible. Where do the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings come from? Through this series, may we all develop a better understanding of Bible writers, locations and themes of the various books.*

As we continue our journey through the Bible, we come to the fourth book in the Jewish Bible – **Numbers**.

**Numbers 10: 11-13:** In the second year, on the twentieth day of the second month, the Cloud went up from over The Dwelling of the Testimony; at that the people of Israel set out on their travels from the wilderness of Sinai until the Cloud finally settled in the wilderness of Paran. They began their march at the command of God through Moses.

The Israelites had left Egypt and were camped at the foot of Mt. Sinai for approximately a year when God commands Moses to break camp to head toward the Promised Land, Canaan (present day Israel). The Jews complain constantly as they travel: water is scarce, there is not enough meat, and they are tired of the manna that God has sent.

After several months the Jews reach the borders of Canaan. Moses sends out scouts to explore the lands in front of them. The scouts report back that the land

is protected by vast armies, cities with great walls, and giants that defend the land. The Jews become terrified and refuse to go any farther.

As a result of the Jews' decision not to trust God in spite of all He did and all the miracles performed, God sentences the Jews to wander for 40 years in the Wilderness.

**Numbers 14: 26-34:** God spoke to Moses and to Aaron, "How long is this going to go on, all this grumbling against me by the evil-infested community? I've had my fill of complaints from these grumbling Israelites; tell them, as I live – God's decree – here's what I am going to do: Your corpses are going to litter the wilderness – every one of you twenty years and older who was counted in the census; this whole generation of grumblers and grouzers. Not one of you will enter the land and make your home there, the firmly and solemnly promised land, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun. Your children, the very ones that you said would be taken for plunder, I'll bring in to enjoy the land you rejected while your corpses will be rotting in the wilderness. These children of yours will live as shepherds in the wilderness for forty years, living with the fallout of your whoring unfaithfulness until the last of your generation lies as a corpse in the wilderness. You scouted out the land for forty days; your punishment will be a year for each day, a forty-year

sentence to serve for your sins – a long schooling in my displeasure."

The Book receives its name because it starts with a census of all the able men who can become an army for the Israelites. It ends with another census at the end of the forty year trek through the wilderness, again to see how many men are available to form the army that the Israelites would need. The story begins in the rugged Sinai Peninsula (now part of present-day Egypt) and ends in the area referred to as Moab (present-day Jordan).

The main point of this book is that God punishes sin. He punished the Israelites for failing to trust and obey Him with a forty-year trek through the wilderness.

As many of the early writings that have come to us, the author is not known, but tradition gives credit to Moses. Today, many Bible scholars believe the first five books of the Bible were written and compiled by several different sources and traditions, over a period of several generations. It is believed the stories in Numbers take place between 1400 and 1200 BC.

**Note: Biblical references in this article are from "The Message," a contemporary rendering of the Bible from the original languages.**

*Next month: Moses' final speeches to the Israelites in Deuteronomy (Book Five in the Old Testament).*

Years of the Old Testament (B.C.)													
1900	1800	1700	1600	1500	1400	1300	1200	1100	1000	900	800	700	600
The PATRIARCHS		Hebrews in EGYPT		Hebrews in EGYPT		LEAVE EGYPT		The Age of the Judges		United Hebrew Kingdom under Saul David Solomon		721 - ISRAEL Conquered by Assyrians / became "The 10 Lost Tribes"	
Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph		Prosperous		Oppressed		Led by Moses		Judges		Saul David Solomon		586 - Jerusalem destroyed	
						Conquer Palestine						E X I L E	
												Under PERSIANS	
												537 - Return from Babylon	
												333 - Conquered by Alexander the Great	
												Ptolemy Logi Seleucus Maccabean Revolt	
												Under Macca-bean	
												142 - 62	
												Priest Kings	
												Under Roman Rule	
												From 63	



## THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Clergy,

Thanks so much for your prayers and visit through my surgery. At present I am in therapy and doing much better, slowly but surely. Thanks again.

Yours respectfully,

Rosamond Stewart

Dear Pastor Shanda,

I want to thank you for my visit and blessing at the hospital. It was good seeing you.

Also, please thank the ladies at church who made the pretty shawl. I love it.

Sincerely,

Cookie O'Connor

Dear "Karen's Kit 'n Kaboodle" Thrift Shoppe:

We can't thank you enough for your generous donation of 72 wool blankets! These blankets will be shared with the homeless men, women and children served by The Salvation Army Tampa Command.

All the best,

Maira Hiser





**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**For the Two Month Ended February 29, 2012**

	Current Month		January to February Activity			
	FEB Actual	FEB Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance (Negative)	Annual Budget
<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS &amp; SUPPORT:</b>						
Contributions	19,864	19,805	49,290	52,327	(3,037)	253,119
Pre-School Income	7,524	7,290	14,142	14,581	(439)	43,742
Thrift Shop Income	13,940	4,678	22,959	9,953	13,006	65,300
Endowment Fund Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krysher/Coulton Hall Use Income	860	475	1,890	950	940	5,700
Fund Raisers	0	250	0	500	(500)	3,000
Other Receipts	1,574	1,498	4,252	3,739	513	14,100
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>43,762</b>	<b>33,996</b>	<b>92,533</b>	<b>82,050</b>	<b>10,483</b>	<b>384,961</b>
<b>OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:</b>						
Stewardship	4,270	1,406	5,444	3,193	2,251	21,871
Worship	5,730	4,531	9,680	8,172	1,508	46,521
Education	11,539	11,605	19,369	22,788	(3,419)	78,696
Evangelism	1,149	961	2,409	1,893	516	11,042
Pastoral Care and Parish Life	5,226	3,913	7,977	6,936	1,041	39,088
Service and Outreach	868	616	1,386	1,374	12	9,205
Administration	4,783	3,262	6,652	5,884	768	35,107
Buildings and Grounds	5,833	6,332	8,956	14,047	(5,091)	93,431
Diocesan Apportionment	2,869	3,417	6,285	6,833	(548)	41,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>42,267</b>	<b>36,043</b>	<b>68,157</b>	<b>71,121</b>	<b>(2,964)</b>	<b>375,961</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>(2,047)</b>	<b>24,376</b>	<b>10,929</b>	<b>13,447</b>	<b>9,000</b>

**FEBRUARY 2012 ATTENDANCE**

	<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:00 PM	<u>SUNDAY</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>
		8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Contemporary	
Feb. 4-5:	52	21	113	52	238
Feb. 11-12:	45	24	136		205
Feb. 18-19:	48	36	132		216
Feb. 25-26:	41	43	134		218
<b>WEEKLY AVERAGE:</b>	47	31	129	52	
<b>AVERAGE FEB. 2012 WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:</b>					<b>219</b>

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION**

	Current Month Activity	Activity Since 09/21/09
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR MONTH &amp; TO DATE:</b>	2,609	75,600
<b>Re-Financed Loan Amount as of 09-21-09:</b>	-	170,118
<b>Monthly Loan Amount Paid to Date:</b>	714	20,163
<b>Mortgage Reduction Contributions Paid to Date:</b>	1,895	55,437
<b>BALANCE OF PRINCIPAL REMAINING:</b>		94,518



"I don't care if his dad is chairman of the board;  
this is the last time he plays the offertory!"

## WHAT NOW?

Betty Jo McCann, Sr. Warden

Your vestry met with Canon Michael Durning on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to learn where we go from here. Many of you know will need to be a call for a new Rector upon Pastor Shanda's retirement. But, let's not get ahead of ourselves. What do we do now? Today? Next week? Next month?

It is strongly recommended a search committee not be formed immediately. Your vestry needs the opportunity to pray, reflect, organize, survey the congregation, and draft a position profile before knowing their search committee needs. Meanwhile, St Andrew's needs your continued support - prayers, attendance, and financial. Our programs will continue. And we must be prepared to search for and welcome a new rector when the time comes.

The most pressing need is for a qualified priest. By canon law deacons are not permitted to fill this role. If we lived closer to the center of the Diocese, this would be an easier need to fill. If the Episcopal churches nearest us had clergy, it would be easier. If we had only one service a weekend this would be easier and less expensive. There was much discussion about the options - supply priests, interim priest, Priest-In-Charge. The most

logical answer is some form of interim clergy. Canon Durning will research and report back ASAP what is available. If there is no assigned priest, administrative duties fall to the Sr. Warden. I am in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. My home phone is listed in the parish directory.

### **Guidelines for the retirement of a rector:**

Upon retirement, all priestly, pastoral and administrative duties are terminated. Simply stated, this means Pastor Shanda will not be available to any of the parishioners for counseling, pastoral care (visiting the ill or anointing), weddings, baptisms, or funerals. Please do not put Pastor Shanda in the awkward position of having to refuse. Although she would love to be involved - as an invited guest - by canon law she cannot perform clerical duties at a parishioner's request.

The major focus of St Andrew's for the next few weeks should be celebrating the ministry of Pastor Shanda. We have very few opportunities in the next few weeks to do this. Holy Week is a very busy time. **There will be a celebration of Pastor's ministry and retirement on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately after the 10:30 service. Plan to come, celebrate and wish the Mahurin's God speed as they venture into the wonderful world of retirement.**



## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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### Worship & Formation

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
<b>First Sat.</b>	3:15 pm	Rosary Devotion
<b>Second Sat.</b>	10:30 am	Daughters of the King
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
<b>First Sun.</b>	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship in Coulton Hall (in addition to the regular 10:30 am service)

#### **Nursery available Sundays 10 am-12 noon**

<b>Monday</b>	2:00 pm	Bible Study (Sep-May)
	7:00 pm	Faith Journey Group (Sep-May)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 pm	GriefShare
<b>Second Tues.</b>	12 noon	Friends of Library & Book Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist & Healing
	11:00 am	Children's Chapel
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal

**Grief, Divorce and Recovery support is available.  
Please call us for our current meeting schedules.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Susan Villnow, Director

Sunday School begins at 10:15 am in Krysher Hall. All are welcome.

On Feb. 26 (first Sun. in Lent), we "buried the Alleluias." WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD to digging them up on Easter Sunday!

Don't forget our big **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Easter Morning, April 8, at 9:30 am!**

## DIOCESE YOUTH EVENTS

Held DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center  
in Parrish, FL



### **New Beginnings #52:**

**Nov. 2-4, 2012**

For middle schoolers.  
\$100 Reg

Lay Director: Jackie Overton

Diocesan Coordinator: Michelle Mercurio

*St. Andrew's scholarships are available for these weekends! Talk to Mrs. Betty Audette or Ms. Jody Bowes.*