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



# the PARISH CHIMES



## Sr. Warden's Remarks

Betty Jo McCann, Sr. Warden

Traditionally at St Andrew's May has been a very busy month as we move into summer. This year will be no different.

Our service schedule remains the same for May – 4 PM Saturday, 8 and 10:30 AM on Sunday, and 10 AM Wednesday Healing Services. We have been blessed in that Fr. **Fred Scharf** has made himself available to us as celebrant for all services in May. He is even going to be the celebrant for our annual **Eucharist on the Beach** on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Beginning the first weekend in June through Labor Day, we will follow the summer schedule adopted in previous years: 4 PM Saturday and one Sunday service at 9:30 AM.

The first Sunday in May is our annual parish picnic and May Day celebration. There will be a May Pole, face painting, fun and games. This is our opportunity to come together as a family – bring a dish to share, enjoy the fun, food and fellowship.

The third weekend in May – the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – we celebrate our youth. Plans have not been finalized, but this is always a wonderful weekend.

On Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> the **Rev. Canon Michael Durning** was our celebrant. He had a Question & Answer session with our congregation during Coffee Hour, and then meet with the vestry later that day. A summary of this meeting is on the last page of this publication.

Sadly, one of our vestry members, **Tina Ogden**, has had to resign from vestry due to work and family demands. Her work hours have increased and she has two small children. Fortunately for St Andrew's, **Loa Jackson** has agreed to fill the vacancy through the end of 2012.

May we all hold St Andrew's close to our hearts and open to God's guidance.



## The Tool Kit

Harry Calderbank, Jr. Warden

Last month's **air conditioner** failure has been repaired; we were graciously given a significant discount by our service provider. The repair costs, while still substantial, were much less than they ordinarily would have been.

We are awaiting an estimate for updates to the **security system** link between the sanctuary and office. Meanwhile the alarms are fully operational and the system's deterrent effects are active. All the other systems have been inspected and found to be in proper working order.

One of the **sanctuary's floodlights** is burnt out. Given the difficulty and expense of repair, we will leave this one light out until other bulbs fail, and then effect repairs.

Much of the vestry's time and efforts have been put into the new rector selection process, and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

## RETIREMENT REFLECTIONS

by The Rev. Shanda M. Mahurin

*In the April Chimes I suggested some questions for us to reflect on as our ministry together comes to a close. Here are some responses based on my own thoughts and feelings, with input from some of you.*

### How is St. Andrew's different today from when I arrived? How am I different?

- ✦ I believe St. Andrew's is more welcoming and inclusive of "all sorts and conditions" of people
- ✦ St. Andrew's has a richer liturgy and is more spiritually oriented, with spiritual practices like Centering Prayer and Bible study.
- ✦ The membership has declined in line with the rest of the mainline churches and the diocese. While we have welcomed many new members, we have seen even more that have moved away or died. (There

were almost 200 deaths during the time I was here.)

- ✦ "Membership" is no longer a priority for many Christians and giving patterns (stewardship practices) are very different.
- ✦ In 2012 it is dramatically more difficult to minister than it was in 2005 — fewer and fewer available volunteers (either because of age, health, finances or family demands) and fewer new retirees moving to Florida. We have fewer active and available lay persons and clergy to serve (when I arrived we had 6 retired, assisting priests and two deacons).

### What accomplishments in ministry am I most grateful for?

- ✦ Wonderful lay leadership; ministry formation with groups and individuals, nurturing of spiritual gifts and relationships, dedicated vestry and staff
- ✦ The incredible and expanding Thrift Shop
- ✦ The Youth Ministry and Young Families Ministry: a culturally and racially diverse group of youth and young families feel they have a spiritual home here
- ✦ Faithfulness in contributing our fair share to our Diocese every year
- ✦ Being recognized as a *Florida Friendly Campus*, including the grant we received and the work that was done to achieve this
- ✦ The pastoral team that has expanded and extended our pastoral care so effectively when we could no longer afford assisting clergy (the S.T.A.R. Team and Lay Eucharistic Visitors)
- ✦ The establishment of an alternative worship service and exposure to various kinds of worship and music, both historic and contemporary
- ✦ Expansion of Christian Education and Formation for both adults and youth
- ✦ The continuation of our Preschool into 2012 and hopefully beyond
- ✦ Reception of the Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal
- ✦ Serving on the Congregational Develop-

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ment Committee and Diocesan Council

- ✦ I am grateful to have served in ministry with so many dedicated Christians, parishioners and staff, and humbled by the importance of this calling
- ✦ Reduction of the debt from about \$350,000 to about \$93,000!

### What challenges have we overcome and what did we learn from these situations?

#### *The greatest challenges have been:*

- ✦ The immensity of the ministry and the decline of resources
- ✦ The destructiveness of undercurrents of negativity, criticism and polarization of viewpoints within the parish
- ✦ The dissension and polarization within the national Episcopal Church and within the worldwide Anglican Communion
- ✦ The economic recession and culture of conflict and violence that continues today

#### *We have learned:*

- ✦ That ministry must be shared more and more by laity & clergy and that we cannot do everything we wish we could do
- ✦ How very hurtful it is to the life of the community when Christians are not motivated by the desire to give glory to God and love their neighbor
- ✦ This is a very polarized and violent time in our culture and in world history, and our life together reflects that
- ✦ We must be creative and frugal and resourceful, and help one another
- ✦ Faithfulness is possible; God's strength is made perfect in our weakness
- ✦ Holy Humor helps everything!

### What do I wish we had done had time and resources allowed?

- ✦ Visited every newcomer, caring for their incorporation into the parish, while also caring for every member's pastoral needs
- ✦ Found authentic and creative ways to further evangelize the unchurched and the seekers
- ✦ Kept a fulltime office manager/secretary and sexton

- ✦ Further expanded outreach to those in need
  - ✦ Built a wing from the Church to the Office that included a Chapel/Multi-purpose adult education space and possibly a Choir Room
  - ✦ Begun a Columbarium either outdoors in the Memorial Garden or indoors in the "new wing"
  - ✦ Expanded the music ministry
  - ✦ Paid off the entire debt by the 40th Anniversary, or at least by the time I retired
  - ✦ Found a way to enclose the Narthex, yet still keep the indoor/outdoor ambiance of the ponds and flowers and trees
- We've all dreamed dreams and many of them have come true, by God's grace. As you go forward, you will discover the dreams God has for you. As I said at the wonderful farewell celebration you gave to me, God really does trust you with this moment in history. So do I!

*Love and blessings always,*

*Pastor Shana<sup>+</sup>*

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### *Sally Cloughly*

The *Friends* will meet again formally on **Tuesday October 9, 2012** and we hope those of you who have been thinking of joining our group of book lovers will consider this over the summer months. We begin with an informal bag lunch, then a business meeting, and end with book club. It is a delightful afternoon and we have all made wonderful new friends. We welcome anyone who wants to become a part of this parish group.

The Library Committee will have a **work meeting** in the library on **Tuesday May 8th at 10:30 a.m.**

You are all invited to our **joint fundraiser with the Youth Ministry on Saturday, June 2, from 9 am to 1 pm.** The *Friends of the Library* will be having a fantastic **BOOK SALE** while our youth group offers a **CAR WASH, BAKE SALE & YARD SALE,**

along with selling **hot dogs and snacks.**

Come one, come all to this fun event and support your parish!

The library is open to the parish whenever Krysher Hall is open. Directions to take out books are on the desk. Please come by and see what an eclectic collection St. Andrews has to offer you. There are lots of good books to enjoy over the summer months.

*Happy Reading to all!*

## TO THE CROSS REPORT

On Wednesday April 4th, 15 members of our congregation presented "To the Cross" as their contribution to our Lenten journey. "To the Cross" is a meditation of disarming immediacy, as 15 ordinary people become caught-up in the extraordinary events of Christ's crucifixion, each one telling their very personal story of the crucifixion of Christ.

A free-will offering was taken following the presentation, and \$102 was collected: \$52 was given to our Altar Guild to assist with their ministry, and \$50 was sent to Bishop Smith in care of the Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida as a memorial to Bishop Smith's wife, Mary Ellen.

All those who attended "To The Cross" were truly blessed by each of the participants who presented such a powerful Lenten meditation.

## Wish List for May 2012

Pine Bark Mulch	\$200/truckload
Weed haters	to attack our flower beds!
Vacation Bible School Program	\$300
Meat for the Food Pantry	\$\$any amount (We purchase small quantities)

Some items on this wish list can be achieved by multiple small donations.



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

Geri Anderson, Director



If it's May, it must be time for our annual **May Day Picnic and promenade around the May Pole**. Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> is the date, at 12 noon. We hope to see you! "Catch-Up" the Clown will be here once again for face painting and balloon making. Please see the notice elsewhere in this *Chimes* for more details.

This school year is winding down already. Our VPK students are ready for kindergarten! This is the time of year when all our teaching really pays off and things start to "click" for the kids. They have done a remarkable job learning their alphabet sounds, are putting letters together for spelling and recognizing many words in print. I am so proud to tell you that we received a wonderful letter from the Director of *The Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando Counties* congratulating St. An-

drew's Preschool for receiving high scores on our provider readiness rates for kindergarten last year. Congratulations to us all – **Ms. Geri, Ms. Brinda, and Ms. Geraldine!** We are an awesome team and are very grateful for the continued opportunity to offer VPK and preschool to Spring Hill's children. By the way, our **VPK graduation ceremony is Friday evening June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7 pm** in church. Plan to come and see our wonderful children on this special occasion.

I found a beautiful poem I would like to share with you:

## We Believe In Children

We believe the children to be the  
future of our land;  
So teach them well and take them  
gently by the hand.  
Show them all the beauty

they possess inside.

Try to make life easier by  
giving them a sense of pride.

Teach them to work with others  
and to cooperate.

It will come natural to them  
by seven or maybe eight.

We believe the children to be the  
future of our land;

We know He won't forget them.....  
He holds them in His hand.

*Author Unknown*

*Geri Anderson*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Susan Villnow, Director

Sunday School meets at 10:15 am in Krysher Hall each Sunday through the end of May. Don't miss **YOUTH RECOGNITION SUNDAY** on **May 20** at the 10:30 am service. Celebrate our Youth and give thanks for our wonderful Sunday School teachers!

## DIOCESE YOUTH EVENTS

Held at **DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center** in Parrish, FL

**New Beginnings #52:**

**Nov. 2-4**

For middle schoolers. \$100

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.

## 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



## Eucharist on the Beach Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Meet at Pine Island at 9 AM  
(come early as parking is  
limited). Service starts at 9:30,  
followed by a day of fun, food  
and fellowship at the beach.

Bring a dish to share.

Don't forget your lawn chair!

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & EDUCATION

Christian formation & education is a life-long process and is 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.** ADULT EDUCATION has completed its study until this coming September, 2012. Stay tuned for upcoming topics.

**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.

**GriefShare—Your Journey from Mourning to Joy: Tuesdays, 3 pm (Library).** Open to anyone who has lost someone through death. Led by trained facilitator Susan Villnow. Contact the office or Susan with questions. This group will continue to meet throughout the summer, except on Tuesday, June 26.






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

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

# MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3pm GS (L)	2 10am HC & Healing 11am CC 6pm YMM	3 4:30pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	5 10:30am DOK 3:15pm Rosary 4 pm HC
6 Fifth Sun. of Easter 8am HC 9:30 AE 10:00 YI 10:30 Combined Contemporary & Traditional Service 	7 10 am TS BS (L) 1pm Thrift Shop Brd Mtg 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	8 9:30 PS Readers 12pm FOL 3pm GS (L)	9 10am HC & Healing 11am CC 6pm YMM	10 4:30pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	12 4 pm HC
Annual Church Picnic						
13 Sixteenth Sun. of Easter 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC 3PM Atria 	14 9:30 PS Readers 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	15 12:30pm Staff Mtg. (L) 3pm GS (L) 6pm Vestry	16 10am HC & Healing 11am CC Healing 6pm YMM	17 4:30pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	19 10:30am DOK 4 pm HC 5 pm <b>FUN, FOLK &amp; FOOD!</b> Live music & hot food in Krysher Hall
20 Seventh Sun. Easter UTO Ingathering 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC & Youth Recognn 12:30 OSL (L)	21 7pm Faith Journey Grp.(L)	22 3pm GS (L)	23 10am HC & Healing 11am CC 6pm <b>DINNER &amp; MOVIE:</b> <b>A DOLPHIN TALE!</b>	24 4:30pm Back Packs 6:15 pm Choir Party	25 <b>Church Office Closed</b>	26 4 pm HC
27 The Day of Pentecost Whitsunday 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS - Last Session 10:30am HC	28 <b>MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE &amp; SCHOOL CLOSED</b> 	29 3pm GS (L)	30 12pm S.T.A.R. Team 10am HC & Healing 6pm YMM	31 4:30pm Back Packs No Choir Rehearsal until mid-August	<div> <b>Summer Worship Schedule</b>  <b>Begins JUNE 3 : Sat. 4 pm &amp; Sun. 1 Service at 9:30 am</b> </div>	

## MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Raymond Curtis     | 22 Gert Murphy     |
| 1 Artie Giordano     | 22 Jerry Yoerg     |
| 2 Suzanne Bland      | 22 Shanda Mahurin  |
| 3 Anne Frederick     | 22 Sharon Cabral   |
| 7 Robert Moyes       | 24 Ed Risley       |
| 8 Betty Tober        | 25 Deb Wilks       |
| 9 Chloe Blackwell    | 25 Jose Mendoza    |
| 10 Glenn Gately      | 26 Donald Lillpopp |
| 10 Jenna Vencevich   | 26 George Hamblin  |
| 13 Russell Julian    | 27 Jean Odell      |
| 14 Esther Nawrocki   | 27 Bruce Cloughly  |
| 14 Nancy Webb        | 27 Robert Ward     |
| 16 Kathryn E. Hirsch | 28 Sarah Shaw      |
| 16 Jack Bland        | 28 Cameron Fitch   |
| 18 Jerrelyn Fortin   | 29 Robert Tober    |
| 19 Jim Dodge         | 29 Pat Oberg       |
| 21 Vince LaPointe    | 29 Anita Cockill   |
| 21 James Hearn       | 29 Tina Ogden      |
| 21 James Bethoney    |                    |



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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Joseph & Ester Marion  | 13 Rob & Kristin Vencevich  |
| 1 Jeff & Nancy Webb      | 16 Paul & Galina Runion     |
| 2 John & Jean Wimpenny   | 18 Ed & Karen Risley        |
| 5 James & Barbara Geary  | 22 Joseph & Christine King  |
| 6 Brian & Kara Carella   | 24 Irving & Carolyn Melber  |
| 7 Ray & Cindy Gustafson  | 27 Paul & Phylis Mercer     |
| 11 Buddy & Crystal Short | 28 Leroy & Claudia Milledge |

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 3!

June 3 thru Labor Day services will be held on:

**Saturday 4 pm (no change)**

**Sunday: 1 service at 9:30 am**

## LOOKING AHEAD .....

**MOTHER'S DAY / SUNDAY MAY 13<sup>th</sup>**  
(After the 10:30 am Service in the Library):  
**"GRIEVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS"** presented by GRIEFSHARE facilitator Susan Villnow.  
*Everyone is always welcome to join this group, which will continue to meet on Tuesdays throughout the summer (except Tues., June 26).*

**WEDNESDAY MAY 14<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm:**  
**Youth Group Picnic at PINE ISLAND**

**SATURDAY MAY 19<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8 pm:**  
**FUN, FOLK & FOOD!** (Krysher Hall)  
Coffee House-style evening featuring hot live music, warm tasty finger food & lots of fun! Featuring Pete Jackson & Friends, and celebrating the release of Pete's new CD, "Still A Lanchire Lad." Hosted by our Music Ministry with proceeds benefiting our music, general operating & outreach ministries.

**SUNDAY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 am Worship:  
**YOUTH RECOGNITION SUNDAY!**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 23<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm** (Krysher Hall):  
**Potluck Dinner & Movie: A DOLPHIN TALE!**  
Bring a dish to share & enjoy this fine film about the true story of **Winter the dolphin!**

**SATURDAY JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 am – 1 pm:**  
**BAKE, BATH, BOOKS & BAZAAR!**  
Bake sale, car wash, book sale, yard sale & hot lunch outdoor mega-event sponsored by our Youth Ministry & the Friends of the Library, with proceeds benefiting our youth, library & outreach ministries.

**SUNDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am:**  
**EUCHARIST AT THE BEACH (at Pine Island)** – bring a dish to share & don't forget your lawn chair! Come early, parking is limited.

## MAY Lectionary

<b>May 6—Easter 5</b>	<b>May 20—Easter 7</b>
Acts 8:26-40	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalms 22:24-30	Psalms 1
1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:9-13
John 15:1-8	John 17:6-19
<b>May 13—Easter 6</b>	<b>May 27—Day of Pentecost / Whitsunday</b>
Acts 10:44-48	Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalms 98	Psalms 104: 25-35,37
1 John 5:1-6	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
John 15:9-17	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Fifth of a series on the Bible, helping us to develop a better understanding of Bible writers, locations and themes of the various books.*

The Fifth book in the Old Testament is Deuteronomy.

The Promised Land lies just across the river. Moses, chosen to lead the Jews to the Promised Land, has led God's people for 40 years in the wilderness. From the original band of Jews who were age 20 and older when they left Egypt, only three are left: Moses, plus Joshua and Caleb, the two who 40 years earlier encouraged the Jews to move to the Promised Land in opposition to what other scouts reported.

Approximately 430 years since the Jews endured the hardships of Egypt, the Promised Land was finally in sight. Moses will not enter the Promised Land. His last obligation to the Israelites is to say good-bye.

Deuteronomy is a record of Moses' last speeches to the Israelites, covering three areas:

1. Moses gives this new generation a history lesson about God and the many miracles God performed for the people of Israel while in Egypt and during the Exodus.

2. Moses renews the agreement between God and the Israelites.

3. Moses appoints Joshua as the new leader of the Israelites.

Although Deuteronomy doesn't name its author, Jewish and Christian tradition says Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, ending with Deuteronomy. Most speeches in this book review the laws and instructions given to the Israelites by God. This is a book of instructions intended to be given to a Jewish priest.

Now the Promised Land lay across the river; this was called Canaan and roughly corresponds to modern-day Israel, the Palestinian territories, Lebanon, and the western parts of Jordan and Syria.

Although Moses will not be allowed to enter the Promised Land, his ministry to the Israelites is complete. Before God

takes Moses to the Heavenly Kingdom, Moses reminds the Israelites that if they obey God and His Laws they can expect protection, blessings and a good life in the Promised Land. Moses also reminds the Israelites that if they do not obey their God, God will send disease and disaster and invaders to drive them out of their Promised Land.

Moses is concerned that this new generation of Israelites has not lived the history that would inspire steady faith in God.

As such, in chapters 1 through 4 Moses tells the new Israelites (Generation 2) about organizing into a nation of 12 tribes. He reminds the generation about the first generation of Israelites who refused to invade Canaan, and he finally reminds them of the 40 years in the wilderness.

At age 120, Moses dies and is buried in what is now Jordan. His death is mourned for 30 days. Before Moses dies, tradition says he climbed Mount Nebo and was able to see the entire Promised Land that was to become the nation of Israel.

Years of the Old Testament (B.C.)																									
1900	1800	1700	1600	1500	1400	1300	1200	1100	1000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100	0						
The PATRIARCHS		Hebrews in EGYPT		Hebrews in EGYPT		LEAVE EGYPT		The Age of the Judges		United Hebrew Kingdom under Saul David Solomon		TWO Hebrew Kingdoms Judah+Israel (South) (North)		721 - ISRAEL Conquered by Assyrians / became "The 10 Lost Tribes"		EXILE to Babylon		Under PERSIANS		Under GREEKS		Under Macbean		Under Roman Rule	
Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph		Prosperous		Oppressed		Led by Moses								586-Jersulam destroyed		537 - Return from Babylon		333 - Conquered by Alexander the Great		333 - 142 Alexander the Great		142 - 62		From 63	
						Conquer Palestine												Ptolemy Logi Seleucus Maccabean Revolt		Priest Kings					



## THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear St. Andrew's,

Thank you from the depths of my heart. I am overwhelmed and grateful for the great outpouring of love I've received as I retire. It has all been wonderful: a full church and a full parish hall, cards galore that are still coming, full of personal messages, flowers, original poetry and artwork, generous and thoughtful gifts, the "Rector's Purse," a wonderful luncheon, tears and hugs and laughter — thank you, St. Andrew's! Thank you so very much.

You are all God's beloved sons and daughters and God has given you im-

portant work to do. I will be praying for you daily, missing you and loving you.

Randy and I pray that God will grant you amazing blessings, comfort and strengthen you, and give you wisdom and leadership to meet the challenges of today and every day. We thank you for being our colleagues in ministry and our friends. You will always be so dear to me!

In Christ's service,

*Pastor Shanda†*

## Vacation Bible School ...

... is planned for the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We need volunteers from our youth group as well as adults.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon.

Complete details coming in the June Chimes.





**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**For the Two Month Ended March 31, 2012**

	Current Month		January to March Activity			
	MARCH	MARCH	YTD	YTD	YTD	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance (Negative)	Budget
<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS &amp; SUPPORT:</b>						
Contributions	22,074	17,950	71,365	70,277	1,088	253,119
Pre-School Income	9,153	7,682	23,295	23,045	250	103,766
Thrift Shop Income	10,485	5,591	33,444	15,544	17,900	65,300
Endowment Fund Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krysher/Coulton Hall Use Income	670	475	2,560	1,425	1,135	5,700
Fund Raisers	0	250	0	750	(750)	3,000
Other Receipts	(299)	1,203	3,951	4,942	(991)	14,100
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>42,083</b>	<b>33,151</b>	<b>134,615</b>	<b>115,983</b>	<b>18,632</b>	<b>444,985</b>

<b>OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:</b>						
Stewardship	1,675	1,933	6,989	5,127	1,862	21,871
Worship	3,706	3,662	13,602	11,835	1,767	46,521
Education	9,059	11,072	28,558	33,531	(4,973)	118,654
Evangelism	610	898	2,498	2,792	(294)	11,042
Pastoral Care and Parish Life	2,579	3,043	10,556	9,981	575	39,088
Service and Outreach	724	793	2,066	2,167	(101)	9,205
Administration	2,536	2,896	9,839	8,781	1,058	42,232
Buildings and Grounds	9,013	7,576	17,665	21,576	(3,911)	92,350
Diocesan Apportionment	3,143	3,417	9,428	10,250	(822)	41,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>33,045</b>	<b>35,291</b>	<b>101,202</b>	<b>106,041</b>	<b>(4,838)</b>	<b>421,963</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>(2,140)</b>	<b>33,413</b>	<b>9,942</b>	<b>23,470</b>	<b>23,022</b>

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION**

	Current Month Activity	Activity Since 09/21/09
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR MONTH &amp; TO DATE:</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>76,355</b>
<b>Re-Financed Loan Amount as of 09-21-09:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>170,118</b>
<b>Monthly Loan Amount Paid to Date:</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>20,918</b>
<b>Mortgage Reduction Contributions Paid to Date:</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>55,437</b>
<b>BALANCE OF PRINCIPAL REMAINING:</b>		<b>93,763</b>

**UTO SPRING INGATHERING: May 19 and 20**

**United Thank Offering**

The United Thank Offering joins together Episcopalians in:

- ✦ Offering daily thanks and prayers as part of our life in Christ
- ✦ Taking the opportunity to put an offering in our United Thank Offering boxes
- ✦ Bringing our offering boxes, envelopes or checks to our local Episcopal churches on Ingathering Days
- ✦ Joining our offerings with others to support mission projects at home & around the world.



## GOING FORWARD

Betty Jo McCann, Sr. Warden

During Fellowship Time after the April 29 10:30 AM service, Canon Durning gave a brief talk and answered questions. Immediately following, he met with the vestry.

As part of his talk, Canon Durning explained where we are today regarding clergy: "Assisting clergy, deacons and ordained persons are assigned to a rector, who is their supervisor. When a rector leaves their position, this line of supervision is broken. The assignment is over. The senior warden may call upon priests on the Diocesan Supply Clergy list to perform clerical duties (celebrate at services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.). The senior warden cannot call upon a deacon."

The question of pastoral care arose. Canon Durning mentioned our STAR team, which is comprised of Lay Eucharistic Visitors. He reiterated that supply clergy can be called when needed, but it needs to be done by the senior warden. **PLEASE, if you have pastoral needs** – either call the office or have someone call for you. Hospitals do not automatically contact us.

Canon Durning explained that the Bishop asked him to ask the vestry three questions:

1. Had the leaving rector been here a long time?
2. Is there a history of unproductive conflict in the parish?
3. Is there some kind of financial or behavioral scandal?

I will expand on the importance of the answers to these questions momentarily.

### **Vestry Meeting:**

We have two options for the type of clergy to call for the immediate future: An Interim is a person with specific skill(s) needed by the parish, has a 1-3 year tenure, and is NOT eligible to become the permanent rector. A "Priest-In-Charge" would also have skills needed by the parish, but they may be of a broader range and they

are eligible to become the called rector if deemed appropriate.

*Back to the three questions:* the answers help determine how the position will be advertised and whose names Canon Durning sends to the vestry. Yes, this interim selection is the duty of the vestry. The answer to questions (1) and (3) were a resounding "no." Question (2) required an honest answer of "yes." There has been unproductive conflict. Canon Durning then asked if the vestry felt it was strong enough that there was a need for an interim to resolve the issues (I am paraphrasing). The vestry felt this is not so strong as to let it be the deciding factor for selecting candidates for the temporary position we need to fill immediately.

Being eternal optimists, the vestry opted for candidates in the "Priest-In-Charge" category. When the time comes, St Andrew's can choose not to offer this person a permanent position, but we felt we did not want to tie our hands at this time.

The balance of the process in a nutshell: get a temporary clergy person in place ASAP, survey the parish for long-term needs, report results of this survey to the parish, search and then call a new rector. This may be quick or it may take a couple of years.

Meanwhile, the vestry has been charged to gather their thoughts/questions regarding St. Andrew's needs for a temporary rector. Be assured, we are very mindful of our current financial situation. Although Canon Durning indicated we are in better financial shape than many in the diocese, our answer was that we intend to stay that way. Hence the decisions your budget committee made in December. These thoughts/questions are to assist the vestry in interviewing prospects.

The next vestry meeting is **May 15<sup>th</sup>**, at which time we hope to have some really viable candidates and some interviewing results.

I will keep you posted.



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### Worship & Formation–

#### Summer 2012

<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>	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist
<b>First Sun.</b>	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship

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

<b>Monday</b>	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 (October thru May)
<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 (August thru May)

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